



La Mesa City Council Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: September 27, 2022, 6:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

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

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 6:00 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**

There were no comments.

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. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9 THROUGH 15, 2022, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming the week of October 9 through 15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week.

6.2 PRESENTATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Mayor Arapostathis and City Manager Humora presented Fred Juarez, Custodian, and Sheryl Sherman, Management Analyst, with Certificates of Recognition from Senator Brian Jones and the City of La Mesa Employee of the Year plaques.

The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for Fred Juarez and Sheryl Sherman.

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

Steve Galbs spoke regarding the action of the San Diego Association of Governments ("SANDAG") Board of Directors to remove the road usage charge from the Regional Transportation Plan.

Wendy Mihalic spoke regarding a Climate Action Plan update process.

Antonia Lopez spoke regarding the power washing schedule for the La Mesa Village Plaza sidewalks.

Mary D. spoke regarding SANDAG's road usage charge and Councilmember Shu's comments at the September 9, 2022, SANDAG Board of Directors meeting.

8. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

9.1 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE LA MESA COMMUNITY PARKING COMMISSION

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Scott Favero for appointment to the La Mesa Community Parking Commission.

Resolution No. 2022-102

Moved By Mayor Arapostathis

Seconded By Vice Mayor Parent

Approve the appointment of Scott Favero to the La Mesa Community Parking Commission and adopt Resolution confirming the appointment.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

10.1 ANNUAL INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR OPENINGS ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process. City Clerk Wiegelman stated that Samantha Luevano had sent their regrets that they would not be able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment but had expressed their interest in being considered for appointment.

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

Fahim Chakibou

Mustafa Dost

Anthony Martinez

Grace Reagan

Elyse Wainscott

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointments would be made at the October 11th Council meeting.

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 11.1 through 11.10)

Councilmember Baber inquired about Item 11.5 regarding the proposed amendments to the body and appendix of the City's Amended Local Conflict of Interest Code.

City Clerk Wiegelman responded to Councilmember Baber's questions.

Moved By Councilmember Baber

Seconded By Mayor Arapostathis

Approve Consent Calendar Items 11.1 through 11.10.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

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

Approve.

11.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Approve.

11.3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Approve.

11.4 RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361, AND RE-AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF VIRTUAL AND/OR HYBRID MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-103

Adopt Resolution.

11.5 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE BODY AND APPENDIX OF THE CITY'S AMENDED LOCAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Resolution No. 2022-104

Adopt Resolution.

**11.6 PROPOSED LEASE AMENDMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE UNITED
STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8064
ALLISON AVENUE AND APPROPRIATING GENERAL FUND
RESERVES TO FUND BROKERAGE COMMISSION FEES RELATED
TO THE LEASE AMENDMENT**

Resolution No. 2022-105

Adopt Resolution.

**11.7 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING FOR CENTRAL ZONE JOINT EMERGENCY
RESPONSES FOR FIRE AND RESCUE RESOURCES**

Resolution No. 2022-106

Adopt Resolution.

11.8 2022-2023 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND
APPROPRIATION OF A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF
TRAFFIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT A LOCAL TRAFFIC SAFETY, DUI
ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS PROGRAM BY APPROVING THE
ADDITION OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
BUDGET**

Resolution No. 2022-107

Adopt Resolution.

**11.9 RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 12.44.130 OF THE LA MESA
MUNICIPAL CODE INSTALLING A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
SPACE AT 4817 71ST STREET**

Resolution No. 2022-108

Adopt Resolution.

11.10 RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 12.52.050 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF A PORTION OF SENECA PLACE BETWEEN JESSIE AVENUE AND POMONA AVENUE TO THREE TONS

Resolution No. 2022-109

Adopt Resolution.

12. STAFF REPORT

12.1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING PHASE 3 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Phase 3 allocations for the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds, highlighting the allocation dates and amounts, the eligibility categories, and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's priority categories. Assistant City Manager Tomaino summarized the Phase 1 and Phase 2 expenditures and reviewed the proposed ARPA Phase 3 expenditures and programs which included a Litter Removal Program, Façade and Property Improvement Grant, municipal recovery, and Boulevard Drive and 69th Street Capital Improvement Project.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Craig Maxwell spoke in support of the proposed Façade and Property Improvement Grant Program.

Ned Swanson spoke regarding the guidelines of the proposed Façade and Property Improvement Grant Program.

Resolution No. 2022-110

Moved By Councilmember Shu

Seconded By Councilmember Lothian

(1) Adopt Resolution approving Phase 3 expenditure recommendations from the City Council American Rescue Plan Act Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The Phase 3 expenditure recommendations were as follows: (a) \$100,000 for a Citywide Litter Removal Program; (b) \$500,000 for a Commercial Façade and Property Improvement Grant Program; (c) \$2,900,000 for recovery of City revenue losses; and (d) \$2,000,000 for the Boulevard Drive and 69th Street Storm Drain Infrastructure Capital Improvement

Project; (2) Approve the proposed Commercial Façade and Property Improvement Program Guidelines substantially in the form included in the staff report as Attachment B; and (3) Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals for a Citywide Litter Removal Program.

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

Approved (5 to 0)

13. 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.

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

There were no reports.

15. CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

City Clerk