

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Chair Kurata called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020.
- b. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission led the salute to the flag.
- c. The following Commissioners responded to the roll call by City Clerk Gregory: Commissioners Carmody, Mattingly, Vice-Chair Ballard, and Chair Kurata (all present in the Commission Conference Room at City Hall); and Commissioner Cozzolino (participated via Zoom). Also present were Public Works Director Dillon, and Sheriff's Deputies Kellogg and Redenbaugh (in the Commission Conference Room); and L.A. County Traffic Engineer Dykstra (participated via Zoom).

Present: Carmody, Cozzolino, Mattingly, Vice-Chair Ballard, and Chair Kurata

Absent: None

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests from the public to speak on Consent Agenda items or subjects other than those scheduled.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 19, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes.

Commissioner Carmody made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Ballard, to approve the minutes, but with minor edits, as Commissioner Cozzolino was inadvertently recorded as absent during the roll call (but was recorded as present for the rest of the meeting), and Commissioner Mattingly was inadvertently recorded as both present and absent (he was absent).

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Carmody, Cozzolino, Mattingly, Vice-Chair Ballard, and Chair Kurata
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

4. TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING ON LOMITA BOULEVARD (Informational only)

Traffic Advisor Dykstra updated the Commission relative to issues with the traffic timing for the signals at the intersection of Western Avenue and Lomita Boulevard, part of which is controlled by the City of Los Angeles. Based on his recommendations, changes will soon be made to the timing and cycles at that intersection and others along Lomita Boulevard in order to improve traffic flow in the City.

5. DISCUSSION OF ANTI-GANG/DRUG-FREE WALK

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material.

Potential changes to the "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" Walk were discussed, and included:

- Bussing the students to the event due to concerns over safety
- Holding the event at each participating school, which would eliminate worries relative to safety, and which would remove the need for transportation
- Altering the theme of the event to better reflect today's challenges for fifth-graders
- Poster contest parameters and judging criteria

6. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES - Informational only, no staff report.

Deputy Kellogg stated that there has been a recent uptick of graffiti in the City.

7. STAFF UPDATES - Informational only, no staff report.

Director Dillon stated that the City's traffic calming study will include two public workshops. The Technical Traffic Advisory Committee (TTAC) approved a 15-foot red curb on Cypress and 255th Street, which is within staff discretion and does not require City Council approval. Beginning in March, Commissioners will no longer have the option to participate in meetings virtually, except under very specific circumstances.

OTHER MATTERS

8. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Carmody remarked on a recent feature in the City's newsletter relative to the nearly one million dollars earmarked for much needed improvements to Narbonne Avenue. He then asked about a brush clearance notice he received from Lomita Fire Station. Director Dillon stated that the notices were sent to property owners in the Lomita Pines area.

9. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Commissioner Carmody will attend the Tuesday, March 7, 2023, City Council meeting; Commissioner Cozzolino will attend the Tuesday, March 21, 2023, City Council meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair Kurata adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. E. Abbott', written over a horizontal line.

Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk
Adopted: