



**LA MESA CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

**A Regular Meeting of the City Council via Teleconference**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

**City Council Chambers  
La Mesa City Hall  
8130 Allison Avenue  
La Mesa, California**

**Mark Arapostathis, Mayor  
Jack Shu, Vice Mayor  
Bill Baber, Councilmember  
Colin Parent, Councilmember  
Vacant, Councilmember**

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**ROLL CALL**

**INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER PARENT**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - (TOTAL TIME - 15 MINUTES)**

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the City Council will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

**CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

**BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

**1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND/OR REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO CITY OF LA MESA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Staff Reference: Ms. Wiegelman

Documents:

[ITEM 1.PDF](#)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 2 through 6)

The Consent Calendar includes items considered to be routine. Unless discussion is requested by members of the Council or audience, all Consent Calendar items may be approved by one motion.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE LA MESA CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 22, AND JULY 13, 2021**

Documents:

[ITEM 3.PDF](#)

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE LA MESA CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 22, AND JULY 13, 2021**

Documents:

[ITEM 4.PDF](#)

**5. RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO DILIGENCE, LLC FOR INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Staff Reference: Mr. Tomaino

Documents:

[ITEM 5.PDF](#)

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC. FOR BUILDING DIVISION STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES**

Staff Reference: Mr. Kusiak

Documents:

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**STAFF REPORT**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY (“JUNETEENTH”) AS A PAID HOLIDAY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LA MESA**

Staff recommends the Council provide direction to staff on: (1) whether Juneteenth should be an established paid holiday in the City of La Mesa; (2) if established as a paid holiday, whether Juneteenth should be designated a floating holiday for employees for Calendar Year 2021; and (3) if established as a paid holiday, whether Juneteenth should be designated as a floating holiday for employees, or a closed City holiday (similar to Thanksgiving and Christmas) beginning in Calendar Year 2022.

Staff Reference: Ms. Freeman

Documents:

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**HEARING/ORDINANCE: FIRST READING**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE EXCEPTIONS TO PROVIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS AS PER LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 24.05.040C – PREREQUISITES TO DEVELOPMENT, AND 24.06.040B – PREREQUISITES TO DEVELOPMENT, TO EXCEPT BUILDING ADDITION AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**1,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA OR LESS AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

Staff recommends the Council approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance.

Staff Reference: Mr. Kusiak

Documents:

[ITEM 8.PDF](#)

**HEARING**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN 6TH CYCLE UPDATE**

Staff recommends the Council adopt the Resolution.

Staff Reference: Mr. Kusiak

Documents:

[ITEM 9.PDF](#)

**COUNCIL INITIATED**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTING STAFF TO RETURN THE SIGNAL TIMING OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS THAT WERE REPROGRAMMED TO AUTOMATICALLY DISPLAY THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS BACK TO THEIR PRE-PANDEMIC STATUS – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS AND COUNCILMEMBER BABER**

Documents:

[ITEM 10.PDF](#)

**11. CONSIDERATION OF FORMING A TASK FORCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING AND PROMOTING THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN LA MESA – VICE MAYOR SHU AND COUNCILMEMBER BABER**

Documents:

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**12. CONSIDERATION OF FORMING A TASK FORCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDING A METHOD TO EXPAND THE LA MESA BRANCH OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LIBRARY – VICE MAYOR SHU**

Documents:

[ITEM 12.PDF](#)

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)**

**AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3(D))**

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT