



La Mesa City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

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

Absent: Mayor Mark Arapostathis

Staff: City Manager Greg Humora
Assistant City Manager Amanda Lee
City Attorney Glenn Sabine
Deputy City Clerk Britney Hazzard

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented.

Vice Mayor Cazares 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 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)

Tara Mullarkey spoke regarding traffic issues and safety concerns related to the absence of sidewalks on Hoffman Avenue between Massachusetts Avenue and 69th Street.

6. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Janie Kelley spoke on Item 8.8.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 8.1 through 8.9)

*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 8.5).

Councilmember Lothian made comments on Item 8.8.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Moved By Councilmember Dillard

Seconded By Councilmember Suzuki

Approve Consent Calendar Items 8.1 through 8.9

For (4): Vice Mayor Cazares, Councilmember Dillard, 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 SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

Approve.

8.3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

Approve.

8.4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NETFILE TO ADD THE AB 1234 ETHICS TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND SB 827 FISCAL AND FINANCIAL TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Resolution No. 2026-030

Adopt Resolution.

8.5 *TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1982 ("TEFRA") HEARING FOR THE MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 4250 SPRING STREET

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PLAN OF FINANCE INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SPRING STREET FAMILY HOUSING, L.P. (OR AN AFFILIATE), AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Resolution No. 2026-031

Adopt Resolution.

8.6 RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PER MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.40.070 (a)(5)(7) AND AWARDDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO B&B MECHANICAL INC. FOR FIRE STATION 11 HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution No. 2026-032

Adopt Resolution.

8.7 RATIFICATION OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT 2025-0946 (RAINBOW INVESTMENT CO.)

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT 2025-0946 (RAINBOW INVESTMENT CO.) – A NEW TWO-STORY MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING (CUSH MEDICAL PLAZA) LOCATED AT 8787 CENTER DRIVE WITHIN THE RB-G-D (RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS/GROSSMONT OVERLAY/URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE

Resolution No. 2026-033

Adopt Resolution.

8.8 RATIFICATION OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT 2025-1013 (GOODWILL INDUSTRIES)

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT 2025-1013 (GOODWILL INDUSTRIES) – A REDESIGN OF AN EXTERIOR FAÇADE RENOVATION AT 8250 LA MESA BOULEVARD, IN THE CD-D (DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL/URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE

Resolution No. 2026-034

Adopt Resolution.

8.9 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWEST SIGNAL SERVICE, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADVANCED TRAFFIC SIGNAL DETECTION SYSTEMS ALONG THE SPRING STREET CORRIDOR

Resolution No. 2026-035

Adopt Resolution.

9. COUNCIL INITIATED

9.1 HARVEY MILK DIVERSITY BREAKFAST SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A \$1,500 SPONSORSHIP FOR THE HARVEY MILK DIVERSITY BREAKFAST AND AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE BY CITY COUNCIL, CITY STAFF, AND LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, IN RECOGNITION OF LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN KATY LYNCH, HONOREE AND RECIPIENT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF PHIL COLLUM LEADERSHIP AWARD - VICE MAYOR CAZARES

Vice Mayor Cazares explained the purpose of the request for approval of a \$1,500 sponsorship for the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast and authorization for attendance by City Council, City staff, and La Mesa Police Department personnel in recognition of Captain Katy Lynch of the La Mesa Police Department, honoree and recipient of the Assistant Chief Phil Collum Leadership Award.

Dawn Tol congratulated Captain Katie Lynch on receiving the Assistant Chief Phil Collum Leadership Award and expressed support for approving the \$1,500 sponsorship for the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Moved By Vice Mayor Cazares
Seconded By Councilmember Suzuki

Approve a \$1,500 sponsorship for the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast and authorize attendance by City Council, City staff, and La Mesa Police Department personnel in recognition of Captain Katy Lynch, honoree and recipient of the Assistant Chief Phil Collum Leadership Award.

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

Absent (1): Mayor Arapostathis

Approved (4 to 0)

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

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

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

There were no reports.

12. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Cazares adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

City Clerk