



La Mesa City Council Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: September 10, 2024, 6:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Mayor Mark Arapostathis
Vice Mayor Patricia N. Dillard
Councilmember Colin Parent
Councilmember Jack Shu

Absent: Councilmember Laura Lothian

Staff: City Manager Greg Humora
Assistant City Manager Amanda Lee
City Attorney Glenn Sabine
City Clerk Megan 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.

Councilmember Parent announced he was attending virtually under the just cause provision of AB 2449 and there were no individuals over the age of 18 present in the room with him.

1.1 **INVOCATION - COUNCILMEMBER LOTHIAN**

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Mayor Arapostathis presented the proclamation proclaiming September as National Preparedness Month to Fire Chief Koch, Police Chief Sweeney, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator McKellar.

5.2 PRESENTATION BY EMERGENCY SERVICES CONSULTING INC. ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT AND STANDARDS OF COVER REPORT

Fire Chief Koch provided opening comments and introduced Jeff Stone, Project Manager, Emergency Services Consulting International, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Fire Department's Community Risk Assessment ("CRA") and Standard of Cover ("SOC"). The presentation covered the SOC summary score, provided statistics on the Fire Department's calls for service, and outlined the incident percentages. It identified a significant increase in calls for service as the primary risk and analyzed its potential impact on the Fire Department's operations. The presentation concluded with operational, service delivery, and administrative recommendations.

Fire Chief Koch provided an overview of the steps that have been taken to begin implementing these recommendations.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Christopher Glenn submitted a comment on whether the CRA aligns with the City's Strategic Plan, specifically in regards to the strategies aimed at achieving the goal of a safe community.

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

Karly Robinson spoke on her concerns about a house on Bellflower Drive.

Barbie Wheeler spoke on her concerns about a house on Bellflower Drive.

Dianne Osterling spoke on remote public comment and fire safety.

Wendy Mihalic submitted a comment regarding remote public comment.

Mairs Ryan submitted a comment regarding remote public comment.

7. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

8.1 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE MOBILITY COMMISSION

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Alex Mueller for reappointment to the Mobility Commission.

Resolution No. 2024-107

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis

Seconded By Councilmember Shu

Approve the reappointment of Alex Mueller to the Mobility Commission as the general population representative and adopt Resolution confirming the reappointment.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Lothian

Approved (4 to 0)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Dianne Osterling spoke on Items 10.3, 10.5, 10.7, and 10.9.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 10.1 through 10.12)

*If a public hearing item is part of the Consent Calendar, the public hearing shall be deemed held if the item is not removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and possible action (Item 10.10).

Councilmember Shu commented on Item 10.6.

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis

Seconded By Vice Mayor Dillard

Approve Consent Calendar Items 10.1 through 10.12.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Lothian

Approved (4 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 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COMPENSATION PLAN TO REFLECT SALARY RANGE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SAFETY VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, CLINICAL HOMELESS OUTREACH SPECIALIST, AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT ASSISTANT CLASSIFICATIONS

Resolution No. 2024-108

Adopt Resolution.

10.3 RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDERS TO COMPASS ROSE GIS FOR AS-NEEDED MAPPING AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Resolution No. 2024-109

Adopt Resolution.

10.4 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID 25-03, 2024 PIPE REHABILITATION PROJECT AND AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO INSITUFORM TECH, INC.

Resolution No. 2024-110

Adopt Resolution.

10.5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TASK ORDER FOR ENCROACHMENT PERMIT INSPECTION SERVICES TO ARDURRA GROUP, INC.

Resolution No. 2024-111

Adopt Resolution.

10.6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BEAM GLOBAL FOR SOLAR POWERED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Resolution No. 2024-112

Adopt Resolution.

10.7 STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN (NO. 8723-110)

Adopt Resolutions.

a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT (NO. 8723-110) WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR A STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

Resolution No. 2024-113

Adopt Resolution.

b. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FUNDS FROM THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN (NO. 8723-110) AND APPROPRIATING THE EXPENDITURE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT ACCOUNT

Resolution No. 2024-114

Adopt Resolution.

10.8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE BOULEVARD DRIVE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, BID NO. 24-16, TO SC VALLEY ENGINEERING, INC.

Resolution No. 2024-115

Adopt Resolution.

10.9 RESOLUTION RE-ADOPTING THE 2013 CITY OF LA MESA TREE POLICY MANUAL

Resolution No. 2024-116

Adopt Resolution.

10.10 *HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Adopt Resolutions.

- a. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PALMER "DARRELL" DIAMOND RESIDENCE AT 9353 LEMON AVENUE, APN 495-175-04-00 AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK**

Resolution No. 2024-117

Adopt Resolution.

- b. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARK KNOWN AS THE PALMER "DARRELL" DIAMOND RESIDENCE AT 9353 LEMON AVENUE, APN 495-175-04-00**

Resolution No. 2024-118

Adopt Resolution.

10.11 APPROVAL OF CONCEPT DESIGNS FOR PUBLIC ART FOR THE WALKWAY OF THE STARS AND LEMON AVENUE PARKING LOT MURAL PROJECTS

Approve.

10.12 SAN DIEGO ART MATTERS GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL ARTS AGENCY NETWORK CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO SAN DIEGO ART MATTERS FOR A LOCAL ARTS AGENCY NETWORK CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT; ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED AND APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR DESIGNEE, TO DESIGNATE PARTICIPANTS, EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS

Resolution No. 2024-119

Adopt Resolution.

11. STAFF REPORT

11.1 LA MESA DOWNTOWN VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND PROGRAM

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE LA MESA COMMUNITY PARKING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE LA MESA VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND PROGRAM AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$76,180 FROM THE

**DOWNTOWN PARKING FUND TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
DOWNTOWN VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND BUDGET**

Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon provided a PowerPoint presentation on the La Mesa Village Enhancement Fund Program (“Program”). The presentation covered key aspects of the Program guidelines, the annual application timeline, and the funding history. Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon noted that six applications were received, all for special events, including the 2024 Oktoberfest, 2024 Holiday in the Village, 2025 Classic Car Show, 2025 Taste of the Village, the San Diego Made Spring Market, and a 2025 One-Day Dance event. Assistant to the City Manager Dedmon summarized the La Mesa Community Parking Commission’s recommendation for the allocation of the La Mesa Village Enhancement Fund Program funding.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 2024-120

Moved By Councilmember Shu

Seconded By Vice Mayor Dillard

(1) Approve the following allocation of the La Mesa Village Enhancement Fund Program funding as recommended by the La Mesa Community Parking Commission: \$17,920 for the 2024 Holiday in the Village, \$23,260 for the 2025 Taste of the Village, and \$35,000 for the San Diego Made Spring Market; and (2) Adopt the Resolution appropriating \$76,180 from the Downtown Parking Fund to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Downtown Village Enhancement Fund budget.

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

Absent (1): Councilmember Lothian

Approved (4 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.

Wendy Mihalic submitted a comment regarding remote public comment.

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 7:23 p.m.

City Clerk