

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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 Baber; Councilmembers Alessio, Parent, and Weber.

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Humora stated the City was closely monitoring the outbreak of the Coronavirus with San Diego County public health officials and encouraged residents to stay informed and take precautions. City Manager Humora said residents could stay informed by visiting the county’s website at Coronavirus-SD.com or calling 211.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION FROM ALVARADO HOSPITAL ON MEETING THE GROWING HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

Robin Gomez, Alvarado Hospital Medical Center CEO, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Alvarado Hospital Medical Center’s request for a base station designation from the County of San Diego to help meet the growing health care needs of

the community. Robin Gomez, Alvarado Hospital Medical Center CEO, provided information on Alvarado Hospital Medical Center and explained the growing health care needs of East County and the need for and purpose of a base station at Alvarado Hospital Medical Center.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorenzo Higley, Community Action Service and Advocacy (CASA), announced CASA and La Mesa Conversations would be hosting a town hall on Thursday, March 12, 2020 in the La Mesa Police Department Community Room from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the newly adopted amendments to the City's smoking ordinance.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Paloma Fallica for appointment to the Youth Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to approve the appointment of Paloma Fallica to the Youth Advisory Commission and adopt the resolution confirming the appointment.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-022 was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 2 through 7)

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

Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Approved.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Approved.

5. RESOLUTION AWARDING AN RFP 20-20 FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S BROADCAST AND AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS TO LIGHTWERKS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC. AND APPROPRIATION OF UNENCUMBERED PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET

Resolution No. 2020-023 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONVEYANCE AND PUMP STATION RELOCATION AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY PUMP STATION PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO NEBO DRIVE

Resolution No. 2020-024 was adopted.

7. RESOLUTION GRANTING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT TO HELIX WATER DISTRICT OVER A PORTION OF WASHINGTON STREET AT HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK

Resolution No. 2020-025 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 7.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT

8. REPORT ON ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Community Development Director Kusiak provided a PowerPoint presentation on accessory dwelling unit (ADU) development activity highlighting the related State laws, La Mesa regulations, ADU activity since 1981, application and permit fees, and the location of ADUs throughout the City.

Council questions and comments ensued.

The following members of the public spoke in support of ADUs and JADUs:

Barrett Tetlow, resident
David Harris, resident
Angela Deegan, resident
Richard D'Ascoli, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors representative

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

HEARING/ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

9. A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 24 (ZONING) OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65852.2

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 24 (ZONING) OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (JADU) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65852.22

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and at the time specified in the notice.

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the ADU Ordinance.

Community Development Director Kusiak provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed amendments to the ADU and JADU ordinances to comply with the updated State laws.

Council questions and comments ensued.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the proposed Ordinances:

Barrett Tetlow, resident
Lynn O'Shaughnessy, resident
Michael McSweeney, Building Industry Association representative
Michele Hottel, resident
Tracy Hollingworth, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors representative
Rebecca Rude
Robert Calloway, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors representative
Ryan and Heather Maxson, residents

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to close the hearing since there was no one else in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to (1) find the proposed amendments consistent with the General Plan; and (2) approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance adopting amendments to Title 24 (Zoning) of the La Mesa Municipal Code for the development of accessory dwelling units (ADU) in accordance with California Government Code Section 65852.2.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the JADU Ordinance.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to (1) find the proposed amendments consistent with the General Plan; and (2) approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance adopting amendments to Title 24 (Zoning) of the La Mesa Municipal Code for the development of junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) in accordance with California Government Code Section 65852.22.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

HEARINGS

10. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LICENSE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE CO-LOCATION OF COMMERCIAL ADULT-USE CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITH MEDICINAL CANNABIS BUSINESSES APPROVED UNDER MEASURE U AS AUTHORIZED BY LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 6.11.080

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and at the time specified in the notice.

Community Development Director Kusiak provided a PowerPoint presentation on the application review process and the proposed license application fee for co-location of commercial adult-use cannabis businesses with approved Measure U medicinal cannabis businesses.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Gina Austin spoke on the state's involvement in the approval process and in support of the resolution.

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to close the hearing since there was no one else in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution establishing a license application fee for the application and licensing process for co-location of commercial adult-use cannabis businesses with approved Measure U medicinal cannabis facilities in the amount of \$4,383 to recover the full cost of the license application review and approval process.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-026 was adopted.

11. REVIEW OF PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF FIVE-YEAR GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, CONSIDERATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FUNDED ACTIVITIES

Notice of the hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and at the time specified in the notice.

Senior Planner Kinnard provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirements for the allocation of funds, the ten-year CDBG allocation history, the 2015-2020 CDBG priorities, the 2015-2020 CDBG performance and projects, the Consolidated Plan planning process and community outreach efforts, the community survey results, the proposed 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan goals, the proposed 2020-2025 allocation of funds, and the amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to close the hearing since there was no one in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 4-0-1

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

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to direct staff to develop the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, and the Citizen Participation Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded activities and return to Council on April 28, 2020, for final review and approval.

Vote: 4-0-1

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

Motion passed.

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.

COUNCIL INITIATED

12. A. CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTENSION OF PROPOSITION L FOR 10 YEARS WITHOUT ANY CHANGE TO THE RATE OF TAXATION; AND

B. CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A CITIZENS OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR REVIEW OF PROPOSITION L REVENUE AND SPENDING – VICE MAYOR BABER AND COUNCILMEMBER PARENT

Vice Mayor Baber proposed the creation of an ad hoc subcommittee to discuss an extension of Proposition L for 10 years and explained the purpose for considering the creation of a citizens' oversight board for review of Proposition L revenue and spending.

Jerry Jones, resident, spoke regarding Council's consideration of extending Proposition L well in advance of Proposition L expiring and recommended the Council look into ways to improve the forecasted budgets of the years preceding the expiration of Proposition L.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Parent to (1) establish an ad hoc subcommittee comprising of Vice Mayor Baber and Councilmember Parent for the purpose of reviewing and discussing with staff the extension of Proposition L for 10 years; and (2) approve the creation of a Citizens' Oversight Board to review Proposition L revenue and spending.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Sabine provided an update on the property located at 7615 El Cajon Boulevard.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting in memory of La Mesa resident John Scharpf, a 20-year teaching veteran whose legacy lives on in his children and every student and teacher he influenced.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk

Prepared by Piper Richards-Crawford
Deputy City Clerk

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