



## La Mesa City Council Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: May 10, 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.

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### 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, except the proclamations were presented in reverse order.

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### 1.1 **INVOCATION - COUNCILMEMBER PARENT**

#### 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. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1 PROCLAIMING MAY 2022 AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming May 2022 as Older Americans Month.

**4.2 PROCLAIMING MAY 2022 AS WATER SAFETY MONTH**

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming May 2022 as Water Safety Month.

**4.3 PROCLAIMING MAY 15, 2022 AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming May 15, 2022 as Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Day.

**4.4 PROCLAIMING MAY 15 - 21, 2022 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming May 15 - 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week.

**4.5 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION WORK PLAN**

Arts and Culture Commission Chair Dr. Childress-Evans presented the Commission's 2022 Work Plan.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

**4.6 CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT**

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings for the quarter ending March 31, 2022.

Following Council questions and comments, 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)**

Dan Altan spoke regarding the responsible party of the land between the sidewalk and street.

Laurie MacDonald, La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation President, invited everyone 21 years of age and older to attend the La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation Art in the Park Fundraiser on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the La Mesa Community Garden from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**7. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

**8. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

**8.1 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO FILL THE UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Mary Nooristani and Shaelen Taylor for appointment to the Environmental Sustainability Commission.

**Resolution No. 2022-037**

**Moved by** Mayor Arapostathis

**Seconded by** Councilmember Baber

Approve the appointment of Mary Nooristani and Shaelen Taylor to the Environmental Sustainability Commission and adopt the Resolution confirming the appointments.

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

**Approved (5 to 0)**

**8.2 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL THE UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Reverend Christian DeMent for appointment to the Community Police Oversight Board.

**Resolution No. 2022-038**

**Moved by** Mayor Arapostathis

**Seconded by** Councilmember Baber

Approve the appointment of Reverend Christian DeMent to the Community Police Oversight Board and adopt the Resolution confirming the appointment.

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

**Approved (5 to 0)**

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 9.1 through 9.5)

**Moved by** Mayor Arapostathis

**Seconded by** Councilmember Baber

Approve Consent Calendar Items 9.1 through 9.5.

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 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022**

Approve.

**9.3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022**

Approve.

**9.4 HOMELESS OUTREACH AND MOBILE ENGAGEMENT (HOME) PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY 2022 - MARCH 2022)**

Receive and file.

**9.5 RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CLOSING A PORTION OF LA MESA CITY STREETS FOR THE LA MESA FLAG DAY PARADE, A CITY SPONSORED EVENT, ON JUNE 4, 2022**

**Resolution No. 2022-039**

Adopt Resolution.

**10. ORDINANCE: SECOND READING**

**10.1 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA APPROVING THE LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY**

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

**Ordinance No. 2022-2896**

**Moved by** Mayor Arapostathis

**Seconded by** Councilmember Parent

Approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

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

**Approved (5 to 0)**

**11. STAFF REPORT/ORDINANCE: FIRST READING**

**11.1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)**

**A. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA TO APPROVE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF CALPERS, TO PROVIDE AN EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION OF AN ADDITIONAL .5% OF SALARY AS PROVIDED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20516(a) APPLICABLE TO ALL CLASSIC CALPERS LA MESA CITY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION (LMCEA) MEMBERS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2022 (TOTAL OF 1.5% COST SHARE)**

**B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF CALPERS**

Director of Administrative Services Freeman explained the purpose of the CalPERS contract amendment and the amendment process.

Council questions and comments ensued.

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

**Resolution No. 2022-040**

**Moved by** Councilmember Baber

**Seconded by** Councilmember Parent

A. Adopt Resolution.

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

**Approved (5 to 0)**

**Moved by** Mayor Arapostathis

**Seconded by** Councilmember Baber

B. Approve the introduction and first reading of an Ordinance authorizing a third amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of La Mesa and the Board of Administration of CalPERS, to provide an employee contribution of an additional .5% of salary as provided under Government Code Section 20516(a) applicable to all Classic CalPERS LMCEA members (total of 1.5% cost share), with the CalPERS contract amendment to be effective July 15, 2022.

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

**Approved (5 to 0)**

**12. STAFF REPORT**

**12.1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE CITIES OF EL CAJON, LA MESA, LEMON GROVE, SANTEE, AND THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES**

City Manager Humora said the East County cities and the County of San Diego have been working on the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for homelessness services for some time and continue to communicate and coordinate on the issue of homelessness.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided a PowerPoint presentation on the MOU, highlighting the purpose, roles, responsibilities, benefits and goals of the MOU, the Martin v. Boise court ruling, and La Mesa's Homeless Action Plan.

Council questions and comments ensued.

The following members of the public spoke or submitted a comment in support of approving the MOU:

Janet Castanos

Bonnie Baranoff

Lois Knowlton

Gene Carpenter

Jason

Debbie McDaniel-Lindsey

Christopher Glenn

Council questions and comments continued.

**Resolution No. 2022-041**

**Moved by** Vice Mayor Shu

**Seconded by** Councilmember Parent

Adopt Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding or other instrument substantially in the form as presented, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager.

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

**Approved (5 to 0)**

13. **COUNCIL INITIATED**

13.1 **ALTERNATIVE SHELTER SOLUTIONS FOR LA MESA'S HOMELESS POPULATION**

**CONSIDERATION TO EXPAND UPON SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON'S EAST COUNTY AND CITY'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING; DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON RESEARCHING POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES AND GOVERNMENT AND/OR PRIVATE AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE AND OPERATIONS OF PROPERTY IN CAMPO TO OFFER ALTERNATIVE SHELTER SOLUTIONS FOR LA MESA'S HOMELESS POPULATION, AND ASSESSING THE VIABILITY OF SUCH A PROPOSAL - COUNCILMEMBER LOTHIAN**

Councilmember Lothian explained the purpose for directing staff to research potential funding sources and government and/or private agency partnerships related to the purchase and operations of property in Campo to offer alternative shelter solutions for La Mesa's homeless population and assess the viability of such a proposal. Councilmember Lothian described the proposed site in Campo.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Lothian to direct staff to research potential funding sources and government and/or private agency partnerships related to the purchase and operations of 431 Jeb Stuart, Campo, California 91906, to offer alternative shelter solutions for La Mesa's homeless population, assess the viability of such a proposal, and return to Council with their findings for Council consideration. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Council questions and comments ensued.

The following members of the public spoke or submitted a comment in opposition to Item 13.1:

Julia Velasco

Jodi Herbert

Janet Castanos

Aralyn Deane

Tina



Daniel Rubio  
Angel Rubio  
Andy Trimlett  
Billie Jo Jannen  
Mairs Ryan

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

**14. 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.

**15. AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3 (d))**

Councilmember Parent reported on his trip to Sacramento to be a witness at the Assemblymember Local Government Committee hearing at the request of Assembly Laura Friedman.

**16. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS**

There were no remarks.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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City Clerk