

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Thursday, August 13, 2020 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.

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOWN HALL MEETING

A MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS OF MAY 30, 2020

City Manager Humora reviewed the agenda for the Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Arapostathis announced the City was conducting multiple investigations stemming from the events surrounding May 30, 2020, including a comprehensive detailed after-action report which would detail the City of La Mesa's and other agencies' response to the event. Mayor Arapostathis said the Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force would be providing a report to Council in September regarding the formation of a Community Police Oversight Board for the City of La Mesa.

Chief Vasquez provided an update on the Leslie Furcron and Amaurie Johnson police incidents.

Laura Kalty, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the police investigation and disciplinary review process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gail Nugent, Alternative Dispute Resolution, moderated the questions and answers portion of the Town Hall meeting. Gail Nugent, Alternative Dispute Resolution, read aloud the first 300

words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Town Hall meeting and called upon the live speakers.

The following members of the public submitted emailed comments or addressed the Council and staff via Zoom with questions, concerns, recommendations, and/or thoughts regarding the events of May 30, 2020:

Andy Trimlett
Antonio Gonzalez
Art Fusco
Brenda Pack
Catherine Siebert
Dean Johnston
Debbie Kinsinger
Demetrius Antuna
Rebecca Antuna
Donna Cross
Donna Duncan
Elizabeth Hurley
Emily Green
Bill Feather
Fred Robinson
Gene Carpenter
Humberto Navarrete
Jenna Sweeney
Jennifer Grigg
Jerry Dillon
Jessica Hale
Jim McAlexander
John Harms
Unidentified individual
Daniel Lehmann
Dane Kaur
Isaias Fernan
Marcia Tolin
Matthew Jenkins
Scott
Mary Ryan
Michael Waterman
Missy Solis
Nicole Chenelle
Paul Hagen
C.J.
Susan Wayne
Teri Andre
Unidentified individual
Tim Moore
Robert Duggan
Trenton Smith

Jack Shu
Melissa Walters
Susan Zyphur
Delane Hurley
Ana Gaspar
Colin Campbell
E. Crawford
Tasha Williamson
Rhonda Ciardetti
Arturo Guerrero
Mikaela Smith
Brenda Keller
Jeff Waller
Ed Kinnaman

The Council and senior staff members responded to the questions and concerns of the public.

The Mayor and Members of the City Council made closing comments.

No action was taken by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk