

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, November 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 Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

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 6:01 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**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Humora introduced the new Communications Manager, Perri Storey.

Communications Manager Storey gave a brief summary of her professional background.

The Mayor and Council welcomed Communications Manager Storey to the City.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS**

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

Finance Director Royales reported on the national, state and local economic outlook, sales tax revenues, and the performance of the City's General Fund for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

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 budgetary expectations and the year-to-date revenues and expenditures.

### **CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT**

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

## **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

Ben Grundy spoke in support of accelerating the transition to clean electric transportation.

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.

Christine Valle submitted a comment regarding her issues of concern which included poor cell and internet service, continued traffic issues on Dallas Street, the SANDAG mileage tax, development standards, and public access to elected officials.

Dianne Osterling submitted a comment regarding the results of the Special Municipal Election, improving City communications, and building and zoning regulations.

## **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

### **1. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process and announced Dominic Vail had withdrawn his application.

The other applicant was not present for the interview; no action was taken.

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

### **2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO FILL THE UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION**

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Allan Durden and Nancy Sierra for appointment to the Community Relations and Veterans Commission.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Baber to approve the appointments of Allan Durden and Nancy Sierra to the Community Relations and Veterans Commission and adopt the Resolution confirming the appointments.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-136 was adopted.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 3 through 10)

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.

Tyler Rogers submitted a comment on Items 7 and 8 regarding the fiscal impact of the Mills Act.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment on Item 9 in support of the proposed allocation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program grant funds.

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

Approved.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA MESA CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**

Approved.

5. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID NO. 22-05, FY22 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT AND AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PAL GENERAL ENGINEERING, INC.**

Resolution No. 2021-137 was adopted.

6. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID NO. 22-06, NORMAL AVENUE STORM DRAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO CREST EQUIPMENT, INC.**

Resolution No. 2021-138 was adopted.

7. **CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT 2021-25 (GIARRATANO) – A REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4646 NEBO DRIVE, APN 470-612-20-00 IN THE R1 (URBAN RESIDENTIAL) ZONE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY PRESERVATION (MILLS ACT) AGREEMENT FOR THE SITE:**
  - A. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ROEHR HOUSE LOCATED AT 4646 NEBO DRIVE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK; AND**

Resolution No. 2021-139 was adopted.

- B. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARK KNOWN AS THE ROEHR HOUSE LOCATED AT 4646 NEBO DRIVE**

Resolution No. 2021-140 was adopted.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT 2021-34 (MARKS) – A REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7256 WEST POINT AVENUE, APN 469-551-16-00 IN THE R1 (URBAN RESIDENTIAL) ZONE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK AND TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY PRESERVATION (MILLS ACT) AGREEMENT FOR THE SITE:**
  - A. **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CHARLES AND LILLIAN SPITZER HOUSE LOCATED AT 7256 WEST POINT AVENUE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK; AND**

Resolution No. 2021-141 was adopted.

- B. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARK KNOWN AS THE CHARLES AND LILLIAN SPITZER HOUSE LOCATED AT 7256 WEST POINT AVENUE**

Resolution No. 2021-142 was adopted.

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THE FY 2021 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

Resolution No. 2021-143 was adopted.

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FOR ABC-OTS PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000**

Resolution No. 2021-144 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to approve Consent Calendar Items 3 through 10.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE: FIRST READING**

**11. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16 AND CHAPTER 3.34 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE EMPLOYEES WHO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE CITY MANAGER (AND DO NOT SERVE A PROBATIONARY PERIOD), AND CHAPTER 3.12 REGARDING PROBATIONARY PERIODS**

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Senior Human Resources Analyst Barcello explained the purpose for the Ordinance and reviewed the proposed amendments to the La Mesa Municipal Code.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**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 6:45 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk