



La Mesa City Council

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: April 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

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

Staff: City Manager Humora
Assistant City Manager Tomaino
City Attorney Sabine
City Clerk Wiegelman

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

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 BABER**

1.2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions.

3. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Humora introduced the new Director of Public Works, Michael Throne.

Director of Public Works Throne gave a brief summary of his professional background.

The Mayor and Council welcomed Director of Public Works Throne to the City.

4. COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

The Mayor, Council and staff made announcements and reported on various events taking place in the City. No action was taken.

5. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Brother Steven Gerard spoke regarding pro-life and recommended the City of La Mesa become a charter city.

7. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

8.1 INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process.

The following applicants spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed to the Youth Advisory Commission:

Zaida Donnelly

Mustafa Dost

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointments would be made at the April 26th City Council meeting.

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 9.1 through 9.3)

Moved by Councilmember Baber

Seconded by Mayor Arapostathis

Approve Consent Calendar Items 9.1 through 9.3.

Yes (5): Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Shu, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Parent

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 RESOLUTION DIRECTING REVIEW OF THE CITY OF LA MESA CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Resolution No. 2022-025

Adopt Resolution.

9.3 ABANDONMENT OF IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY

RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ABANDONMENT OF IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY OVER 4005 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE BEING THE EASTERN 25 FEET OF PARCEL 2, DEDICATED PER DOCUMENT 88-271586, RECORDED JUNE 7, 1988 AS SHOWN ON PARCEL MAP 15264, IN THE CITY OF LA MESA

Resolution No. 2022-026

Adopt Resolution.

10. ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.30 REGULATING THE RESIDENTIAL STORAGE OF FIREARMS; AND CONDUCTING AN ASSOCIATED PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

Chief Sweeney provided an overview of the draft Ordinance and public information program.

Council questions and comments ensued.

The following members of the public spoke or submitted a comment in support of the proposed Ordinance and public information program:

Louis Knowlton on behalf of La Mesa First United Methodist Church
Community Outreach Committee

Therese Hymer

Mick Rabin

Dianne Osterling

Lori Van Orden

Victoria Koenitzer

Rosalba Ciampi

John White

Celia Taghdiri

Jane Meyers

Thomas Keener

Susan Ehrhardt

Carol Landale

John Mann

The following members of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance:

Kenneth Van Tassell

Gary Wyer

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Moved by Vice Mayor Shu

Seconded by Councilmember Parent

Approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance.

Yes (2): Vice Mayor Shu, and Councilmember Parent

No (3): Mayor Arapostathis, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember Lothian

Failed (2 to 3)

Moved by Councilmember Parent
Seconded by Vice Mayor Shu

Direct staff to conduct a public information program to inform residents of the federal, state, and local laws for the safe storage of firearms.

Yes (5): Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Shu, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember Lothian, and Councilmember Parent

Approved (5 to 0)

11. 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.

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

Councilmember Parent reported on his trip to Washington D.C. on March 27 – 30, 2022 for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce 2022 Mission to Washington D.C. event.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

City Clerk