

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, March 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 – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS**

**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.

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

City Manager Garrett announced that Public Hearing Item No. 6, consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of Variance V 17-04 (Saucedo), would be continued to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

**CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

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

Jack Shu, resident, spoke regarding the formation of a public safety advisory commission and the third party investigation report for the event that occurred at Helix High School on January 19, 2018.

Brenda Hammond, resident, spoke regarding a drug bust in El Cajon and her concerns with the reselling of prescription drugs. She expressed her pleasure with the growth of Grossmont Center and dance stretch as a form of therapy.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 5)

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

Approved.

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

Approved.

4. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF LA MESA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Resolution No. 2018-019 was adopted.

5. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018 CITY OF LA MESA TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 COMPLIANCE PLAN (RIDES 4 NEIGHBORS)**

Resolution No. 2018-020 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember McWhirter and seconded by Councilmember Baber to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5.

Vote: 5-0

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

Mayor Arapostathis called a recess at 6:14 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## **7:00 P.M.**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6. **CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF VARIANCE V 17-04 (SAUCEDO) – A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO REDUCE BUILDING SETBACKS FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AT 4054 PAYSON ROAD IN THE R1S / R1S-NP2 (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL / NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN 2 OVERLAY) ZONE**

This item was continued to the City Council Regular meeting on April 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

7. **A. RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR), RELATED TO THE CITY OF LA MESA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP); AND**

#### **B. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF LA MESA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

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 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Baber and Vice Mayor Alessio provided opening comments and thanked the staff, commissioners, contractors, and community members who assisted in the Climate Action Plan process.

Assistant City Manager Humora provided a brief explanation of the updates to the Climate Action Plan that were up for consideration.

Associate Planner Lee provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) which included the purpose of the CAP, the components of the CAP, the CAP public education and outreach efforts, the CAP measures for reduction of energy, transportation, water, solid waste, and green infrastructure, revisions to the Draft CAP, the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, the SEIR Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the cost benefit report and fiscal impact of the CAP.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the implementation of the CAP and the implementation of the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program.

Gabriel Romero, resident, San Diego 350 representative, spoke in support of the City's CAP and commented on San Diego 350's participation in the CAP process. He stated that San Diego 350 encourages the City to adopt a goal of 100 percent clean energy.

David Harris, San Diego 350 representative, spoke regarding the CCA program and encouraged the City to collaborate with other cities in the region to initiate a feasibility study for the CCA program.

Wendy Mihalic, resident, San Diego 350 representative, spoke in support of the City's CAP. She also spoke on the implementation of the CAP and the impact of greenhouse emissions.

Angela Deegan, San Diego 350 representative, spoke in support of the City's CAP. She also talked about the impacts of global warming and the implementation of the CAP.

Brittany Gardner, San Diego 350 representative, spoke in support of the City's CAP and thanked the Council, City staff, and City commissioners for their efforts throughout the CAP process.

Jean Costa, resident, San Diego 350 representative, spoke in support of the City's CAP and urged the City to begin working on the feasibility study for the CCA program as soon as possible.

Jack Shu, resident, spoke regarding the importance of adopting and implementing a CAP, the City's goal for reducing greenhouse emissions from transportation, and the future reviews and reassessments of the City's CAP.

Daniel Wise, San Diego 350 representative, spoke in support of adopting and implementing the City's CAP.

Jenny Lybeck, resident, spoke in support of adopting and implementing the City's CAP.

Janet Castaños and Kimberly Chau, representing Helix Charter High School Resident Leadership Academy, spoke in support of the adoption and implementation of the City's CAP and explained why they support the CAP.

Russell Buckley spoke in opposition of the adoption of the CAP. He also commented on global carbon emissions, the measures of the CAP, and the CAP's benefit cost analysis.

Joe Gabaldon, Public Affairs Manager for SDG&E, spoke in support of the City's CAP and suggested the following modifications to the CAP: (1) waiving permit fees for the installation of electric vehicle chargers in residential/commercial settings; (2) streamlining the permit process for the installation of transportation fueling alternatives; and (3) researching the use of natural gas tankless water heaters versus solar hot water heaters.

Clifford Listug, resident, spoke in support of adopting and implementing the City's CAP.

Sophie Wolfram, Climate Action Campaign representative, spoke in support of adopting and implementing the City's CAP. She encouraged the City to begin a feasibility study in 2018 for

the CCA program.

Timothy Robinson, resident, submitted a written statement in support of adopting and implementing the City's CAP.

Nancy Goettler, resident, submitted a written statement in support of adopting and implementing the City's CAP.

Rita Pinkerton, resident, submitted a written statement in support of adopting and implementing the City's CAP.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the timeline for the CCA program feasibility study and creating an environment where people feel safe to walk or ride bikes instead of drive.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent 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 Parent and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the resolution certifying the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), related to the City of La Mesa Climate Action Plan.

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. 2018-021 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Baber to (1) adopt the resolution adopting the City of La Mesa Climate Action Plan including the revisions to the Summary of Measures and Quantified Reductions and Solar Photovoltaic Program; and (2) direct staff to begin a CCA feasibility study in 2018 and return to Council with an update if necessary.

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. 2018-022 was adopted.

**CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS**

There were no remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk