

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, September 11, 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, except the SANDAG Presentation which was presented following the Citizen Award and Recognition to Jamir Grigsby.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: None.

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

**INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER ALESSIO**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**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**

**CITIZEN AWARD AND RECOGNITION TO JAMIR GRIGSBY**

Mayor Arapostathis on behalf of the entire City Council and City of La Mesa presented Jamir Grigsby with a Certificate of Recognition for his heroic actions on June 21, 2018.

Police Chief Vasquez on behalf of the La Mesa Police Department presented Jamir

Grigsby with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his heroic efforts in rescuing Karina Angel and her two young children from an attack by two dogs. Chief Vasquez also awarded Jamir Grigsby the Chief's Challenge Coin for Courage.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Police Chief Vasquez introduced new Police Department staff members. Chief Vasquez presented the crime statistics for quarter ending June 30, 2018, explained the statistics in the various crime categories, and highlighted recently solved cases. Chief Vasquez also spoke regarding the number of calls for service received this year, the Department's proactive operations and strategic enforcement, and the many community outreach programs in which the Department was involved.

Council questions and discussion ensued. No action was taken.

### **SANDAG PRESENTATION**

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Vice Chair Steve Vaus showed a short video and provided a PowerPoint presentation on SANDAG's regional and local accomplishments and current and future projects.

Council questions and discussion ensued. No action was taken.

### **PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

Councilmember McWhirter presented the proclamation to Fire Division Chief Manns and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator McKellar.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Peter Carzis, resident, spoke regarding the La Mesa Classic Car Show and Farmer's Market.

### **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 12)

Mayor Arapostathis requested Consent Calendar Item 11 be pulled for separate consideration.

Councilmember Baber thanked the Heartland Firefighters of La Mesa Local #4759 and the City negotiators in their efforts with Consent Calendar Item 6, resolution approving the 2018-2020 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Mesa and the Heartland Firefighters of La Mesa Local #4759.

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, AUGUST 14, 2018**

Approved.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

Approved.

4. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A LA MESA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Resolution No. 2018-086 was adopted.

5. **RESOLUTION AWARDED THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2019 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FROM PENSKE FORD**

Resolution No. 2018-087 was adopted.

6. A. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018-2020 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE HEARTLAND FIREFIGHTERS OF LA MESA LOCAL #4759**

Resolution No. 2018-088 was adopted.

- B. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED CITY OF LA MESA COMPENSATION PLANS FOR FY 2018-2019 AND FY 2019-2020 LISTING POSITIONS, SALARY RANGES/BANDS AND PAY STEPS**

Resolution No. 2018-089 was adopted.

7. **RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR AWARD TO SAN DIEGO SPORTS MEDICINE AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN EL CAJON, LA MESA, AND LEMON GROVE FOR THE 2017 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM TO FUND A WELLNESS AND FITNESS PROGRAM**

Resolution No. 2018-090 was adopted.

8. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE FOR A REPLACEMENT WASTEWATER COMBINATION TRUCK TO BE USED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM**

Resolution No. 2018-091 was adopted.

**9. RESOLUTION AWARDING TASK ORDER NO. 1 TO COMPASS ROSE GIS FOR AS-NEEDED MAPPING AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM SERVICES**

Resolution No. 2018-092 was adopted.

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SELECT TRAFFIC SAFETY SIGNS CITY-WIDE; ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IF AWARDED; AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS**

Resolution No. 2018-093 was adopted.

**11. REMOVED.**

**12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT A LOCAL TRAFFIC SAFETY, DUI ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS PROGRAM BY APPROVING THE ADDITION OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO THE FY 2018-2019 BUDGET**

Resolution No. 2018-094 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve Consent Calendar items 1 through 10 and 12.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**11. A. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A 30-UNIT PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF EASTRIDGE DRIVE, BETWEEN DENVER DRIVE AND BROOKE COURT (LA MESA SUMMIT PARTNERS LLC), CASE FILE NOS. TTM 17-01, DAB 17-12, SP 17-06, AND DRB 17-12; AND**

**B. RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE TRACT MAP TTM 17-01, SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DAB 17-12, SPECIAL PERMIT SP 17-06, AND THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF DESIGN REVIEW DRB 17-12 (LA MESA SUMMIT PARTNERS LLC) FOR A 30-UNIT PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF EASTRIDGE DRIVE, BETWEEN DENVER DRIVE AND BROOKE COURT, IN THE R1S ZONE**

Senior Planner Kinnard provided an overview of the proposed 30-unit planned residential development, the project site, the Tentative Tract Map findings, Site Development Plan findings,

Special Permit findings, and the Planning Commission's approval of the proposed development.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the accessibility of the private park within the proposed residential development, the proposed pedestrian improvements, the community outreach efforts of the developers throughout the planning process, and how the proposed development will impact and affect its neighbors.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to adopt resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for a 30-unit planned residential development south of Eastridge Drive, between Denver Drive and Brooke Court (La Mesa Summit Partners LLC), Case File Nos. TTM 17-01, DAB 17-12, SP 17-06 and DRB 17-12.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-095 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to adopt resolution ratifying the Planning Commission's approval of Tentative Tract Map TTM 17-01, Site Development Plan DAB 17-12, Special Permit SP 17-06, and the Design Review Board's approval of Design Review DRB 17-12 (La Mesa Summit Partners LLC) for a 30-unit planned residential development south of Eastridge Drive, between Denver Drive and Brooke Court, in the R1S Zone.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-096 was adopted.

Jeff Phair, project developer, thanked the City's Planning staff for their efforts and professionalism during the planning and approval process of the 30-unit planned residential development.

### **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.

## **COUNCIL INITIATED**

### **13. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REGULATION OF DOCKLESS BIKES AND SCOOTERS IN LA MESA – COUNCILMEMBER BABER AND COUNCILMEMBER MCWHIRTER**

Councilmember Baber stated the reasons for bringing forth the discussion regarding the regulation of dockless bikes and scooters in La Mesa.

Councilmember McWhirter said he reached out to Bird, the company that has brought the dockless scooters to La Mesa, and two representatives were present to discuss Bird's efforts in ensuring rider and pedestrian safety in the City of La Mesa.

Sophie Beckman, Bird representative, provided a brief overview of Bird, its mission, business structure, and goals. Ms. Beckman reviewed the ways in which Bird is ensuring rider and pedestrian safety, assisting cities in achieving their sustainability goals, and fostering shared mobility as an alternative mode of transportation.

Councilmember Alessio announced that she had met with Bird representatives to discuss the company's efforts in ensuring rider and pedestrian safety in the City of La Mesa.

Susan Wayne, resident, spoke regarding her concerns with the recent implementation of the dockless bikes and scooters in La Mesa.

Oren Hertz, Bird mechanic, spoke regarding rider and public safety and the benefits Bird brings to communities.

Knikki Royster, resident, spoke in support of the Bird scooters being in La Mesa.

Nancy Goettler, resident, spoke regarding her concerns with the introduction of the dockless bikes and scooters in La Mesa.

A discussion ensued between Council regarding the implementation of the Bird dockless scooters, the enforcement of any proposed or adopted regulations, working with the various dockless bike and scooter companies to ensure public safety, recovering any costs associated with having the dockless bikes and scooters in the City, the dockless bikes and scooters being a potential tool for meeting the City's Climate Action Plan goals, the parking of dockless bikes and scooters, and what other cities are doing to regulate the dockless bikes and scooters.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to research best practices used by other cities to regulate dockless bikes and scooters, and return to Council at a later date with their findings.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS**

There were no remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk

