

Minutes of an Emergency Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa, California

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

There were no public comments.

EMERGENCY MEETING – OPEN SESSION

1. A. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER’S (“DIRECTOR”) PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO RIOTING AND LOOTING RELATED TO A POLICE PROTEST COMMENCING ON MAY 30, 2020, PURSUANT TO LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE (“LMMC”) SECTION 2.56.060;**

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Resolution.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency concerning rioting and looting related to a police protest commencing on May 30, 2020.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-054 was adopted.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO LMMC SECTION 2.56.060 FOR THE DIRECT PROTECTION AND BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF LA MESA; AND

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Resolution.

City Manager Humora stated a curfew was ordered for all citizens of and visitors to La Mesa commencing May 31, 2020 at 1:30 a.m. and ending at 7:00 a.m. on May 31, 2020.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to adopt the Resolution confirming and ratifying the rules and regulations, as issued by the Director of Emergency and Disaster pursuant to La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.56.060, as a result of rioting and looting related to a police protest commencing on May 30, 2020, for the direct protection and benefit of the citizens of the City of La Mesa.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-055 was adopted.

C. RIOTING AND LOOTING RELATED TO POLICE PROTEST STATUS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER REGARDING SAME

There was no discussion or action taken on Item 1C.

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:11 a.m.

EMERGENCY MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PUBLIC SECURITY THREAT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(a)

The meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m. with all members present.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Arapostathis announced that the City Council unanimously authorized the City Manager/Director of Emergency and Disaster to (1) order a City-wide curfew for all citizens of and visitors to La Mesa commencing on May 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 a.m. on June 1, 2020; (2) temporarily close Allison Avenue between University Avenue and Spring Street; and (3) temporarily close the Civic Center parking lot. Mayor Arapostathis stated the County Emergency Operations Center was activated and the City contacted local, county, and state agencies to assist with mutual aid.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk