

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Vice Mayor Parent; Councilmembers Alessio, Baber, and Weber.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager Garrett; City Attorney Sabine; City Clerk Wiegelman; Assistant City Manager Humora.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER BABER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

Councilmember Weber introduced four representatives from Kenya and Mayor Arapostathis presented them with City of La Mesa mementos.

PRESENTATIONS

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Finance Director Waller-Bullock reported on the national, state and local economic outlook, state budget issues, the performance of the City's General Fund and Proposition L benchmarks for quarter ending December 31, 2018.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings for the quarter ending December 31, 2018.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION WORK PLANS

La Mesa Community Parking Commission Chair Chris Shea presented the Commission's 2019 Work Plan.

Community Services Commission Chair Patrick Dean presented the Commission's 2019 Work Plan.

Community Relations and Veterans Commission Chair Brenda Gibson presented the Commission's 2019 Work Plan.

Traffic Commission Chair Mike Calandra presented the Commission's 2019 Work Plan.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Jack Shu, resident, spoke regarding residents researching a citizens' oversight commission for law enforcement.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

Councilmember Baber announced he had a potential conflict of interest on Consent Calendar Item 4 due to the proximity of his home to Collier Park and would recuse himself for the vote on Item 4.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 4)

Councilmember Baber thanked Chardá Fontenot, La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board Trustee, for her willingness to serve as a representative on the La Mesa Environmental Sustainability Commission.

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

Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

Approved.

3. RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE LA MESA – SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Resolution No. 2019-009 was adopted.

4. REMOVED.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember Weber
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed.

4 RESOLUTION AWARDING TASK ORDER RSD-S2405-01 TO SNIPES-DYE AND ASSOCIATES FOR SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF COLLIER PARK, PHASE 2

Councilmember Baber recused himself for Consent Calendar Item 4 because he has a potential conflict of interest under Government Code Section 87100 due to the proximity of his home to Collier Park. Councilmember Baber left the dais at 6:57 p.m.

Kathleen Brand, resident, spoke regarding the Urban Greening Grant.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the Resolution awarding Task Order RSD-S2405-01 to Snipes-Dye and Associates for specialized professional services for the design of Collier Park, Phase 2.

Vote: 4-0-1

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Alessio, and Councilmember Weber
No: None
Abstained: Councilmember Baber
Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2019-010 was adopted.

Councilmember Baber returned to the dais at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

5. ORDINANCE AMENDING LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE 12.40.060 – STORAGE OF VEHICLES

Lieutenant Stoney explained the purpose of the amendment to La Mesa Municipal Code Section 12.40.060 – Use of Streets for Storage of Vehicles Prohibited and read the title of the Ordinance.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the parking regulations for semi-trucks and semi-truck cabs.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Parent and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance amending Section 12.40.060 of the La Mesa Municipal Code.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember Weber

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING

6. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING TITLE 24 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

Mayor Arapostathis read the title of the Ordinance.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Parent and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance amending Title 24 of the La Mesa Municipal Code to establish provisions for emergency shelters as required by State law.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember Weber

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Ordinance No. 2019-2863 was adopted.

STAFF REPORT

7. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2019 LA MESA COMMUNITY SURVEY

City Manager Garrett provided a brief background on the history of the Community Survey and introduced Dr. Timothy McLarney, President of True North Research, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the purpose, methodology and results of the La Mesa Community Survey study.

A discussion ensued between Council regarding the concerns of the residents, the perception of traffic in La Mesa, resident's interactions with staff, the sample size used for the survey, the selection process for the survey, the data collected, the response rate, the service areas to include in future surveys, the number of years the survey participants have lived in La Mesa, neighborhood watch programs, the margin of error and selection bias of the survey, and the percentage of survey participants who had visited the City website in the past 12 months.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

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.

AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3(d))

There were no reports.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk