



**LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA**

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission Via Teleconference

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

**Andrew Torpey, Chair
Lauren Cooper, Commissioner
Brianna Coston, Commissioner
Michele Hottel, Commissioner
Jerry Jones, Commissioner
James Newland, Commissioner
Stosh Podeswick, Commissioner**

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Telephone (Audio only)

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Documents:

[ATTACHMENT A.PDF](#)

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL : LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

INVOCATION - COMMISSIONER HOTTEL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Planning Commission 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

HEARINGS

BUSINESS ITEMS (Items 1 Through 3)

- . **1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

Documents:

[051921 MINUTES DRAFT.PDF](#)

- . **2. ASSIGNMENT OF INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- . **3. ASSIGNMENT OF THE READING OF THE PROCEDURAL RULES**

Documents:

[PROCEDURAL RULES PC.PDF](#)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

State of California**ELECTIONS CODE****Section 9**

9. (a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:
- (1) Punctuation is not counted.
 - (2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
 - (3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
 - (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.
 - (5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
 - (6) Dates shall be counted as one word.
 - (7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.
 - (8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
 - (9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.
- (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 697, Sec. 3. (SB 1253) Effective January 1, 2015.)



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on May 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., on the Bulletin Board next to the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

Planning Commission members present were Chairman Torpey, Commissioners Cooper, Coston, Hottel, Jones, and Newland. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

Staff members present were Community Development Director Kerry Kusiak, Assistant Community Development Director Matthew Feske, and Contract Planner Emery Papp.

Call Meeting to Order

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Vice Chair Hottel

Deletions from the Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions to the next Agenda

None.

Public Comment (non-agenda items) – None.

Note: In accordance with State Law, an item not scheduled on the Agenda may be brought forward by the general public for discussion; however, the Commission will not be able to take any action at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda.

Procedural Rules for Conduct of Hearings – Chair Torpey

Hearings – None.

Business
(Items 1-3)

1. Request for a Measure U Cannabis Manufacturing Facility (2018-05/cup 18-03) located at 5170 Guild Street

Mr. Papp presented the staff report.

Those in favor:

- Rakesh Goyal – Applicant
- Abhay Schweitzer – Techne

Those in opposition: None.

The Commissioners discussed the project.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 and the conditions listed therein. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

2. Approval of the May 5, 2021 minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Coston seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Commissioner Podeswik was absent.

3. Assignment of the Invocation and Procedural Rules

Commissioner Coston will give the Invocation and Commissioner Jones will read the Procedural Rules at the next meeting

Informational Items

Mr. Kusiak thanked the Commissioners for their dedication. He noted that there would be a June 2nd meeting.

Mr. Kusiak also mentioned that there would be a Community Meeting regarding the Spring Street/Amaya Drive Light Rail Transit Station Development project. The Community will be encouraged to provide input. More details will be forthcoming. The Feasibility Study for the project will wrap up the first of next year.

Commissioner Newland mentioned that the upcoming La Mesa Historical Society newsletter will include interesting information regarding the naming of MacArthur Park and new information regarding the Helix Movie Theater.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator

EXHIBIT A

PROCEDURAL RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Hearings before the La Mesa Planning Commission will be conducted in general conformance with the following procedural rules:

Step 1: The Chair will announce the matter to be considered and whether or not a staff report thereon was furnished to the Commission.

Step 2: A staff representative may be called upon by the Chair to describe the issue and give synopsis of the staff report and recommendation, if any

Step 3: The Chair will announce the order in which testimony will be received by the Planning Commission and give general directions as to presentation of testimony.

Step 4: Statements in support of the matter may be presented.

Step 5: Statements in opposition to the matter may be presented.

Step 6: Rebuttal may be permitted at the option of the Chair.

Step 7: Issues before the Commission may be clarified by members of the Commission.

Step 8: The hearing may be either closed or continued (no further testimony from the audience will be permitted after closing of the hearing).

Step 9: After the closing of the hearing, the Commission will do one or more of the following:

- a) Move to act on the issue before it, followed by discussion and deliberation, then voting on the motion; or
- b) Re-open the hearing with or without further discussion; or
- c) Re-open the hearing and continue it to a date certain; or
- d) Postpone the decision to a date certain as provided by law.