



La Mesa City Council

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: June 24, 2025, 6:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Vice Mayor Patricia N. Dillard
Councilmember Lauren Cazares
Councilmember Laura Lothian
Councilmember Genevieve Suzuki

Absent: Mayor Mark Arapostathis

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.

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

1.1 INVOCATION - COUNCILMEMBER LOTHIAN

1.2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

3. COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

The Vice 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Martha Bakkedahl provided suggestions on where the City should focus its efforts and funding instead of prioritizing the expansion of bike lanes, and shared concerns about the impact the recently approved 73-unit development on Jericho Road may have on the surrounding neighborhood and the City overall.

Brenda Hammond spoke about anger management and expressed her excitement for the Sundays at Six Concerts series.

6. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no comments on Consent Calendar items.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 8.1 through 8.4)

Moved By Councilmember Cazares

Seconded By Councilmember Suzuki

Approve Consent Calendar Items 8.1 through 8.4.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

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

Approve.

8.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Approve.

8.3 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY AND S.P.C.A TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ANIMAL SHELTER AND FIELD SERVICES

Resolution No. 2025-069

Adopt Resolution.

8.4 RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE 2025-2028 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND LA MESA CITY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION AND CORRESPONDING CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Adopt Resolutions.

a. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025-2028 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE LA MESA CITY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Resolution No. 2025-070

Adopt Resolution.

b. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED BENEFIT PLAN FOR UNREPRESENTED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2025-071

Adopt Resolution.

c. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR LMCEA AND UNREPRESENTED CONFIDENTIAL AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2025-072

Adopt Resolution.

9. HEARINGS

9.1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9365 CARMICHAEL DRIVE (APN 495-335-05-00) (PROJECT 2022-0492) INTO THE CITY OF LA MESA, SUBJECT TO LOCAL AREA FORMATION COMMISSION ("LAFCO") APPROVAL OF THE ANNEXATION

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and at the time specified in the notice.

Vice Mayor Dillard opened the hearing for Item 9.1.

Director of Community Development Santos provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed detachment of the property at 9365 Carmichael Drive from the County of San Diego and the San Miguel Consolidated Fire District, and its annexation into the City of La Mesa. The presentation detailed a General Plan Amendment and a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to designate the site as Suburban Residential, allowing one dwelling unit on the 11,986-square-foot lot. Director of Community Development Santos further stated that the project was found to be exempt from CEQA.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Moved By Councilmember Cazares

Seconded By Councilmember Lothian

Close the hearing.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

- a. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO LAFCO TO DETACH FROM THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN MIGUEL CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF 9365 CARMICHAEL DRIVE (APN 495-335-05-00) INTO THE CITY OF LA MESA JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY**

Resolution No. 2025-073

Moved By Councilmember Lothian

Seconded By Councilmember Cazares

Adopt Resolution.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

- b. RESOLUTION APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PROJECT 2022-0492 ASSIGNING THE PROPERTY ADDRESSED 9365 CARMICHAEL DRIVE (APN 495-335-05-00) A LAND USE DESIGNATION OF SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL**

Resolution No. 2025-074

Moved By Councilmember Cazares

Seconded By Councilmember Lothian

Adopt Resolution.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

- c. SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL/SCENIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY (R1S-P) ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF TITLE 24 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY ADDRESSED 9365 CARMICHAEL DRIVE (APN 495-335-05-00) SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL/SCENIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY (R1S-P)

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Moved By Councilmember Suzuki

Seconded By Councilmember Lothian

Approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

9.2 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and at the time specified in the notice.

Vice Mayor Dillard opened the hearing for Item 9.2.

Environmental Sustainability Manager Ego gave a report on the rate proposal from EDCO, the Proposition 218 notification process, and the number of protest letters received. Environmental Sustainability Manager Ego also discussed the final report from an independent accounting firm that reviewed the rate increase request.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Moved By Vice Mayor Dillard
Seconded By Councilmember Cazares

Close the hearing.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

Resolution No. 2025-075
Moved By Vice Mayor Dillard
Seconded By Councilmember Cazares

Approve the two-year EDCO rates for refuse, recycling, and organic waste collection for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, and adopt Resolution.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

10. COUNCIL INITIATED

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTING A TEMPORARY SPEED BUMP PROGRAM AS PART OF LA MESA'S NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - COUNCILMEMBER LOTHIAN

Barbie Wheeler expressed support for implementing a temporary speed hump program as part of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Jerry Jones spoke in support of the item but recommended implementing low-impact traffic calming measures, rather than relying solely on speed humps or bumps.

Councilmember Lothian explained the purpose of implementing a temporary speed hump program as part of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, clarified the difference between a speed hump and a speed bump, and noted that the agenda item should have referred to a speed hump program rather than a speed bump program.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Moved By Councilmember Lothian

Seconded By Councilmember Cazares

Direct staff to study the feasibility, legality, logistics, and other considerations associated with implementing a temporary speed hump program.

For (4): Vice Mayor Dillard, Councilmember Cazares, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Suzuki

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

11. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

The Vice 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

Vice Mayor Dillard adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

City Clerk