

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, June 22, 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, except for the Consent Calendar which was considered prior to the 2020 Climate Action Plan Annual Report Update presentation.

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Vice Mayor Shu; Councilmembers Baber and Parent.

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER BABER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Humora reported on the COVID-19 vaccination distribution process and provided an update on the reopening of City facilities. City Manager Humora stated an agenda item regarding the recent legislation recognizing Juneteenth as a National Holiday would be brought to Council for consideration at a future meeting.

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

2020 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided opening comments on the City's Climate Action Plan and the efforts of City staff.

Environment Program Manager Ego provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Climate Action Plan Annual Report, highlighting the purpose and intent, implementation timeline, greenhouse gas emissions inventory updates, the 2020 accomplishments in energy, solid waste, green infrastructure, and water, and the 2021 priority projects.

Council questions and comments ensued.

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.

Dianne Osterling submitted a comment regarding the Urban Forestry Management Plan and Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

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.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment regarding the annual recruitment process for the City's boards and commissions.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 18)

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.

Dianne Osterling submitted a comment on Item 15 regarding improving crosswalks at the intersections of Lemon Avenue and Bancroft Drive and Mariposa Street and Bancroft Drive.

Councilmember Baber thanked everyone involved with the negotiations and Memorandums of Understanding for the Heartland Firefighters of La Mesa Local #4759 and La Mesa Police Officers' Association.

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

Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Approved.

4. A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020-2023 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE HEARTLAND FIREFIGHTERS OF LA MESA LOCAL #4759;

Resolution No. 2021-067 was adopted.

B. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS AND/OR CITY OF LA MESA (EMPLOYER) CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE "MEDICAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN" OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS BENEFIT TRUST, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021;

Resolution No. 2021-068 was adopted.

C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020-2024 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE LA MESA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION;

Resolution No. 2021-069 was adopted.

D. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED CITY OF LA MESA COMPENSATION PLAN FOR FY 2020-2021, RETROACTIVE TO OCTOBER 1, 2020, LISTING POSITIONS, SALARY RANGES/BANDS, AND PAY STEPS;

Resolution No. 2021-070 was adopted.

E. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED CITY OF LA MESA COMPENSATION PLAN FOR FY 2020-2021, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2021, LISTING POSITIONS, SALARY RANGES/BANDS, AND PAY STEPS; AND

Resolution No. 2021-071 was adopted.

F. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED CITY OF LA MESA COMPENSATION PLAN FOR FY 2021-2022 LISTING POSITIONS, SALARY RANGES/BANDS, AND PAY STEPS

Resolution No. 2021-072 was adopted.

- 5. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT NO. 2020-36 (PENSKE LINCOLN) – A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A RETAIL AUTO SHOWROOM AT 8930 LA MESA BOULEVARD, APN 490-660-07-00, 490-471-10-00, 490-471-09-00, 490-450-12-00, 490-450-13-00, 490-660-08-00, 490-660-49-00, 490-660-51-00 IN THE C-D (GENERAL COMMERCIAL / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE**

Ratified.

- 6. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**

Resolution No. 2021-073 was adopted.

- 7. RESOLUTION AWARDED THIRD RENEWAL AGREEMENT OPTION OF ANNUAL CONTRACT INCLUDING CPI INCREASE FOR STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO CLARK TELECOM & ELECTRIC, INC.**

Resolution No. 2021-074 was adopted.

- 8. RESOLUTION AWARDED THIRD RENEWAL AGREEMENT OPTION OF ANNUAL CONTRACT INCLUDING CPI INCREASE FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES WITH CANNON PACIFIC SERVICES, INC., DBA PACIFIC SWEEPING**

Resolution No. 2021-075 was adopted.

- 9. RESOLUTION AWARDED SECOND RENEWAL OPTION OF ANNUAL CONTRACT INCLUDING CPI INCREASE FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE, EMERGENCY REPAIRS, AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC SIGNAL SERVICE, INC.**

Resolution No. 2021-076 was adopted.

- 10. RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID 19-19 RENEWAL OPTION 2, TYPE B ASPHALT CONCRETE, TO SUPERIOR READY MIX CONCRETE AND CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL ASPHALT**

Resolution No. 2021-077 was adopted.

- 11. RESOLUTION AWARDED A TASK ORDER TO HARRIS AND ASSOCIATES FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY BILLING, ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED SERVICES**

Resolution No. 2021-078 was adopted.

- 12. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE BOULEVARD DRIVE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Resolution No. 2021-079 was adopted.

- 13. RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK ORDERS TO COMPASS ROSE GIS FOR AS-NEEDED MAPPING AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023**

Resolution No. 2021-080 was adopted.

- 14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH ROY ALLAN SLURRY SEAL, INC. FOR BID 21-09, 2021 SLURRY SEAL PROJECT (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)**

Resolution No. 2021-081 was adopted.

- 15. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID 20-03, CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT AND AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PAL GENERAL ENGINEERING, INC.**

Resolution No. 2021-082 was adopted.

- 16. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH STRYKER FOR SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT OF FIRE EQUIPMENT AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

Resolution No. 2021-083 was adopted.

- 17. ADOPTION OF CORRECTED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A GRANT FROM THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROPOSITION 64 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM – COHORT 2 – BY APPROVING THE ADDITION OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET**

Resolution No. 2021-084 was adopted.

18. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT NO. 2020-40 (MARKALL) – CONSIDERATION OF DESIGN REVIEW FOR A PROPOSED ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS TO AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 8235 LA MESA BOULEVARD, APN 470-593-06-00 IN THE CD-D (DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE

Ratified.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 18.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the Council to establish an ad hoc subcommittee comprising of Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Baber for the purpose of considering possible adjustments to the contracts of the City Manager and City Attorney.

STAFF REPORT

19. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-2021 AND REVOKING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-2020 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2020 AS PREVIOUSLY 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

Assistant City Manager Tomaino stated the action issued was too extend the allowable use of public and private outdoor areas for dining, retail, and other commercial activities for an additional year to ensure economic recovery efforts for those businesses and employees who continue to suffer during the pandemic.

Council questions and comments ensued.

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 La Mesa Village Association submitted a comment thanking the City Council and City staff for extending the allowable use of public and private outdoor areas for dining, retail, and other commercial activities for an additional year.

Laura Lothian submitted a comment in support of Executive Order No. 7-2021.

The La Mesa Chamber of Commerce submitted a comment in support of Executive Order No. 7-2021.

Dianne Osterling submitted a comment in support of Executive Order No. 7-2021.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to: (1) adopt the Resolution confirming and ratifying the rules and regulations included in Executive Order No. 7-2021 and revoking Executive Order No. 3-2020 and Executive Order No. 4-2020 as previously 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; and (2) direct staff to research the possibility of allowing the use of public and private outdoor areas for dining, retail, and other commercial activities on a permanent basis and bring forth their findings to Council for consideration.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-085 was adopted.

HEARING

20. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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 20.

Environment Program Manager Ego gave a report on the rate proposal from EDCO, the Proposition 218 notification process, and the number of protest letters received. Environment Program Manager Ego also discussed the final report from an independent accounting firm that reviewed the rate increase request.

Council questions and comments ensued.

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.

Robert Bornemann submitted a comment in opposition to the rate increase for refuse, recycling, and organics collection.

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

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution authorizing rate adjustments for EDCO Disposal Corporation, a California Corporation, to become effective July 1, 2021.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-086 was adopted.

COUNCIL INITIATED

21. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTING STAFF TO PROVIDE A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE POTENTIAL CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITY'S SPECIAL ELECTION AND THE GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION – COUNCILMEMBER BABER AND COUNCILMEMBER PARENT

Councilmember Baber and Councilmember Parent explained the purpose for requesting the Secretary of State and Legislature to allow the consolidation of the City's Special Election and the Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Council questions and comments ensued.

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.

Dianne Osterling submitted a comment in support of the special election and increasing voter turnout.

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to provide a letter to the Secretary of State and Legislature regarding the potential consolidation of the City's Special Election and the Gubernatorial Recall Election.

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 7:02 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk