

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, February 25, 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 – COUNCILMEMBER WEBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

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 MARCH 6, 2020 AS NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING

Mayor Arapostathis presented the proclamation to Claudia Erickson, Founder of Unplugged Village.

Claudia Erickson, Founder of Unplugged Village, thanked the City Council for recognizing National Day of Unplugging and provided information on Unplugged Village and the activities offered by the Unplugged Booth every Friday evening at the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market.

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION WORK PLANS

Community Services Commission Chair Peter Spiller presented the Commission's 2020 Work Plan.

Environmental Sustainability Commission Chair Andrea Beth Damsky presented the Commission's 2020 Work Plan.

Traffic and Mobility Commission Chair Mike Calandra presented the Commission's 2020 Work Plan.

Historic Preservation Commission Chair Jan Wilcox presented the Commission's 2020 Work Plan.

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to present to the Historic Preservation Commission for consideration and possible recommendation to the City Council potential amendments to La Mesa Municipal Code Title 25 – Historic Preservation and a proposed public outreach program to improve public understanding of historic preservation.

POLICE CHIEF'S QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT

Police Captain Nicholass presented the crime statistics for quarter ending December 31, 2019, explained the statistics in the various crime categories, and highlighted recently solved cases. Captain Nicholass also spoke regarding the number of calls for service received this year, the Department's proactive operations and strategic enforcement, and the Department's involvement in community outreach programs.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

There were no public comments.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANT FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman stated that the Youth Advisory Commission had an unscheduled vacancy and briefly explained the interview process. City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointment would be made at the March 10th City Council meeting.

Paloma Fallica spoke regarding her qualifications and interest in being appointed to the Youth Advisory Commission.

Following the interview, no action was taken.

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 SPECIAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

Approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Approved.

5. RESOLUTION AWARDED A TASK ORDER TO STC TRAFFIC, INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN

Resolution No. 2020-020 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID NO. 20-21, UNIVERSITY AVENUE CORRIDOR – BIKE NETWORK AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO MIRAMAR GENERAL ENGINEERING

Resolution No. 2020-021 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. 2018-2019 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

Sustainability Analyst Lybeck provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2018-2019 Climate

Action Plan (CAP) Annual Report highlighting the progress made since the adoption of the CAP in March 2018, the greenhouse gas emissions inventory updates, the 2018-2019 projects and accomplishments, and the 2020 priority projects.

Mairs Ryan, resident, thanked City staff for their efforts with the implementation of the CAP and spoke on the priority of the CAP in the City budget and community outreach by City leaders.

Andrea Beth Damsky, Environmental Sustainability Commission Chair, commended City staff for their efforts on the CAP Annual Report.

Angela Deegan, resident, spoke on the CAP goals, the greenhouse gas inventory as it relates to transportation, and supporting transit oriented development and SANDAG's 5 Big Moves.

David Harris, San Diego 350, thanked City Staff for their efforts on the CAP Annual Report and spoke on the City's progress regarding the CAP goals and transit oriented development.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Following discussion, no action was taken.

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 7:10 p.m. in honor and memory of John Berray who passed away on February 12, 2020. John Berray was an exceptional educator and his legacy lives on in his children and every student and teacher he influenced.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk