

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 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 6:02 p.m. on Wednesday, July 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, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Pace

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim Public Works Director Hernandez, Traffic Advisor Dykstra (via Zoom), and Deputy City Clerk Abbott

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2024**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Pace

**4. SCHEDULED MATTERS**

- a. **REPORT ON 247<sup>TH</sup> STREET AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
(Informational only)

Interim Public Works Director Hernandez introduced herself. She provided background on the piping in the project area and gave a timeline for the work. She responded to questions from the Commission relative to the project.

- b. “FOLLOW ME, I’M GANG AND DRUG FREE” WALK UPDATE** (Informational only, no staff report)

Deputy City Clerk Abbott presented the update on the event, which was a great success. This year it was held inside, at the Mark Fosnaugh Gymnasium, due to weather concerns.

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

None.

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

Interim Director Hernandez stated that the new City Manager started work in May, and the City’s recruitment for Public Works Director closes on August 2; hopefully the new hire will begin work by the end of September.

The City will soon be looking for a new Community and Economic Development Director, as Director Rindge has resigned due to a move. An Interim Director will begin work on July 29.

Interim Director Hernandez shared the City’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video.

## **5. OTHER MATTERS**

### **a. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Commissioner Carmody remarked on the following:

- Illegal fireworks enforcement
- Apparent increase in bus service on Western Avenue
- Contacts for Caltrans when residents encounter potholes and other road issues
- People living in RV’s in Lomita

Commissioner Cozzolino remarked on the following:

- California’s new “daylighting” law

Chair Ballard asked about residential parking during the water main replacement work.

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

Commissioner Carmody will attend the Tuesday, August 6, 2024, City Council meeting; Commissioner Cozzolino will attend the Tuesday, August 20, 2024, City Council meeting.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Ballard at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk