



## MINUTES LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

**Approved March 3, 2021**

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.

The La Mesa Planning Commission held a meeting on January 20, 2021, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on January 15, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., on the Bulletin Board next to the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

Planning Commission members present were Chairman Torpey, Commissioners Hottel, Jones, Kelly, Newland, and Podeswik.

Staff members present were Community Development Director Kerry Kusiak, Senior Planner Allyson Kinnard and Environmental Program Manager Hilary Ego.

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Item 2. Commissioner Jones gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Deletions from Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions the Next Agenda - Chairman Torpey asked that Item 7c. be moved forward.

Item 4. Public Comment (non-agenda items) – None.

*Note: In accordance with State Law, an item not scheduled on the Agenda may be brought forward by the general public for discussion; however, the Commission will not be able to take any action at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda.*

Item 5. Public Discussion and Audience Participation - None

Item 6. Procedural Rules of Conduct for Hearings.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Newland made a motion to waive the reading of the procedural rules as there were no hearings on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Podeswik. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Hearings – None.

## Item 7. Business

### 7a. Planning Commission 2021 Work Plan

Mr. Kusiak presented the Work Plan for the Planning Commission and reviewed the goals. He stated that the Work Plan needs to be consistent with the City's goals. Moving forward, the Work Plan will be presented to the City Council in February.

ACTION: Commissioner Podeswik made a motion to adopt the Work Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried unanimously.

### 7b. Approval of the October 21, 2020 minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Hottel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Chairman Torpey. Motion carried with 5 in favor and 1 abstention (Commissioner Kelly).

### 7c. Review of proposed City Council Climate Emergency Resolution

Mr. Kusiak introduced Hilary Ego, Environmental Program Manager, who presented a brief overview of the resolution. Councilmember Jack Shu introduced the Climate Emergency resolution at the January 12, 2021 City Council meeting. The global movement was initiated by The Climate Mobilization organization. The cities of San Diego, Del Mar, Solana Beach, and Encinitas have already passed resolutions, with more on the way.

Ms. Ego added that the resolution will help to support and elevate the City's current Climate Action Plan. Any ideas for efforts not currently included in the CAP can be reviewed in the upcoming 2023 CAP Update.

The Commissioners discussed the resolution. Mr. Kerry stated that the Climate Emergency Resolution sets the policies for future action and asked that the Commissioners review the resolution and provide any comments to him via email by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 7d. Assignment of next Invocation and reading of Procedural Rules:

Invocation – Commissioner Hottel  
Procedural Rules – Commissioner Kelly

## Item 8. Informational Items

Commissioner Hottel shared that the annual Open House San Diego will be virtual this year. She invited any Commissioner interested in speaking at the event to let her know.

Mr. Kusiak stated that there will not be a meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; however there will be a Special Meeting to discuss the Housing Element on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Davis  
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