

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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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 6:00 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 PARENT**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

Finance Director Waller-Bullock reported on the national, state and local economic outlook, state budget issues, the performance of the City's General Fund and Proposition L benchmarks for quarter ending December 31, 2017.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

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

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings for the quarter ending December 31, 2017.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

## **COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION WORK PLANS**

Community Services Commission Chair Peter Spiller presented the Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

La Mesa Community Parking Commission Chair Chris Shea presented the Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

Traffic Commission Chair Mike Calandra presented the Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

Youth Advisory Commission Chair Will Harris presented the Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

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.

## **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

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

Dorcas Hermsmeir, resident, spoke regarding speed humps, speed tables, and the Traffic Commission's 2018 Work Plan.

Nick Marinovich, resident, spoke regarding rental housing and announced that the Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 would be hosting a "C-3 Urban Crawl" event on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the La Mesa Village.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 8)

### **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 HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018**

Approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018**

Approved.

**4. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF DRB 17-10 (PECKHAM FAMILY TRUST) – A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT TWO NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS INCLUDING A DRIVE-THROUGH AND OUTDOOR DINING AT 5550 LAKE MURRAY BOULEVARD IN THE CN-D (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY)**

Ratified.

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR THE FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE UNIVERSITY AVENUE CORRIDOR IN THE WEST LA MESA NEIGHBORHOOD; ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED; AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS**

Resolution No. 2018-009 was adopted.

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE ACTIVE MOBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY ALONG MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE IN THE WEST LA MESA NEIGHBORHOOD; ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED; AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS**

Resolution No. 2018-010 was adopted.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR SMART GROWTH INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) FOR THE COMPLETION OF A COMPLETE STREETS INTEGRATED DESIGN MANUAL; ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED; AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS**

Resolution No. 2018-011 was adopted.

**8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR SPECIALIZED CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND SOL TRANSPORTATION, INC., TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S RIDES4NEIGHBORS PROGRAM**

Resolution No. 2018-012 was adopted.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed.

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

### **9. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY ON THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION**

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process and said the appointment would take place at the February 27th Council meeting.

The following applicants spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed:

Peter D. Charest

Nick Marinovich

Joni Terada

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

## **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.

**7:00 P.M.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **10. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSNET LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 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 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Works Director Leja gave a brief overview of the amendment to the *TransNet* Local Street Improvement Program of projects.

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

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None.

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the resolution adopting an amendment to the *TransNet* Local Street Improvement Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2021.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-013 was adopted.

### **HEARING/ORDINANCE: FIRST READING**

#### **11. CONSIDERATION OF ZONE RECLASSIFICATION Z 17-01, SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DAB 17-06, AND DESIGN REVIEW DRB 17-06 (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH ALLIANCE) – A ZONE RECLASSIFICATION FROM R1 (URBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO R3 (MULTIPLE UNIT RESIDENTIAL) AND 40-UNIT RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT AT 7385 COLONY DRIVE**

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 No. 11 at 7:01 p.m.

Associate Planner Kinnard provided an overview of the proposed 40-unit residential apartment development project, the density bonus program, and the Planning Commission's recommendations.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the density bonus program incentives, the history of the project site's open space land use designation, the location of the project in relation to a SANDAG Smart Growth site, the project design, the Developer's other

density bonus program projects, and the decision of the Developer to use the density bonus program for the proposed project.

Colin Lowry of CLAD Inc., project architect, was available for questions.

John Allen, CEO of Southern California Youth Alliance, provided a brief history of the project and project site and was available for questions.

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

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to adopt the resolution approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-014 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Baber to approve the introduction and first reading of the ordinance amending the Zoning Map of Title 24 of the La Mesa Municipal Code, reclassifying from Zone R1 to Zone R3 that property addressed as 7385 Colony Drive per Zoning Ordinance Amendment Z 17-01.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Alessio to ratify the Design Review Board's approval for a 40-unit residential apartment development at 7385 Colony Drive (Southern California Youth Alliance), Case Files Nos. Z 17-01, DAB 17-06, and DRB 17-06.

**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 at 7:22 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk