



La Mesa City Council Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: January 23, 2024, 6:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Mayor Arapostathis
Vice Mayor Lothian
Councilmember Dillard
Councilmember Parent
Councilmember Shu

Staff: City Manager Humora
Assistant City Manager Lee
City Attorney Sabine
City Clerk Wiegelman

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the City Council Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented.

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 **INVOCATION - COUNCILMEMBER SHU**

1.2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions from the 5:30 p.m. City Council Special Meeting (Closed Session).

City Manager Humora reported that three inches of rain fell in La Mesa on Monday, January 22, 2024, and provided an update on the impact the rain had on City infrastructure.

3. COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

The Mayor, Council and staff made announcements and reported on various events taking place in the City. No action was taken.

4. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO PUBLIC WORKS CREW MEMBERS JUSTIN PICHAY AND GEORGE ZAPATA

Mayor Arapostathis presented Letters of Appreciation to Justin Pachay, Maintenance Worker I, and George Zapata, Maintenance Worker I.

Fire Chief Koch awarded Justin Pachay and George Zapata with Firefighter Challenge Coins.

5.2 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRESS REPORT PRESENTATION

Environmental Program Manager Ego, Administrative Analyst Lee, and CivicSpark Fellows Carlyn Bacci and Liam Conley provided a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and organics recycling, highlighting the CAP resolutions and implementation, the progress of the CAP update, the CAP team, events and milestones that occurred in the past six months, City staff engagement, recognitions and grants awarded to the City, youth outreach, projects in the areas of energy, transportation, water, and green infrastructure, the Litter Free La Mesa cleanup series, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requirements, the SB 1383 compliance rate, edible food recovery and procurement projects, and the 2024 priority projects.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

5.3 2023 CERTIFIED LA MESA GREEN BUSINESS RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

Mayor Arapostathis recognized the 2023 Certified La Mesa Green Businesses for their ongoing efforts in reducing emissions.

2023 Certified La Mesa Green Businesses:

Helix Soap Company

Kai's Refills

La Mesa Library
Homes with my Realty
Dental House
Scisters Salon
Four Fin Creative

5.4 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PROCESS IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Director of Community Development Santos, Associate Planner Traffenstedt, and Management Analyst Flores provided a PowerPoint presentation on the improvements made to the development services process, highlighting the process improvement recommendations, the implementation plan accomplishments in the areas of process improvements, customer service, and tracking and data collection, the online permit portal, the instant residential solar permitting process through Symbium, the network and technology upgrades, the additional staff positions, the interdepartmental development services team meetings, efforts to update the Community Development webpage including applications, forms, handouts, and guides, pre-application meetings, the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Guidebook, ADU applications and issued permits, the community workshop series, code compliance resources, tutorial videos, ways the public can stay informed of various development projects in the City, the improved communication protocols, the new methods for tracking and data collection, and the new customer survey.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Brenda Hammond spoke regarding the recent storm and the homeless.

Mairs Ryan submitted a comment regarding plastic trash and the goal of the City's CAP.

7. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

8.1 INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman stated Ana Gonzalez-Seda and Sherida Bonton were not able to attend the City Council meeting due to prior commitments. City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointment would be made at the February 13th City Council meeting.

8.2 INTERVIEW OF APPLICANT FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process.

Alison Morita spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed to the Design Review Board.

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointment would be made at the February 13th City Council meeting.

Following the interview, no action was taken.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Melissa Weiss spoke in support of Item 10.5.

Mickey Mounarath spoke in support of Item 10.5.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 10.1 through 10.6)

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis

Seconded By Councilmember Shu

Approve Consent Calendar Items 10.1 through 10.6.

For (5): Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Lothian, Councilmember Dillard, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

Approved (5 to 0)

10.1 APPROVAL OF MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE TEXT OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AT THIS MEETING

Approve.

10.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Approve.

10.3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND CITY OF LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

Approve.

10.4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE CITYWIDE GUARDRAIL UPGRADES PROJECT, BID NO. 23-15, TO S.B. GENERAL ENGINEERING, INC.

Resolution No. 2024-001

Adopt Resolution.

10.5 RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Resolution No. 2024-002

Adopt Resolution.

10.6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER 1 TO ARDURRA GROUP, INC., AND INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIZED SERVICES ACCOUNT

Adopt Resolutions.

a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER 1 TO ARDURRA GROUP, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES

Resolution No. 2024-003

Adopt Resolution.

b. RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIZED SERVICES ACCOUNT BY \$189,600 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, FOR A TOTAL OF \$320,439.66 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Resolution No. 2024-004

Adopt Resolution.

11. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

The Mayor and Council reported on various outside boards, commissions and committee meetings they attended. No action was taken.

12. AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3 (d))

There were no reports.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

City Clerk