

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council,
Special Meeting of the La Mesa Public Financing Authority and
Special Meeting of the City of La Mesa Successor Agency
Tuesday, August 10, 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 6:04 p.m.

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

ROLL CALL: CITY COUNCIL

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.

ROLL CALL: LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

PRESENT: Chairman Arapostathis; Authority Members Baber, Parent and Shu.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Executive Director Humora; General Counsel Sabine; Assistant City Manager Tomaino; Secretary Wiegelman.

ROLL CALL: CITY OF LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY

PRESENT: Chairman Arapostathis; Agency Members Baber, Parent and Shu.

ABSENT: None.

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

ANNUAL ROTATION OF THE VICE MAYOR

Mayor Arapostathis announced Vice Mayor Shu would continue to be Vice Mayor.

INVOCATION – VICE MAYOR SHU

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.

PRESENTATION

CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings and the status of the investment portfolio for the quarter ending June 30, 2021.

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

Christopher Glenn submitted a comment regarding the County of San Diego's Pooled Money Fund.

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.

Carol Lockwood submitted a comment regarding the proposed Arts and Culture Commission and the public art in the City.

Kristen Miller submitted a comment regarding the response of the Mayor and Council to the allegations against the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District.

Marcia Tolin submitted a comment thanking the City for moving forward with resolving the issues at Highwood Park and recommending the City add seating in the shaded area of the park.

Larry Lahaye spoke regarding the installation of street lights on Schoolridge Lane and requesting three speed bumps be installed on Rosebud Lane.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 3)

Mayor Arapostathis and City Manager Humora read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Demetrius Antuna submitted a comment on Item 3 regarding government transparency and the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the La Mesa Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment on Item 3 regarding government transparency and the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the La Mesa Police Department and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Council questions and comments ensued.

1. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE AND FIXED CHARGE ASSESSMENTS FOR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Resolution No. 2021-095 was adopted.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES WITH ROGERS, ANDERSON, MALODY AND SCOTT, LLP

Resolution No. 2021-096 was adopted.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE DISARMING PROHIBITED PERSONS TEAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00

Resolution No. 2021-097 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Baber to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

HEARING/ORDINANCE: SECOND READING

4. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE EXCEPTIONS TO PROVIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS AS PER LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 24.05.040C – PREREQUISITES TO DEVELOPMENT, AND 24.06.040B – PREREQUISITES TO DEVELOPMENT, TO EXCEPT BUILDING ADDITION AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE PROJECTS 1,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA OR LESS AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Please note the agenda title had a typographical error and should have read, “CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE EXCEPTIONS TO PROVIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS AS PER LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 24.05.040C – PREREQUISITES TO DEVELOPMENT, AND 24.06.040B – PREREQUISITES TO DEVELOPMENT, TO EXCEPT BUILDING ADDITION AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE PROJECTS **1,200** SQUARE FEET IN AREA OR LESS AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.”

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 4.

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

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

Aaron Amerling submitted a comment in opposition to accessory dwelling units being exempted from having to provide street improvements as a prerequisite to development.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis 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 Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Baber to approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance amending the La Mesa Municipal Code to revise the exceptions to provide street improvements as per La Mesa Municipal Code Sections 24.05.040C – Prerequisites to Development, and 24.06.040B – Prerequisites to Development, to except building addition and accessory structure projects 1,200 square feet in area or less and accessory dwelling units.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Ordinance No. 2021-2887 was adopted.

STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL, LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY

5. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE FINAL BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Finance Director Royales presented the Final Biennial Budget and explained the changes that were made from the Preliminary Budget. Finance Director Royales said staff recommended the Council accept the recommended changes to the preliminary budget and adopt the final budgets for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 as proposed.

Councilmember Baber announced his vote would not pertain to any sections of the 2021-2023 Final Biennial Budget that were related to the City of La Mesa Successor Agency, La Mesa Public Financing Authority, or Collier Park.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-098 was adopted.

Councilmember Baber abstained from voting for all items in the Final Biennial Budget related to the City of La Mesa Successor Agency, La Mesa Public Financing Authority, and Collier Park.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

- 6. LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE ANNUAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24, 2021, IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

ACTION: Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to designate Councilmember Baber as the voting delegate and Vice Mayor Shu as the alternate voting delegate for the Annual League Conference.

COUNCIL INITIATED

- 7. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 842, PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT OF 2021 – VICE MAYOR SHU**

Vice Mayor Shu provided an overview of House Resolution 842 and explained the purpose and benefits of supporting House Resolution 842.

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

Demetrius Antuna

Karen Paredes-Tupper

Teri Andre

Andy Trimlett

Tom Lemmon on behalf of San Diego Building & Construction Trades Council

Nancy Browning
Satomi Rash-Zeigler
Dave Myers
Terry Bunting

The following members of the public submitted a comment in opposition of adopting the Resolution:

Barbara Stevens
David Smyle
Marcia Tolin

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Shu and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution in support of House Resolution 842, Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 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. 2021-099 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 7:07 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk