

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, September 25, 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.

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

**SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM FREE RIDE DAY
PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION**

Marcial Gutierrez Jr., San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Marketing Specialist, presented a PowerPoint presentation on MTS Free Ride Day and La Mesa ridership on the Metropolitan Transit System. Mr. Gutierrez announced MTS Free Ride Day would take place on October 2, 2018.

Councilmember McWhirter presented the proclamation to Marcial Gutierrez Jr., MTS Marketing Specialist.

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 7 – 13, 2018 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Councilmember Baber presented the proclamation to Interim Fire Chief Chasin and Division Chief Manns. Interim Fire Chief Chasin invited everyone to attend the Heartland Fire & Rescue Fire Prevention Week Open House event on October 20, 2018 at La Mesa Fire Station 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Paul Jacobson, resident, spoke regarding his experience with City staff and development projects.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. ANNUAL INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR OPENINGS ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process. City Clerk Wiegelman stated that Elaine Alfaro had sent her regrets that she would not be able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment but had expressed her interest in being considered for reappointment.

The following applicants spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed to the Youth Advisory Commission:

Penelope Amado
Jagger Giles
Jolene Giles
Katharine Kasinak
Katherine Rabasco
Jocelyn Thomas

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointments would be made at the October 9th Council meeting.

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 2 through 8)

Councilmember Baber requested Consent Calendar Item 7 be pulled for separate consideration.

2. APPROVAL OF MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE TEXT OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AT THIS MEETING

Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Approved.

4. RATIFICATION OF DESIGN REVIEW DRB 17-16 (KOROS RESIDENTIAL, LLC) – TEN RESIDENTIAL UNITS AT 8234-8240 UNIVERSITY AVENUE IN THE RB-D-MU (RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY / MIXED-USE OVERLAY) ZONE

Ratified.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF UNSPENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY FOR THE ELDERLY ON THE BRIERCREST SITE

Resolution No. 2018-097 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE FAIRFIELD INSPECTION SERVICES TRUST ACCOUNT TO FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF HOUSING AFFORDABILITY COVENANTS ENCUMBERING THE LEASEHOLD ESTATE OF FAIRFIELD GROSSMONT TROLLEY, LLC FOR THE ALTERRA PRAVADA APARTMENTS

Resolution No. 2018-098 was adopted.

7. REMOVED.

8. A. RESOLUTION RELATING TO CALPERS RETIREMENT COST-SHARING UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20516 BY UNREPRESENTED MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES;

Resolution No. 2018-099 was adopted.

B. RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT AMENDING SECTION 1.19 (RETIREMENT) OF THE 2018-2020 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE LA MESA CITY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION (LMCEA) TO AUTHORIZE COST SHARING IN THE SAME MANNER

AS THAT WHICH IS ALLOWED FOR UNREPRESENTED MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Resolution No. 2018-100 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve Consent Calendar items 2 through 6 and 8.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2018-2020 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE LA MESA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Councilmember Baber thanked the La Mesa Police Officers' Association and City negotiators for their work in reaching an agreement.

Councilmember Alessio stated that the Memorandum of Understanding agreements being approved tonight would further the City's budget deficit and for that reason she would be voting no on Item 7 and Item 9.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Vice Mayor Parent to adopt the resolution approving the 2018-2020 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Mesa and the La Mesa Police Officers' Association.

Vote: 4-1

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

No: Councilmember Alessio

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2018-101 was adopted.

STAFF REPORTS

9. A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES THE SAME SALARY AND CAFETERIA PLAN TERMS AS PROVIDED TO LA MESA CITY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION;
- B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT;
- C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT;
- D. 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

Human Resources/Risk Manager Freeman provided an overview of the staff report and stated that the resolutions approving the authorization of unrepresented employees receiving salary increases were being brought to Council in open session pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(c).

Mayor Arapostathis read the following statement in compliance with Government Code Section 54953(c): "The following employees will receive a 2.5% salary increase for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director/City Engineer, City Clerk, Police Chief, City Attorney, Community Development Director, Community Services Director, and Finance Director. 0.5% of such increase shall be contributed to CalPERS for the retirement cost-sharing purposes. The Community Development Director, Community Service Director, and the Finance Director will receive an additional 2.5% increase for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as a market adjustment for the purposes of achieving parity in the labor market."

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember McWhirter and seconded by Vice Mayor Parent to adopt the resolution authorizing unrepresented employees the same salary and cafeteria plan terms as provided to La Mesa City Employees' Association.

Vote: 4-1

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember McWhirter
No: Councilmember Alessio
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-102 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the resolution authorizing execution of the First Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement.

Vote: 4-1

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember McWhirter
No: Councilmember Alessio
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-103 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Vice Mayor Parent to adopt the resolution authorizing execution of the Seventh Amendment to the City Attorney Employment Agreement.

Vote: 4-1

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember McWhirter
No: Councilmember Alessio
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-104 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to adopt the 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.

Vote: 4-1

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember McWhirter
No: Councilmember Alessio
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2018-105 was adopted.

10. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A VISION ZERO PLAN TO REDUCE TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN THE CITY OF LA MESA TO ZERO BY 2025

Senior Management Analyst Dedmon provided a brief overview of the staff report and the Council's direction on adopting a Vision Zero Plan.

Management Analyst Thompson presented a PowerPoint presentation of the City projects and programs that tie in with the Vision Zero Plan.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the City website including information and design plans for the North Spring Street Phase I and II projects, the camera sensors at the Glenn Street and La Mesa Boulevard intersection, the implementation of camera sensors at additional intersections, the lane closure on Spring Street, the various projects and programs being implemented in West La Mesa, and keeping the Vision Zero Plan at the forefront when planning future City programs and projects.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the resolution adopting a Vision Zero Plan to reduce traffic fatalities in the City of La Mesa to zero by 2025.

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. 2018-106 was adopted.

11. A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC PERMIT PARKING ZONES;

B. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXEMPTION OF WELLESLEY STREET FROM THE PERMIT PARKING ZONES POLICY

Public Works Director Leja provided a brief overview of the development of the permit parking zone policy and reviewed the policy elements.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the demand for permit parking zones, the proposed fee amount, the Wellesley Street exemption from the permit parking zones policy, and the number of permits that will be issued to single family dwellings and multifamily units.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to adopt the resolution approving the collection of fees for the administration of Public Permit Parking Zones.

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. 2018-107 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to adopt the resolution approving the exemption of Wellesley Street from the Permit Parking Zones Policy.

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. 2018-108 was adopted.

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.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk