

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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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 – VICE MAYOR PARENT**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Paige Hill, Girl Scout Troop 6133, and Farris Hill, Brownie Troop 5857, led the 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.

**ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

Suda House, resident, spoke regarding the City's development process and the approval process of the ADU ordinance.

Diane Osterling, resident, spoke regarding the approval process of the ADU ordinance.

Gene Carpenter, resident, spoke regarding the City's investments and returns and the availability of the City Council meeting videos on the City website.

Bonnie Baranoff, resident, spoke regarding the La Mesa library and the City's 2019 Targets for Action.

Kathleen Brand, resident, spoke regarding the City's 2019 Targets for Action.

Peter Carzis spoke regarding the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market.

Ed Miles, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters representative, spoke regarding hiring responsible contractors that pay a living wage.

Keith Polan, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters representative, spoke regarding hiring responsible contractors that pay a living wage.

John Lancaster, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters representative, spoke regarding hiring responsible contractors that pay a living wage.

## **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 8)

### **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, MARCH 12, 2019**

Approved.

### **3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE RISK LIABILITY FUND RESERVES ACCOUNT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIZED SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR UNEXPECTED LEGAL FEES**

Resolution No. 2019-021 was adopted.

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND**

Resolution No. 2019-022 was adopted.

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

Approved.

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN**

Approved.

**7. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID 19-13, 2018 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO BERT W. SALAS, INC.**

Resolution No. 2019-023 was adopted.

**8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION FROM THE RISK LIABILITY RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THE REMEDIATION OF WATER AND TERMITE DAMAGE AT THE LA MESA COMMUNITY CENTER AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER TO OTERO CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

Resolution No. 2019-024 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**9. REVIEW OF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE LA MESA VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET**

City Manager Garrett provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the actions taken by Council related to the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market, the outreach efforts of staff, the meetings held by staff with the various stakeholders, the concerns of the opposed businesses, the potential new conditions for the Farmers' Market if it were to stay on La Mesa Boulevard, the location options if the Farmers' Market were to be relocated, the days and times of the Farmers'

Markets throughout the San Diego region, the availability of vendors on different days of the week, and the layout of the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the former Civic Center Farmers' Market, the potential new conditions for the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market, and the sales tax revenue for the third quarter of 2018 compared to 2017.

La Mesa Village Association (LMVA) Co-Chair Peter Soutowood discussed the LMVA's support of the conditions presented by staff, the Association's desire to promote the La Mesa Village year round, and the efforts of the LMVA to make the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market work for everyone.

The following members of the audience spoke in opposition of the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market:

Craig Maxwell  
Lupe Marrujo

The following members of the audience spoke in support of the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market:

Brenda Leek  
Rory Laskar  
Jerry Jones  
Peter Soutowood

Vincent Perez, representative of Brian's Farmers' Markets, spoke regarding the revenue of the Farmers' Market and Brian's Farmers' Markets desire to build positive relationships with the businesses, vendors, and community.

Mark Falcione, resident, spoke regarding how to resolve the issues surrounding the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market.

A discussion continued between Council and staff regarding the potential locations for relocating the Farmers' Market, the process for relocating or changing the management of the Farmers' Market, the marketing activities for the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market, the number of people visiting the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market, the removal or reduction of hot food vendors at the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market, the City's investment to increase the walkability of the Downtown Village, the enjoyment the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market brings to the community, the transparency of the Farmers' Market process, the issues associated with changing the day of the Farmers' Market, the efforts made to accommodate all of the Downtown Village businesses, the efforts made to reach a compromise between the various stakeholders, the options presented by staff for the Farmers' Market, the new conditions for the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market that the LMVA agreed to implement, finding new management for the Farmers' Market, the sales tax revenue from the Downtown Village businesses versus the vendors of the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market, and the request for proposals (RFP) process.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Councilmember Baber to direct staff to put out a Request for Proposals for the management and operation of the Farmers' Market and in the interim extend the Special Event Permit for the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market for 4 months without additional conditions.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

Motion passed.

Under discussion, Vice Mayor Parent presented a substitute motion.

**ACTION:** Substitute Motion – Motioned by Vice Mayor Parent and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to extend the Special Event Permit for the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market for one year if the following stipulations are met: (1) invest a portion of the revenues from the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market into marketing activities for the Downtown Village as a whole and report back to Council in 12 months on how the marketing funds were spent; (2) all off-load food vendors must park in the Civic Center parking lot; (3) remove all hot food vendors; (3) provide a parking shuttle; (4) remove banners from the back of the vendor's booths; (5) create short-term passenger drop-off zones; and (6) delay street closure from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Vote:** 2-3

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

Motion failed.

Mayor Arapostathis then called the vote on the original motion.

**10. RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MAINTSTAR, INC. FOR A LAND MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING SOFTWARE SYSTEM AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT**

Community Development Director Kusiak provided an overview of the new permitting software system and implementation project.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the other cities that currently use the permitting software system, the paper free permit process, the capabilities of the permitting software system, how the permitting software system will improve the permit processing time and staff efficiency, and the factors that made MaintStar Inc. stand out in the bidding process.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Parent to adopt the Resolution awarding a Professional Services Contract to MaintStar, Inc. for a land management and permitting software system and implementation project.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2019-025 was adopted.

### **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 8:26 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk