

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
City 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 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 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER WEBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

There were no reports.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Humora provided an update on the rules and regulations issued by the City in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and summarized the latest health order changes from the State of California and County of San Diego.

City Manager Humora announced a new Finance Director had been hired and thanked Interim Finance Director Waller-Bullock for her many years of service and for postponing her retirement until a new Finance Director was hired.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAIMING JULY 2020 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Mayor Arapostathis read the Proclamation proclaiming July 2020 as Parks and Recreation Month.

PRESENTATION BY CLIMATE ACTION CAMPAIGN ON THE SAN DIEGO REGION CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REPORT CARD

Maleeka Marsden, Co-Director of Policy for Climate Action Campaign, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the San Diego Region Climate Action Plan Report Card highlighting the grading criteria and areas in which La Mesa excelled and needed improvement. Maleeka Marsden, Co-Director of Policy for Climate Action Campaign, stated La Mesa had received a silver medal designation for its Climate Action Plan.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION ON THE AUGUST 5, 2020 COMMUNITY CONSERVATION EVENT FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION – Chair Loorya

Community Relations and Veterans Commission Chair Loorya stated the Commission had considered ways to help the community heal from the pandemic and recent events that occurred in the community. Chair Loorya said the Commission would like to hold a series of community conversations led by a professional facilitator with panelists that have both local ties and expertise in their fields. Chair Loorya announced the first community conversation would be on inclusivity. Chair Loorya requested the Council approve an appropriation of \$2,000 to fund the series of community conversations.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the appropriation of \$2,000 to fund the Community Relations and Veterans Commission's series of community conversations.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Humora stated Item 7 would be continued to the City Council Regular meeting of July 28, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

City Clerk Wiegelman and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Mackey read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Kasey Zahner submitted a comment in support of a town hall meeting and regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board and the status of the incidents involving Amaurie Johnson and Leslie Furcron.

Mikaela Smith submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board.

Demetrius Antuna and Family submitted a comment regarding the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department.

Vinton Omaleki submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board.

Kevin Mendez submitted a comment regarding the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department.

Tylor DeLise submitted a comment regarding the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department and defunding the La Mesa Police Department.

Melissa Walter submitted a comment regarding the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department.

Kristen Miller submitted a comment regarding her conflict with the La Mesa Spring Valley School District.

Missy Solis submitted a comment regarding the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department, reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget, and the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board.

Nicole Chenelle submitted a comment in support of a town hall meeting and regarding the formation of a Citizen Police Oversight Board and reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget.

Emily Green submitted a comment regarding a Facebook post by Councilmember Alessio.

Sasha Jonestein submitted a comment regarding police reform, reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget, and government accountability and transparency.

Heide Oberg submitted a comment regarding the proposed independent Citizen Police Oversight Board and reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget.

Emily Green submitted a comment regarding the membership and functionality of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board and reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget.

Patricia Harris submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board and the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department.

Mary Jane Fay submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board.

Gayle Neville submitted a comment regarding reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget.

Meegan Nolan submitted a comment in support of a town hall meeting and regarding the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department.

Jessyka Heredia submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board, reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget, the status of the incidents involving Amaurie Johnson and Leslie Furcron, and in support of a town hall meeting.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board, the status of the incidents involving Amaurie Johnson and Leslie Furcron, and in support of a town hall meeting.

Cheri Robertson submitted a comment regarding the membership and functionality of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board.

Matt Jenkins submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board.

Sarah Young submitted a comment in support of a Citizen Police Oversight Board.

John Harris submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed Citizen Police Oversight Board and the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. ANNUAL INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR OPENINGS ON THE CITY'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process. City Clerk Wiegelman stated that Chris Cather, Emon Perrin, Marcia Tolin and Bo Willsey were not able to attend the City Council

meeting due to prior commitments and had provided written statements expressing their interest in being considered for appointment or reappointment to a Commission or Board.

The following applicants spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed:

Andrea Britland
Alan "Rich" Gann
Puett Willcox
Natalie Clark Addelson
Matthew Bohan
Mariko Nakawatase
Ginger Radenheimer
Christopher Langdon
Eugenie Budnik
Brianna Coston
Stephen Grooms
Karen Hill
Jean Guillaume-Lonjaret
Richard Williams
Carmen Pauli
Gaetano "Tony" Gaipa
Peter Gregorovic
Matthew Jenkins
Michael Agajeenian
Crystal Arnote
Ryan Fallica
Jerry Jones
Polly Kanavel
Andrew Torpey
Ray McEdward
Tony Ortega

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 2 through 6)

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, JUNE 9, 2020

Approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING, AND CITY OF LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

Approved.

5. **RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVENUE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT FOR SEWER LATERAL AND BACKWATER VALVE REIMBURSEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION WITH A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$150,000**

Resolution No. 2020-073 was adopted.

6. A. **RESOLUTION APPROVING A TASK ORDER TO HELIX ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, INC. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SERVICES FOR PARKWAY DRIVE AND ALVARADO ROAD TRUNK SEWER PHASE 3 UPGRADE PROJECT; AND**

Resolution No. 2020-074 was adopted.

- B. **RESOLUTION APPROVING A TASK ORDER TO GEOCON, INC. TO PROVIDE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PARKWAY DRIVE AND ALVARADO ROAD TRUNK SEWER PHASE 3 UPGRADE PROJECT**

Resolution No. 2020-075 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 6.

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

7. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REPORT WITH THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO BE COLLECTED ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ROLL AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE RESOLUTION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AUDITOR**

This item was continued to the City Council Regular meeting of July 28, 2020.

HEARING

8. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LA MESA, ACCEPTING SAID GRANT IF AWARDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

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.

Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing for Item 8.

Senior Management Analyst Dedmon provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program highlighting the eligibility, timeline, and requirements of the PLHA Program and the proposed use of the PLHA funding.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Meegan Nolan spoke in support of submitting the grant application to the PLHA Program.

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Bonnie Baranoff submitted a comment in support of submitting the grant application to the PLHA Program for funding to provide services to the homeless and other vulnerable populations.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to close the hearing since there were no more members of the public 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 Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the Resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program for funding to provide homeless services in the City of La Mesa, accepting said grant if awarded and appropriating funds for the project.

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. 2020-076 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.

AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3(d))

There were no reports.

COUNCIL INITIATED

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING HOLDING A TOWN HALL MEETING CONCERNING THE EVENTS OF MAY 30, 2020 – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS AND COUNCILMEMBER WEBER

Mayor Arapostathis requested the Council consider directing staff to plan a town hall meeting in order to listen to the thoughts, recommendations, and concerns of the community regarding the events of May 30, 2020.

Councilmember Weber requested that staff provide information at the town hall meeting regarding the investigation process and timetable for disclosing information for events such as those that occurred on May 30, 2020.

John Moore spoke regarding the events of May 30, 2020.

Jack Shu spoke in support of a town hall meeting and suggested it be held at Harry Griffen Park Outdoor Theater.

City Clerk Wiegelman and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Mackey read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Cheri Robertson submitted a comment regarding the recent actions of the La Mesa Police Department and reallocating the La Mesa Police Department budget.

The following members of the public submitted a comment in support of a town hall meeting:

Sarah Young
Matt Jenkins
Heide Oberg
Rebecca Antuna
Demetrius Antuna
Shaunda Jacobson
Jeffrey Jacobson
Patricia Harris
John Harris
Mikaela Smith
Missy Solis

Vinton Omaleki
Mary Jane Fay
Melissa Walter
Emily Green
Kelly Ryan
Sasha Jonestein
Rebecca Littlejohn
Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to direct staff to bring back for Council consideration at the July 28, 2020 Council meeting a proposal for holding a town hall meeting that includes the platform to be used, the format, date, and time.

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

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Piper Richards-Crawford, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
City 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 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 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER WEBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Humora provided an update on the rules and regulations issued by the City in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and summarized the latest health order changes from the State of California and County of San Diego.

City Manager Humora provided an update on the La Mesa Police Department Grossmont Trolley incident.

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

REPORT FROM THE CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE (TASK FORCE) ON THE DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE LA MESA COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD (CPOB) AND REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TASK FORCE UNTIL THE CPOB IS FULLY FUNCTIONING – Chair McRae

Chair McRae reviewed the draft proposal for the La Mesa Community Police Oversight Board and explained the purpose for the request to extend the Task Force until the CPOB was fully functioning.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

City Clerk Wiegelman and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Mackey read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

John Bucher submitted a comment regarding an independent CPOB.

Matthew Jenkins submitted a comment regarding actions of the La Mesa Police Department (LMPD).

David Myers submitted a comment regarding an independent CPOB.

Jennifer Grigg submitted a comment regarding data privacy, holding a town hall meeting, and City communications.

Natalie Rothell submitted a comment regarding an independent CPOB, government transparency, and de-escalation training.

Melissa Walter submitted a comment regarding government transparency and an independent CPOB.

Ashton submitted a comment regarding an independent CPOB.

Nora Kearney Johnson and Leroy Johnson submitted a comment regarding an independent CPOB.

Mike Dawson submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD and an independent CPOB.

Cheri Robertson submitted a comment regarding an independent CPOB and actions of the LMPD.

Marc Weiswasser submitted a comment in support of the LMPD.

Emily Green submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD and reallocating the LMPD budget.

Antarpreet Kaur submitted a comment regarding reallocating the LMPD budget.

Demetrius and Rebecca Antuna submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD and denouncing all vigilante groups.

Lawrence Martinez submitted a comment in support of the LMPD.

Richard Hammett submitted a comment regarding concerns over the Task Force proposal for a CPOB with an investigation-focused model of civilian oversight of law enforcement.

Jessica Stephens submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD and reallocating the LMPD budget.

Missy Solis submitted a comment regarding a CPOB, actions of the LMPD, and accountability.

Brian Long submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD and reallocating the LMPD budget.

Rebecca Littlejohn submitted a comment regarding LMPD communications and actions of the LMPD.

G.E. Vogt submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD and demilitarizing the LMPD.

Kasey Zahner submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD, trust and accountability, the membership of the proposed CPOB, and denouncing all vigilante groups.

Art Fusco submitted a comment regarding the membership of the proposed CPOB and actions of the LMPD.

Sarah Young submitted a comment regarding denouncing vigilante groups.

Trevor Rinzler submitted a comment regarding demilitarizing the LMPD and actions of the LMPD.

Edward Perry submitted a comment regarding transparency in the City's budget, denouncing violence, acknowledgement of the people's right to organize, and the implementation of a volunteer program that allows for intergenerational and multicultural growth opportunities.

Kristen Miller submitted a comment regarding her conflict with the La Mesa Spring Valley School District.

Meegan Nolan submitted a comment regarding actions of the LMPD.

Sasha Fitzpatrick submitted a comment regarding demilitarizing the LMPD and actions of the LMPD.

Vinton Omaleki submitted a comment in support of the proposed CPOB and regarding the membership of the proposed CPOB.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR TWO UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process and stated that Kathie Taylor and Richard Nasif were not able to attend the City Council meeting due to prior commitments. City Clerk Wiegelman said they had provided written statements expressing their interest in being considered for appointment to the Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force.

The following applicants spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed:

Patricia Harris
Aaron Landau
Satomi Rash-Zeigler
Andy Trimlett

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointments would be made at the August 11th City Council meeting.

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

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

Mayor Arapostathis nominated the following individuals for appointment or reappointment to the various City Boards and Commissions:

Community Relations and Veterans Commission

Andrea Britland
Alan "Rich" Gann
Emon Perrin

Design Review Board

Christopher Langdon

Environmental Sustainability Commission

Eugenie Budnik
Stephen Grooms
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret
Richard Williams

Historic Preservation Commission

Crystal Arnote
Carmen Pauli

La Mesa Community Parking Commission

Gaetano "Tony" Gaipa
Melissa McCune

Personnel Appeals Board

Peter Gregorovic
Tony Orlando
Jocelyn Watkins

Traffic and Mobility Commission

Alex Mueller
Tony Ortega

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Baber to approve (1) the reappointment of Alan "Rich" Gann and the appointment of Andrea Britland and Emon Perrin to the Community Relations and Veterans Commission; (2) the reappointment of Christopher Langdon to the Design Review Board; (3) the reappointment of Stephen Grooms, Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret, and Richard Williams and the appointment of Eugenie Budnik to the Environmental Sustainability Commission; (4) the reappointment of Carmen Pauli and the appointment of Crystal Arnote to the Historic Preservation Commission; (5) the reappointment of Melissa McCune and appointment of Gaetano "Tony" Gaipa to the La Mesa Community Parking Commission; (6) the reappointment of Peter Gregorovic and Tony Orlando and appointment of Jocelyn Watkins to the Personnel Appeals Board; (7) the reappointment of Tony Ortega and appointment of Alex Mueller to the Traffic and Mobility Commission; and (8) adopt the Resolution confirming the appointments.

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. 2020-077 was adopted.

City Clerk Wiegelman explained the nomination process for the Community Services Commission and Planning Commission.

The Council began the open nomination process for two positions on the Community Services Commission.

City Clerk Wiegelman announced the nominations as follows:

Round 1:

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Ginger Radenheimer and Matthew Bohan.
Vice Mayor Baber nominated Ginger Radenheimer and Matthew Bohan.
Councilmember Alessio nominated Ginger Radenheimer and Mariko Nakawatase.
Councilmember Parent nominated Ryan Fallica and Mariko Nakawatase.
Councilmember Weber nominated Natalie Clark Addleson and Matthew Bohan.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the reappointment of Ginger Radenheimer and the appointment of Matthew Bohan to the Community Services 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. 2020-077 was adopted.

The Council began the open nomination process for two positions on the Planning Commission.

City Clerk Wiegelman announced the nominations as follows:

Round 1:

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Polly Kanavel and Andrew Torpey.
Vice Mayor Baber nominated Andrew Torpey and Jerry Jones.
Councilmember Alessio nominated Andrew Torpey and Jerry Jones.
Councilmember Parent nominated Andrew Torpey and Ryan Fallica.
Councilmember Weber nominated Polly Kanavel and Andrew Torpey.

City Clerk Wiegelman asked the Mayor and Council to select Jerry Jones or Polly Kanavel for Round 2 of the nomination process.

Round 2:

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Polly Kanavel.
Vice Mayor Baber nominated Jerry Jones.
Councilmember Alessio nominated Jerry Jones.
Councilmember Parent nominated Jerry Jones.
Councilmember Weber nominated Polly Kanavel.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to approve the reappointment of Andrew Torpey and the appointment of Jerry Jones to the Planning 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. 2020-077 was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 3 through 7)

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

Approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020

Approved.

5. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Resolution No. 2020-078 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION AWARDED BID 19-19 RENEWAL OPTION 1, TYPE B ASPHALT CONCRETE, TO SUPERIOR READY MIX CONCRETE AND CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL ASPHALT

Resolution No. 2020-079 was adopted.

7. RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC (SDG&E) FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES OVER A PUBLIC PROPERTY AT 8065 LA MESA BOULEVARD

Resolution No. 2020-080 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 3 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.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

8. LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE ANNUAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 7 THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 2020, IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to designate Vice Mayor Baber as the voting delegate and Councilmember Alessio as the alternate voting delegate for the Annual League Conference.

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

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-2020 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2020 AS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PURSUANT TO LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.56.060 FOR THE DIRECT PROTECTION AND BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF LA MESA

Mayor Arapostathis read the title of the Resolution.

City Manager Humora reviewed the actions included in Executive Order No. 3-2020 and Executive Order No. 4-2020.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to adopt the Resolution confirming and ratifying the rules and regulations included in Executive Order No. 3-2020 and Executive Order No. 4-2020 as issued by the Director of Emergency and Disaster pursuant to La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.56.060 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, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Weber
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-081 was adopted.

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING CORONAVIRUS AID RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (“CARES”) ACT GRANT FUNDING TOTALING \$1,061,700 FROM THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO FUND ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

City Manager Tomaino provided a PowerPoint presentation on the CARES Act, eligible uses of the CARES Act Grant funding, the allocation of the County of San Diego’s CARES Act Grant funds, and the City’s proposed expenditure plan for the County of San Diego’s CARES Act Grant funds.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to adopt the Resolution accepting and appropriating Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act Grant funding totaling \$1,061,700 from the County of San Diego to fund eligible expenditures.

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. 2020-082 was adopted.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING CORONAVIRUS AID RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (“CARES”) ACT GRANT FUNDING TOTALING \$748,408 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO FUND ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

City Manager Tomaino provided a PowerPoint presentation on the allocation of the State’s CARES Act Grant funds and the City’s proposed expenditure plan for the State’s CARES Act Grant funds.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to adopt the Resolution accepting and appropriating Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act Grant funding totaling \$748,408 from the State of California to fund eligible expenditures.

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Substitute Motion - Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Weber to (1) adopt the Resolution accepting and appropriating Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act Grant funding totaling \$748,408 from the State of California to fund eligible expenditures; (2) allocate \$374,204 of the State’s CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program and \$374,204 to a renters assistance program; and (3) direct staff to bring back for Council consideration at the August 11, 2020 Council meeting a draft proposal for a renters assistance program. – WITHDRAWN

Council questions and comments continued.

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Mary England submitted a comment in support of allocating the State’s CARES Act Grant funding to local businesses.

Councilmember Alessio stated she would be voting no on the substitute motion because she did not support any potential reduction of the CARES Act Grant funds allocated to small businesses.

ACTION: Substitute Motion - Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to (1) adopt the Resolution accepting and appropriating Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act Grant funding totaling \$748,408 from the State of California to fund eligible expenditures; (2) direct staff to bring back for Council consideration at the August 11, 2020 Council meeting a draft expenditure plan for the CARES Act Grant funds from the County of San Diego and State of California that allocates funds to City services, a business assistance program, and a renters assistance program.

Vote: 3-2

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

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-083 was adopted.

12. DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED TOWN HALL MEETING REGARDING THE EVENTS OF MAY 30, 2020

City Manager Tomaino provided a PowerPoint presentation on the platform, format, date, and public participation options for the proposed town hall meeting.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment providing recommendations for the proposed town hall meeting.

Lauren Gillihan submitted a comment regarding the issues to discuss at the proposed town hall meeting.

Melissa Walter submitted a comment in support of the proposed town hall meeting.

Matt Jenkins submitted a comment providing recommendations for the proposed town hall meeting.

Jenna Sweeney submitted a comment providing recommendations for the proposed town hall meeting.

Emily Green submitted a comment requesting the format of the proposed town hall meeting include live questions and answers.

The Antuna family submitted a comment providing recommendations for the proposed town hall meeting.

Rebecca Littlejohn submitted a comment regarding holding more than a one-time town hall meeting.

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to (1) hold the town hall meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2020 via Zoom and allow public participation by way of email, Zoom, and in-person; and (2) direct staff to include relevant information and materials regarding the events of May 30th in the agenda packet and proactively inform the public on what the City may and may not disclose at the town hall meeting.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

HEARING

13. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REPORT WITH THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO BE COLLECTED ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ROLL AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE RESOLUTION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AUDITOR**

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.

Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing for Item 13.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Firsh explained the process to place sewer service charges on the property tax bills and the City's customer outreach efforts.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to close the hearing since there were no members of the public 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 Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to adopt the Resolution confirming the report with the final determination of sewer service charges for Fiscal Year 2021 to be collected on the County property tax roll and directing the City Clerk to forward a certified copy of the Resolution, together with a copy of the report to the Office of the San Diego County Auditor.

Vote: 4-1

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

No: Vice Mayor Baber

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-084 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.

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 8:59 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk

DRAFT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
City 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 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 Weber; Councilmembers Alessio, Baber, and Parent.

ABSENT: None.

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

ANNUAL ROTATION OF THE VICE MAYOR

Mayor Arapostathis thanked Councilmember Baber for his service as Vice Mayor and announced Councilmember Weber would be the next Vice Mayor.

INVOCATION – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Humora provided an update on the rules and regulations issued by the City in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and summarized the latest health order changes from the State of California and County of San Diego.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

REPORT FROM THE CITIZEN TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION – Chair Baranoff

Chair Baranoff provided a PowerPoint presentation on La Mesa's homelessness situation, the homeless population, the recommended program areas, the recommended strategic goals and initiatives related to homelessness, and the recommendations to address homelessness.

Council questions and comments ensued.

City Clerk Wiegelman and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Mackey read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

The following members of the public submitted comments in support of the recommendations of the Citizen Task Force on Homelessness to address homelessness in La Mesa:

Christian DeMent
Mike Williams
Rebecca Littlejohn
Rosa Alcaraz
Stephanie Murphy
Suellen Treadwell
Megan Dunn
Dave Myers
Bob Collins
La Mesa First United Methodist Church
Mary Kate Miller
Mari Paul
Linda Niwinski
Sharon Smith

Christopher Glenn submitted a comment regarding the impact the shortened timeline for the 2020 Census count would have on the homeless population.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to (1) receive and file the report from the Citizen Task Force on Homelessness (Task Force); and (2) direct staff to return to Council before January 1, 2021 with an action plan to implement the recommendations of the Task Force to address homelessness in the City of La Mesa.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Finance Director Royales reported on the national, state and local economic outlook, state budget issues, the performance of the City's General Fund, and Proposition L benchmarks for quarter ending June 30, 2020.

CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings and the status of the investment portfolio for the quarter ending June 30, 2020.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

City Clerk Wiegelman and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Mackey read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Angela Burke submitted a comment regarding the allocation of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act Grant funding, the August 1st protest, and the training curriculum for La Mesa police officers.

Kristen Miller submitted a comment regarding her conflict with the La Mesa Spring Valley School District.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment regarding the allocation of the CARES Act Grant funding, La Mesa Police Department (LMPD) demographic data, and the August 1st protest.

Marie McLaughlin submitted a comment regarding the events of May 30, 2020.

Cheri Robertson submitted a comment regarding the August 1st protest and the actions of the LMPD.

Matthew Jenkins submitted a comment regarding the August 1st protest and the actions of the LMPD.

The Antuna Family submitted a comment regarding the August 1st protest and denouncing vigilante groups.

Melissa Walter submitted a comment regarding the actions of the LMPD and creating a better La Mesa.

Eloisa Stafford submitted a comment regarding the COVID-19 related health orders from the State of California and County of San Diego.

An unidentified individual submitted a comment regarding the process to file a police report with the LMPD and the actions of the LMPD.

Emily Green submitted a comment regarding LMPD data, the August 1st protest, and the allocation of the CARES Act Grant funding.

Teri Andre submitted a comment regarding the actions of the LMPD, accountability, and change.

Irene Brookfield submitted a comment thanking City leaders, the LMPD, the Sheriff's Department, and neighboring Police Departments for keeping La Mesa safe.

Stacia Weisbach submitted a comment regarding Kristen Miller's conflict with the La Mesa Spring Valley School District.

Jennifer Grigg submitted a comment regarding the need for direct and transformative reform in La Mesa.

Louis Barnett submitted a comment regarding visiting La Mesa.

Jessica H. submitted a comment regarding the actions of the LMPD and the August 1st protest.

Kasey Zahner submitted a comment regarding the efforts of the Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force, denouncing vigilante groups, and the allocation of the CARES Act Grant funding.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 6)

Administrative Coordinator Hartman-Salazar read aloud the written statement card submitted by Jeff McGreevy for Item 4 in support of approving the Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FY19 State Homeland Security Grant Program Grant of \$47,519 for terrorism preparedness.

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

Approved.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LA MESA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Approved.

3. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR USE OF PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM FUNDING TO PROVIDE HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LA MESA

Resolution No. 2020-086 was adopted.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY19 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) GRANT OF \$47,519 FOR TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

Resolution No. 2020-087 was adopted.

5. A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO; AND

Resolution No. 2020-088 was adopted.

B. RESOLUTION APPROVING A TASK ORDER TO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING CORPORATION TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S MID-CITY PROJECT PHASE 2

Resolution No. 2020-089 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR BID NO. 20-21, UNIVERSITY AVENUE CORRIDOR – BIKE NETWORK AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS TO MIRAMAR GENERAL ENGINEERING

Resolution No. 2020-090 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 6.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF RFP 21-03 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AFTER-ACTION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES RELATED TO THE EVENTS OF MAY 30, 2020 TO HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

City Manager Tomaino provided a PowerPoint presentation on the request for proposals (RFP) process, Hillard Heintze's background and experience, the services to be performed by Hillard Heintze, the project timeline, and the cost schedule.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the Resolution awarding a contract to Hillard Heintze, LLC to prepare an After Action Report and Policy Review of the events that occurred on May 30, 2020 and appropriating sufficient funds for the project.

Vote: 5-0

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

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-091 was adopted.

8. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CORONAVIRUS AID RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ("CARES") ACT STATE AND COUNTY EXPENDITURE ALLOCATIONS

City Manager Tomaino provided a PowerPoint presentation on the State and County CARES Act Grant funding deadlines, the CARES Act funding goals, the proposed allocation of the State and County CARES Act Grant funding, the proposed rental assistance program, the proposed business assistance program, and the proposed cost recovery for City expenditures related to COVID-19.

Council questions and comments ensued.

City Clerk Wiegelman and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Mackey read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

The following members of the public submitted a form correspondence of identical content in support of allocating \$748,408 of the CARES Act Grant funding for a business assistance program:

Angela Olivo
Athena Hernandez

Autumn Stoff
Beatrix Farhat
Beverly Mascari
Brea Garrison
David Smyle
Debbie Hilterbrandt
Deborah Wermers
Diana Silvas
Elizabeth Ranta
Gabriel Hernandez
Gloria Carrillo
Greg Melvin
Heidi Pigeon
Ida Postyan
Joe Paraiso
John Huey
Kathy Wackrow
Kerrie-Ann Stidum
Kristie Facto
Linda Hayes
Marsella Stadille
Marie McLaughlin
Mary Arellan
Mary Jane Bailey
Michelle Huey
Nancy J. Smith
Paul S. Adams
Peggy Toby
Unidentified individual
Praba and Nadia
Scott Favero
Steve Browne
Unidentified individual
Audrey Clements

Bonnie Kane submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Linda McWilliams submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Brad Boswell submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Mary England submitted a comment in support of allocating a significant portion of the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program.

Aaron Amerling submitted a comment in support of allocating a portion of the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Len Steinbarth submitted a comment in support of allocating a significant portion of the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Cathie Ticknor submitted a comment in support of allocating a significant portion of the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Lois Knowlton submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a rental assistance program, business assistance program, and City expenses related to COVID-19.

Chris Ryan Miller submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Marcia Tolin submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Craig Maxwell submitted a comment in support of allocating CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Meegan Nolan submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a rental assistance program, business assistance program, and City expenses related to COVID-19.

Demetrius and Rebecca Antuna submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to rental and business assistance programs.

Melissa Walter submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to rental and business assistance programs.

Dena Shamoo submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Emily Alessio submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Stephanie Saathoff submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Karen Gordon submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

LaDreda Lewis submitted a comment in support of allocating a significant portion of the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Karen Maxwell submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Jeane Petree submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Linda Niwinski submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a rental assistance program, business assistance program, and City expenses related to COVID-19.

Ted Christensen submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Kimberly Zierman submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Jim Butcher submitted a comment in support of allocating a significant portion of the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Jonathan Baron submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Leah Lively submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

Kim Purchase submitted a comment in support of allocating a significant portion of the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

D. Beason submitted a comment in support of allocating the CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program for local small businesses.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Vice Mayor Weber to (1) approve the allocation of \$600,000 of the State CARES Act Grant funding for a rental assistance program, \$600,000 of the County CARES Act Grant funding for a business assistance program, and the remaining \$600,000 of the State and County CARES Act Grant funding for City expenses related to COVID-19. The business assistance program was to incorporate the following protections: (a) the entity tasked with awarding grants must affirm and structure the program to ensure that it would not preference its own members for awards; and (b) the program must include a prohibition of funds being awarded to businesses owned by any person or their direct family members who was a: (i) decision-maker employed by or serving as a volunteer for the entity tasked with awarding relief grants; (ii) City of La Mesa staff person; or (iii) City of La Mesa elected official; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute a contract not-to-exceed \$80,000 for program administration of a rental assistance program.

ACTION: Substitute Motion - Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to (1) approve the allocation of \$1 million of the State and County CARES Act Grant funding to a business assistance program, \$600,000 to a rental assistance program, and \$200,000 for City expenses related to COVID-19. If there were funds left over from the business assistance program, the funds were to go to the rental assistance program; if there were funds left over from the rental assistance program, the funds were to go to the business assistance program; and if there were funds left over from both the business and rental assistance programs, the funds were to go to the City cost recovery related to COVID-19. The business assistance program was to incorporate the following protections: (a) the entity tasked with awarding grants must affirm and structure the program to ensure that it would not preference its

own members for awards; and (b) the program must include a prohibition of funds being awarded to businesses owned by any person or their direct family members who was a: (i) decision-maker employed by or serving as a volunteer for the entity tasked with awarding relief grants; (ii) City of La Mesa staff person; or (iii) City of La Mesa elected official; (2) direct staff to cap the rental assistance program applications at 300 and seek to limit the cost of the rental program administration to \$10,000; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute a contract not-to-exceed \$80,000 for program administration of a rental assistance program.

Vote: 3-2

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Councilmember Alessio, and Councilmember Baber

No: Vice Mayor Weber and Councilmember Parent

Abstained: None

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.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk