

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

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Lomita Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Ballard at 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in the Commission Conference Room at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission led the salute to the flag.

c. Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners: Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

ABSENT: Commissioner Carmody

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Dillon, Deputy Kellogg, Traffic Advisor Dykstra (via Zoom), Parking Enforcement Supervisor Campos, and Deputy City Clerk Abbott

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Ballard announced the time for Oral Communications.

Lucas Simmons, Lomita resident, read a letter he had sent to the Commission dated November 13, 2024, in which he shared some traffic safety concerns.

As there were no further requests to speak, Chair Ballard closed Oral Communications.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 21, 2023, July 19, 2023, and September 20, 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes.

Vice-Chair Kurata made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino, to approve the recommended action.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Carmody

4. SCHEDULED MATTERS

a. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADDING A REQUIRED LENGTH A VEHICLE MUST MOVE FOLLOWING A SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOUR WARNING NOTICE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To recommend to the City Council to add a required length a vehicle must move following a seventy-two (72) hour warning notice.

Parking Enforcement Campos presented the staff report per the agenda material. The purpose of this action is to eliminate automobile storage on the City's streets. Director Dillon added that it would also perhaps help to address long-term parking of oversized vehicles.

After Commission discussion, which included altering the required length a vehicle must move to fifty (50) feet, Chair Ballard invited a motion.

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kurata, to approve the recommendation but with a required length of fifty (50) feet rather than one hundred (100) feet as recommended by staff.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Carmody

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

Deputy Kellogg stated that he has been ticketing at certain problem intersections where running stop signs is common.

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

Director Dillon updated the Commission on the following:

- 1) Traffic signal modifications at Lomita Boulevard and Narbonne Avenue
- 2) Planning of the annual "Follow Me, I'm Gang & Drug Free" Walk

5. OTHER MATTERS

a. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Chair Ballard spoke of an issue with the turn signals at the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Western Avenue. Director Dillon stated that she would send an email to her Caltrans contacts.

Commissioner Pace expressed concerns regarding emergency vehicle access on Appian Way when there are delivery vehicles parked in the street due to its narrowness.

b. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Commissioner Pace will attend the Tuesday, December 5, 2023, City Council meeting;
Vice-Chair Kurata will attend the Tuesday, December 19, 2023, City Council meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

As there were no further items to discuss, Chair Ballard adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk