

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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 Community Bulletin Reports which were heard after Public Comment.

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Vice Mayor Alessio; Councilmembers Baber, McWhirter and Parent.

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER MCWHIRTER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Garrett made a brief comment regarding the incident that took place at Helix High School on January 19, 2018.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Arapostathis requested Item 11, consideration of a location and design style for the proposed Downtown Gateway Sign, be deleted from the agenda.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the Council to delete Item 11 from the agenda.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Jenni Prisk, provided information on the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. She announced that the Commission would be hosting a public symposium on the state of domestic violence, homelessness, and human trafficking on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Qualcomm A Z Auditorium.

James Elia, resident, spoke regarding the incident that occurred at Helix High School on January 19, 2018.

Wendy Wheatcroft, resident, spoke regarding the incident that occurred at Helix High School on January 19, 2018.

Andrea Beth Damsky, resident, spoke regarding the incident that occurred at Helix High School on January 19, 2018.

Lee Sandvick, resident, spoke on her ideas in the areas of transportation, parking, leadership development, and the City's website.

Brenda Hammond, resident, spoke regarding dance/movement therapy.

Ken D'Angelo, President of the La Mesa Historical Society, spoke regarding the Penske building.

Daniel Webster, resident, submitted a written statement regarding the location of the proposed Downtown Gateway Sign.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 9)

- 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 REGULAR MEETING, LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING, AND CITY OF LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

Approved.

- 3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE RISK LIABILITY FUND RESERVES ACCOUNT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIZED SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR UNEXPECTED LEGAL FEES**

Resolution No. 2018-003 was adopted.

4. **APPROVAL FOR COUNCILMEMBER PARENT TO ATTEND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION POLICYMAKERS CONFERENCE – BUILDING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES, IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK ON MARCH 15 – 18, 2018**

Approved.

5. **RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNALLOCATED RESERVES; AND TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH DEVELOPING A POTENTIAL CONDITIONAL CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX AND MEASURE U BUSINESS EXCISE TAX FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Resolution No. 2018-004 was adopted.

6. **RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 IN COMMERCIAL PAPER FUNDING TO THE FY18 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET**

Resolution No. 2018-005 was adopted.

7. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID AND AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR BID NO. 18-10, VISTA LA MESA PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO MIRAMAR GENERAL ENGINEERING**

Resolution No. 2018-006 was adopted.

8. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) TO FUND COLLIER PARK PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

Resolution No. 2018-007 was adopted.

9. **RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE 17 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM TO FUND A WELLNESS AND FITNESS PROGRAM, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

Resolution No. 2018-008 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Vice Mayor Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 9.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Alessio, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember McWhirter, and Councilmember Parent

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

10. CONSIDERATION OF RECLASSIFYING SELECT AD HOC COMMITTEES AS STANDING COMMITTEES

City Manager Garrett provided a brief overview of the purpose of ad hoc committees and standing committees and the difference between the two types of committees. City Manager Garrett said staff recommends reclassifying the Civic Center Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee and the Future of MacArthur Park Ad Hoc Committee as standing committees.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the estimated timeline for the Civic Center Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee to complete its assigned task, the Brown Act requirements of standing committees, the purpose of the Civic Center Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee, creating subcommittees for narrower purposes, and the estimated timeline for the various ad hoc committees to complete their assigned tasks.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the Council to reclassify the Future of MacArthur Park Ad Hoc Committee as a standing committee.

11. CONSIDERATION OF A LOCATION AND DESIGN STYLE FOR THE PROPOSED DOWNTOWN GATEWAY SIGN

This Item was deleted from the agenda.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

The Mayor and Council reported on various outside board, commission and committee meetings they attended. No action was taken.

AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3(d))

Councilmember Baber reported on his trip to Sacramento on January 18, 2018 for the League of California Cities Government Transparency and Labor Relations Commission meeting.

COUNCIL INITIATED

12. CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND MANAGE THE ENFORCEMENT OF MARIJUANA LAWS AND RELATED REVENUE MEASURES – COUNCILMEMBER BABER AND COUNCILMEMBER PARENT

Councilmember Baber explained the need for a subcommittee to review and manage the enforcement of marijuana laws and related revenue measures. He stated that there are many marijuana related issues for the subcommittee to discuss including illegal dispensaries, Measure U, and a potential marijuana tax ballot measure.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the composition of the subcommittee, having the subcommittee report to Council periodically, when the medical marijuana conditional

use permits will be brought to Planning Commission for consideration, and the potential of a conditional cannabis business tax and Measure U business excise tax ballot measure.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember McWhirter and seconded by Vice Mayor Alessio to establish an ad hoc committee comprising of Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Baber for the purpose of reviewing and managing the enforcement of marijuana laws and related revenue measures.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Alessio, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember McWhirter, and Councilmember Parent

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting of the City Council at 6:49 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk

