



La Mesa City Council Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: January 9, 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 6:01 p.m.

1.1 **INVOCATION - COUNCILMEMBER SHU**

1.2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

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

The Development Services Process Improvement Plan Update presentation was deleted from the agenda.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AWARD PRESENTATION BY I LOVE A CLEAN SAN DIEGO

Ann Marie Sack, Director of Community Engagement, I Love a Clean San Diego, presented the Community Collaboration Award to the City.

5.2 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PROCESS IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

This presentation was deleted from the agenda.

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

Dianne Osterling spoke regarding her concerns with septic systems.

Brenda Hammond spoke regarding walking in La Mesa and the La Mesa Library.

7. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on Consent Calendar.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 9.1 through 9.2)

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis

Seconded By Councilmember Parent

Approve Consent Calendar Items 9.1 through 9.2.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

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

Approve.

9.2 APPROVAL OF THE 2024 LIST OF PROCLAMATIONS

Approve.

10. STAFF REPORT

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTING AND/OR REAPPOINTING COUNCILMEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, AND TO THE COUNCIL AD HOC AND STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

Mayor Arapostathis explained the appointment process for the outside boards, commissions, and committees, and the Council ad hoc and standing subcommittees.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis

Seconded By Councilmember Dillard

Appoint: (1) Vice Mayor Lothian as the primary representative on the East County Economic Development Council; (2) Mayor Arapostathis as the primary representative on the Harry Griffen Park JPA; (3) Councilmember Dillard as the primary representative and Councilmember Shu as the alternate representative on the Heartland Communications Facility Authority; (4) Councilmember Dillard as the primary representative and Councilmember Shu as the alternate representative on the Heartland Fire Training Facility Authority; (5) Mayor Arapostathis as the primary representative and Vice Mayor Lothian as the alternate representative on the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District/City of La Mesa Joint Steering Committee; (6) Vice Mayor Lothian as the primary representative on the League of California Cities San Diego County Division; (7) William Baber as the primary representative and Councilmember Shu as the alternate representative on the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority; (8) Councilmember Parent as the primary representative on the Mission Trails Regional Task Force; (9) Councilmember Parent as the primary representative and Councilmember Shu as the alternate representative on the San Diego Community Power Board of Directors; and (10) Councilmember Dillard as the primary representative on the Sweetwater River Watershed Advisory Panel.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis
Seconded By Councilmember Parent

(1) Appoint: (a) Councilmember Dillard and Councilmember Shu to the Animal Welfare Standing Subcommittee; (b) Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Shu to the Audit Standing Subcommittee; (c) Vice Mayor Lothian and Councilmember Dillard to the Development Services Council Liaison Standing Subcommittee; (d) Vice Mayor Lothian and Councilmember Dillard to the Downtown Events Standing Subcommittee; (e) Councilmember Dillard and Councilmember Shu to the Future of MacArthur Park Standing Subcommittee; (f) Vice Mayor Lothian and Councilmember Parent to the Accessory Dwelling Units Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (g) Vice Mayor Lothian and Councilmember Parent to the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (h) Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Shu to the Citizen Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (i) Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Parent to the Civic Center Master Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (j) Councilmember Dillard and Councilmember Shu to the Climate Action Plan Updates Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (k) Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Dillard to the Extension of Proposition L Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (l) Councilmember Parent and Councilmember Shu to the Housing Affordability Ad Hoc Subcommittee; and (m) Vice Mayor Lothian and Councilmember Parent to the Review of the Design Review Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee; and (2) dissolve the AB 2449 Teleconference Policies Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Business Rebound Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Parking Management Ad Hoc Subcommittee, Public Comment Policy Ad Hoc Subcommittee, and Review of City Streets for Greater Pedestrian Access Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

Moved By Councilmember Parent
Seconded By Councilmember Dillard

Appoint Councilmember Shu as the primary representative on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors.

For (4): Mayor Arapostathis, Councilmember Dillard, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

Against (1): Vice Mayor Lothian

Approved (4 to 1)

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis
Seconded By Councilmember Dillard

Appoint Vice Mayor Lothian as the first alternate representative and Councilmember Dillard as the second alternate representative on the SANDAG Board of Directors.

Substitute Motion:

Moved By Councilmember Parent
Seconded By Councilmember Shu

Appoint Councilmember Dillard as the alternate representative on the SANDAG Board of Directors.

For (4): Vice Mayor Lothian, Councilmember Dillard, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

Against (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 1)

Moved By Councilmember Shu
Seconded By Councilmember Parent

Leave the second alternate representative seat on the SANDAG Board of Directors vacant.

For (4): Mayor Arapostathis, Councilmember Dillard, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

Against (1): Vice Mayor Lothian

Approved (4 to 1)

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis
Seconded By Councilmember Parent

Appoint Councilmember Dillard as the primary representative and Mayor Arapostathis as the alternate representative on the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

11. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

11.1 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA ADDING CHAPTER 6.07 TO THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING THE LICENSING OF TOBACCO RETAILERS

City Clerk Wiegelman stated a scrivener's error was found following the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance; language was inadvertently added in the Ordinance, but the error was corrected and the Ordinance was ready for the second reading and adoption.

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2023-2906

Moved By Councilmember Shu

Seconded By Councilmember Dillard

Approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

11.2 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA REPEALING CHAPTER 3.24 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PERSONNEL MATTERS IN ITS ENTIRETY

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2023-2907

Moved By Councilmember Shu

Seconded By Councilmember Parent

Approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

12. 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.

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

There were no reports.

14. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 p.m., Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting in honor and memory of former City Councilmember Ernest Ewin, a person of integrity and dignity who challenged everyone to do better and helped make La Mesa a better place.

City Clerk