

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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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 Baber, Parent, and Shu.

ABSENT: None.

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

**INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER SHU**

**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, summarized the latest health order changes from the State of California and County of San Diego, and reported on the COVID-19 vaccination distribution process.

City Manager Humora provided an update on the Chief of Police recruitment.

**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**

### **ALVARADO SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE**

David Witt, consultant for Paydar Properties, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Alvarado Specific Plan, highlighting the proposed site, purpose, status and next steps of the Alvarado Specific Plan.

Council comments and questions ensued.

It was the consensus of the Council to establish an ad hoc subcommittee comprising of Councilmember Baber and Councilmember Parent for the purpose of addressing community outreach efforts and any concerns related to the Alvarado Specific Plan.

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.

David Harris submitted a comment in support of the Alvarado Specific Plan.

Wendy Mihalic submitted a comment recommending the City require the proposed Alvarado Development be all-electric.

Don DeMent submitted a comment in opposition of the Alvarado Specific Plan.

Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret spoke regarding ways in which the proposed project could be more environmentally sustainable.

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

MaryAnn Fowler submitted a comment regarding the behavior of La Mesa-Spring Valley School District (“LMSVSD”) Board of Education Board Vice President Bell-Fontenot at the last LMSVSD Board of Education meeting.

Ted Donovan submitted a comment regarding the installation of a fence/netting at Kuhlken Field instead of bathrooms.

Aaron Amerling submitted a comment regarding the impacts new developments have on residents of the City.

Angela Deegan submitted a comment recommending development requirements that would help the City reach its Climate Action Plan goals.

Kristen Miller submitted a comment regarding a viral video of Board Vice President Bell-Fontenot of the LMSVSD Board of Education.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment regarding the Community Police Oversight Board bylaws, the biannual Community Survey, the positive things happening in La Mesa, and congratulating Vice Mayor Weber on her campaign for the 79<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District.

### **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 5)

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.

Sasha Lippman submitted a comment for Item 3 in support of the Community Police Oversight Board and regarding a recent expenditure by the La Mesa Police Department.

Dianne Osterling submitted a comment for Item 5 in support of the City installing electric vehicle charging stations and asking about the location of the new electric vehicle charging station.

Councilmember Shu requested Consent Calendar Item 5 be pulled for separate consideration.

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

Approved.

**2. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING SECTION 2.85.010 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER REPRESENTATIVE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD BYLAWS**

Approved.

**4. APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR**

Approved.

**5. REMOVED.**

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4.

**Vote:** 5-0

**Yes:** Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Weber, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed.

**5. RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC FOR AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION TO BE LOCATED AT 4975 MEMORIAL DRIVE A.P.N. 494-170-04 (MACARTHUR PARK)**

Councilmember Shu inquired about the funding source for the electric vehicle charging station and the provisions of the proposed easement and agreement.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Firsht and Environmental Program Manager Ego responded to Councilmember Shu's questions.

Council questions and comments ensued.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution granting an easement to San Diego Gas and Electric and enter into an agreement for an electric vehicle charging station to be located at 4875 Memorial Drive A.P.N. 494-170-04 (MacArthur Park).

**Vote:** 5-0

**Yes:** Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Weber, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-021 was adopted.

**STAFF REPORT**

**6. A. RESOLUTION TO AWARD PURCHASE OF THREE 2021 HYBRID FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES TO KEARNY MESA FORD; AND**

**B. RESOLUTION TO AWARD OUTFITTING OF THREE 2021 HYBRID FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES TO AEP CALIFORNIA, LLC**

Captain Sweeney reviewed the findings of the La Mesa Police Department's research on the benefits of transitioning police vehicles to hybrid or electric vehicles and explained the reasons

for purchasing hybrid vehicles and not electric vehicles. Chief Sweeney provided an overview of the updated proposal for three Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles.

Council questions and comments ensued.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember Shu and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt: (1) Resolution to award purchase of three 2021 Hybrid Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles to Kearny Mesa Ford; and (2) Resolution to award outfitting of three 2021 Hybrid Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles to AEP California, LLC.

**Vote:** 5-0

**Yes:** Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Weber, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-022 and Resolution No. 2021-023 were 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 7:06 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk