

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 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 Alessio; Councilmembers Baber, McWhirter and Parent.

ABSENT: None.

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

**INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER PARENT**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 7 – 14, 2018 AS ARBOR WEEK**

Mayor Arapostathis presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Leja.

**POLICE CHIEF'S QUARTERLY OPERATION REPORT**

Police Chief Vasquez introduced new Police Department staff members. Chief Vasquez presented the crime statistics for quarter ending December 31, 2017, explained the statistics in the various crime categories, and highlighted recently solved cases. Chief

Vasquez also spoke regarding the number of calls for service received this year, the Department's proactive operations and strategic enforcement, and the Department's involvement in community outreach programs.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

### **COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION WORK PLANS**

Community Relations and Veterans Commission Chair Jay Diaz presented the Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

Environmental Sustainability Commission Vice Chair Stephen Guiland presented the Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

Historical Preservation Commission Chair Ken D'Angelo presented the Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

Planning Commission Chair Jim Newland presented the Commission's 2018 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.

### **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

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

Michael Feinstein spoke regarding a plan to change how the California State Legislature is elected.

Mike, resident, requested that a traffic light be installed at La Mesa Boulevard and Palm Avenue.

Reneé Levin, resident, Lamplighters Community Theater representative, announced that the Lamplighters Community Theater is closing its 80th season with *'Night, Mother* and *Peter and the Star Catcher* and invited everyone to attend.

Brenda Hammond, resident, thanked the La Mesa Police Department.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 6)

#### **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, FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

Approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

Approved.

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR THE GROSSMONT CENTER DRIVE BRIDGE PROJECT; ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED; AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS**

Resolution No. 2018-015 was adopted.

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR THE LA MESA DOWNTOWN VILLAGE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE II; ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED; AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS**

Resolution No. 2018-016 was adopted.

**6. RESOLUTION AWARDED THE PURCHASE OF THREE FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PENSKE FORD**

Resolution No. 2018-017 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Vice Mayor Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 6.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE: SECOND READING**

**7. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF TITLE 24 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE, RECLASSIFYING FROM ZONE R1 TO ZONE R3 THAT PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 7385 COLONY DRIVE PER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Z 17-01**

Assistant City Attorney Lusitana read the title of the Ordinance.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance amending the Zoning Map of Title 24 of the La Mesa Municipal Code, reclassifying from Zone R1 to Zone R3 that property addressed as 7385 Colony Drive per Zoning Ordinance Amendment Z 17-01.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Ordinance No. 2018-2859 was adopted.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

**8. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION**

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Peter D. Charest for appointment to the Community Relations and Veterans Commission.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Alessio to approve the appointment of Peter D. Charest to the Community Relations and Veterans Commission and adopt the resolution confirming the appointment.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-018 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.

## **9. UPDATE FROM THE CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE**

Councilmember Parent provided an overview of the Civic Center Master Plan Subcommittee's tasks which includes assisting in the RFP process for the old police station site and working with staff and Keyser Marston Associates (KMA) to complete a market and financial feasibility analysis. He explained that KMA will be analyzing the project options for the old police station site.

Councilmember Baber stated that the subcommittee has discussed having KMA look at a variety of different projects for the old police station site and civic center site which include a joint public building, an enhanced library, and public park.

City Manager Garrett stated that the Civic Center Master Plan Subcommittee is asking for Council direction on developing four or five scenarios that look at different income mixes at the old police station site, a joint quasi-governmental building for various civic uses, and a library, and authorizing the City Manager to get a cost estimate from KMA and move forward with the feasibility study.

Sharon Smith, resident, spoke in support of including a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan.

Kathleen Brand, resident, spoke in support of including housing and a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan and making the sites pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

Pat Keller, resident, spoke in support of including a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan.

Eileen Schmitz, resident, spoke in support of including a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan.

John Schmitz, resident, spoke in support of including a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan or expanding the current library.

Joyce Purcell, resident, spoke in support of including a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan or expanding the current library.

Mary Ellen Shu, resident, spoke in support of including a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan or expanding the current library.

Janet Castañón, resident, expressed the wishes of the students at Helix Charter High School to include a new library in the Civic Center Master Plan.

A discussion ensued between Council regarding what they would like to see at the civic center site and old police station site, the feasibility study, the timeline for the feasibility study, the timeline for the development of both the old police station site and civic center site, the inclusion of ancillary sites in the feasibility study, and ensuring continued transparency in the civic center master plan process.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Parent to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Keyser Marston Associates for market and financial feasibility studies for the civic center site, old police station site, and ancillary sites.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed.

**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 8:00 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk