



La Mesa City Council Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: April 11, 2023, 6:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

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

Staff: City Manager Humora
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 DILLARD**

1.2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Humora introduced new Assistant City Manager, Amanda Lee.

Assistant City Manager Lee expressed her excitement to join the City of La Mesa.

City Manager Humora stated the City received a letter from the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding leasing the

property at 8374-8375 Hercules Street for a potential parole office. He stated the City would update the public when there was further information on the matter.

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 PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2023, AS ARBOR DAY

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day.

5.2 PROCLAIMING APRIL 2023 AS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as Volunteer Appreciation Month.

5.3 2022 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon summarized the 2022 Performance Measures for the various City departments, highlighting the increased social media engagement, the planning and building applications received by the Community Development Department, the Fire Department's and Police Department's calls for service and response times, the crime rates against persons and property, the number of graffiti incidences, and the Public Works Department's service requests and response times. Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon provided an update on the status of the City's Five-Year Strategic Planning and Implementation document.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

5.4 2023-2034 GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL FORECAST

Director of Finance Royales presented the long range projection of the City's General Fund revenues, expenditures, and reserves. Ms. Royales discussed the base forecast for revenue and expenditure assumptions, the national, state and local economies, revenues from cannabis sales, the City's unfunded liability, the status of the Section 115 Retirement Trust Fund, and the General Fund reserves history and forecast.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

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

Dianne Osterling spoke regarding the Council taking positions on policies they are not responsible for, the focus of the Councilmembers, creating unity and not division among the community, and government transparency.

Victor Diaz spoke regarding tax fraud in the construction industry.

Jesse Garcia spoke regarding tax fraud in the construction industry.

7. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

8.1 INTERVIEW OF APPLICANT FOR A VACANCY ON THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process.

Manuel Gomez spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed to the Community Police Oversight Board.

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointment would be made at the April 25th City Council meeting.

Following the interview, no action was taken.

8.2 INTERVIEW OF APPLICANT FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE MOBILITY COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process.

Brian Lane spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed to the Mobility Commission.

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointment would be made at the April 25th City Council meeting.

Following the interview, no action was taken.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on Consent Calendar.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 10.1 through 10.3)

Moved By Vice Mayor Parent
Seconded By Mayor Arapostathis

Approve Consent Calendar Items 10.1 through 10.3.

For (5): Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Dillard,
Councilmember Lothian, 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, MARCH 28, 2023

Approve.

10.3 RESOLUTION REJECTING BID NO. 23-15, CITYWIDE GUARDRAIL UPGRADES

Resolution No. 2023-031

Adopt Resolution.

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2020-2022 NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 WORK PLAN

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Throne provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2020-2022 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program ("NTMP") Annual Report and Work Plan, highlighting the accomplishments since 2020, the completed Phase 1, 2 and 3 traffic calming projects, the policy changes to the implementation of the NTMP, and the Phase 1, 2, and 3 traffic calming projects that may be implemented based on the current funding level of \$175,000. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Throne provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting regarding the use of ARPA funds for traffic calming projects. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Throne stated the Mobility Commission recommended a policy change to the NTMP that would clear the Phase 1 list of old requests that had already received Phase 1 actions.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Mary Kate Miller submitted a comment regarding on-going traffic concerns on Lemon Avenue.

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to accept the 2020-2022 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program annual report including the ranked list of streets requesting traffic calming and the Fiscal Year 2024 Work Plan.

11.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Director of Community Development Kusiak provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2021 and 2022 ADU development activity, highlighting the related State laws, La Mesa regulations, the current ADU activity and ADU activity since 1981, ADU review times, application and permit fees, the size and type of permitted ADUs, the City's ADU guidebook, and next steps.

Dianne Osterling spoke on ADU regulations and short-term rentals.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to accept the report on ADU development activity.

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

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

City Clerk

