

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Monday, August 2, 2021 at 5:00 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 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Vice Mayor Shu; Councilmember Parent.

ABSENT: Councilmember Baber.

STAFF: City Manager Humora; City Attorney Sabine; Assistant City Manager Tomaino; Deputy City Clerk Richards-Crawford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Dave Messina submitted a comment regarding SolarApp, a solar automated permit processing tool.

Brianna Coston submitted a comment regarding updating the General Plan to include social equity and environmental justice elements and in turn, update the Climate Action Plan ("CAP") to include social justice tracking and reporting metrics.

Christopher Glenn submitted a comment regarding City leadership advocating, enabling, and communicating the City's actions as they relate to the implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan.

Carla Ruiz-Velasco submitted a comment regarding adding the phasing out of gas leaf blowers to the City's CAP.

Wendy Mihalic spoke on the City's successes in regards to the CAP and the areas that need improvements.

Don Wood spoke regarding rooftop solar and related legislation proceedings.

David Harris spoke on the successes in the energy sector and the need for further efforts in the transportation sector, reducing building emissions, and reducing solid waste emissions.

Ann Sheridan encouraged the City to take bold actions on climate.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE FY22-23 TWO-YEAR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided a brief background on the City's CAP and explained the purpose for the CAP Implementation Plan.

Environment Program Manager Ego provided a PowerPoint presentation on the FY22-23 Two-Year CAP Implementation Plan, highlighting the CAP milestones, the FY19-21 Implementation Plan, the 2018 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, the FY19-21 CAP implementation progress in regards to energy, transportation, solid waste, water, green infrastructure, and education and outreach, and the FY22-23 Implementation Plan development process, measures, implementation team, and programs and projects in the areas of: energy, transportation, solid waste, water, green infrastructure, and education and outreach.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to: (1) approve the FY22-23 Two-Year Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan; and (2) establish an ad hoc subcommittee comprising of Vice Mayor Shu and Councilmember Baber for the purpose of reviewing and recommending updates to the Climate Action Plan.

Vote: 3-0

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

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk