

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024**

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- a. The regular meeting of the Lomita Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Ballard at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, in the Commission Conference Room at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.
- b. The Public Safety and Traffic Commission led the salute to the flag.
- c. Roll Call

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

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Dillon, Traffic Advisor Dykstra (via Zoom), Management Analyst Vida, and Deputy City Clerk Abbott

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Ballard announced the time for Oral Communications.

Ernest Unland, Lomita resident, shared various traffic and parking concerns, and expressed interest in participating in Neighborhood Watch.

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

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 21, 2024**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the minutes.

Commissioner Carmody made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pace, to approve the recommended action.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

#### 4. SCHEDULED MATTERS

**a. REPORT ON ASSEMBLY BILL 413, CROSSWALK VISIBILITY** (Informational only)

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material. Also known as the “daylighting bill,” AB 413 amends the California Vehicle Code to prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of any vehicle within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, or 15 feet where a curb extension (bulbout) is present. Daylighting intersections provides valuable safety benefits to people driving, biking, and walking, and this type of parking prohibition is already in force in 43 other states.

After a brief Commission discussion, Chair Ballard invited a motion.

Vice-Chair Kurata made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino, to receive and file the report.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

**b. UPDATE ON THE 2024-29 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** (Informational only)

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material. A study and report are required every four years to retain the City’s Prop C funding. One outcome of the study is a PCI (pavement condition index) which rates each street and the City as a whole on a scale of 0-100. A PCI comparison between 2011 to 2024 was shared, which showed significant improvement over that time. This year, the consultant included alleys that were historically overlooked. The City received an overall rating of 74.8, a 2.3% increase since 2021. 75% of the pavement in Lomita is rated as good or better.

After a brief Commission discussion, Chair Ballard invited a motion.

Commissioner Pace made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carmody, to receive and file the update.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

**c. “FOLLOW ME, I’M GANG AND DRUG FREE” WALK UPDATE** (Informational only, no staff report) *\*Poster contest judging to take place immediately following adjournment*

Deputy City Clerk Abbott provided the update on the event.

**d. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

None.

**e. STAFF UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

Director Dillon had nothing to report.

**5. OTHER MATTERS**

**a. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Commissioner Cozzolino stated that at a March City Council meeting, complaints were heard relative to Athens Services picking up trash as early as 6:00 a.m.

Commissioner Carmody commented on the following from the March City Council meetings:

- Garbage collection complaints
- Monies put aside for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks enforcement
- Baseball field discussion
- South Bay Local Travel Network

He also shared traffic concerns.

Director Dillon stated that there is a project in the works to look into traffic signal coordination on Western Avenue.

**b. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Commissioner Cozzolino will attend the Tuesday, May 7, 2024, City Council meeting; Vice-Chair Kurata will attend the Tuesday, May 21, 2024, City Council meeting.

**c. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2024-2025**

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pace, to nominate Chair Ballard as Chair.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard  
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pace, to nominate Vice-Chair Kurata as Vice-Chair.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned, in memory of Lomita Station Deputy Daniel Okamoto, at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk