

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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 6:05 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 – VICE MAYOR WEBER

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, 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 announced that residents could request a free kitchen caddy for organic recycling from EDCO. The organic waste would be collected with yard waste in the green bin.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

The Mayor and Councilmembers Baber, Parent, and Shu congratulated Vice Mayor Weber on being elected to the 79th State Assembly District seat and thanked her for her service to the City.

Vice Mayor Weber reflected on her time in office and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF CALIFORNIA PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY CHAMPION OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Frank Carson, California Park and Recreation Society State Board President-Elect and City of El Cajon Parks and Recreation Director, presented the California Park and Recreation Society Champion of the Community Award to Ed and Sandy Burr.

The Mayor and Council thanked Ed and Sandy Burr for their service and dedication to the community.

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.

Kristen Miller submitted a comment regarding the City's response to her allegations against the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District and the City's preparation for events that may arise following the outcome of the Derek Chauvin trial.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process. City Clerk Wiegelman stated that Jana Schwartz was not able to attend the City Council meeting due to a prior commitment but had provided a written statement expressing her interest in being considered for appointment to the Planning Commission. City Clerk Wiegelman announced that Jarrod Gerardot, Jane Peterson, and Michael Blum had withdrawn their applications.

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

Brianna Coston

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 2 through 9)

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 TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

Approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

Approved.

5. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING SECTION 2.80.010 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE LA MESA COMMUNITY PARKING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP TO TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS AND THREE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES, PROPERTY OWNERS, OR RESIDENTS RESIDING IN THE CD/D DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONE

Approved.

6. RESOLUTION APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO FILL THE TWO UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD

Resolution No. 2021-026 was adopted.

7. RECEIVE AND FILE THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN UPDATE

Received and filed.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE FOR THE USE OF OFFICE SPACE IN FIRE STATION 12

Resolution No. 2021-027 was adopted.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) FOR THE REGIONAL COMPETITION, FOR THE LA MESA BIKE AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS PROJECT; AND IF AWARDED APPROPRIATING \$3,962,000 IN FUNDS AND COMMITTING \$526,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS

Resolution No. 2021-028 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Shu to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 9.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

COUNCIL INITIATED

10. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 612 (PORTANTINO): THE RATEPAYER EQUITY ACT – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS AND COUNCILMEMBER BABER

Councilmember Baber provided an overview of Senate Bill 612 (Portantino) (“SB 612”) and the purpose for supporting SB 612.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support for Senate Bill 612 (Portantino): The Ratepayer Equity Act on behalf of the entire City Council and direct staff to send the letter to Senator Anthony Portantino.

Vote: 5-0

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

Motion passed.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REACHING VACCINE EQUITY BY JUNETEENTH – COUNCILMEMBER BABER AND COUNCILMEMBER SHU

Councilmember Shu reviewed the most recent data on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and explained the purpose for the proposed Resolution.

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.

The following members of the public submitted a comment in support of the proposed Resolution:

Kasey Zahner
Melissa Walter

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Shu to adopt the Resolution in support of reaching vaccine equity by Juneteenth.

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. 2021-029 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 6:49 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk