

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 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.

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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER SHU

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Humora provided an update on the rules and regulations issued by the City in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, summarized the latest health order changes from the State of California and County of San Diego, and reported on the COVID-19 vaccination distribution process.

City Manager Humora provided an update on the Chief of Police recruitment.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

The Mayor, Council and staff made announcements and reported on various events taking place in the City. No action was taken.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Kristen Miller submitted a comment requesting the City to initiate an investigation into the alleged corruption within the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District.

Gene Carpenter submitted a comment regarding the preservation of the artwork that was created following the events that occurred in La Mesa on May 30, 2020.

Andy Trimlett submitted a comment regarding the report of findings related to the Leslie Furcron incident and La Mesa Police Department's use of less lethal weapons.

Melissa Walter submitted a comment regarding the report of findings related to the Leslie Furcron incident and La Mesa Police Department's use of less lethal weapons.

Art Fusco submitted a comment regarding the events that occurred on May 30, 2020 and the public's trust.

Aaron Amerling submitted a comment regarding the preservation of the artwork that was created following the events that occurred in La Mesa on May 30, 2020.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

Councilmember Baber announced he would recuse himself for Item 9 because he had a potential conflict of interest under Government Code Section 87100 due to the proximity of his home to Collier Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 8)

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

Dianne Osterling submitted a comment on Item 7 regarding the environmental impact of eliminating drive through banks near a main street that is close to freeway on and off ramps.

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

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 SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AND MARCH 9, 2021

Approved.

4. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING SECTION 2.85.010 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY POWER REPRESENTATIVE AS A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Approved. Ordinance No. 2021-2884 was adopted.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN

Approved.

7. REMOVED.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION FOR THE TRANSFER STATION LOCATED AT 8184 COMMERCIAL STREET IN THE CITY OF LA MESA

Resolution No. 2021-024 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8, except for Item 7.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Weber, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

7. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT NO. 2021-05 (UNION BANK) – A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND DESIGN REVIEW FOR A RETAIL BANK BUILDING AT 4771 SPRING STREET IN THE CD-D (DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE

Councilmember Shu inquired about the requirements for new developments to be sustainable, energy efficient, and environmentally friendly.

City Manager Humora responded to Councilmember Shu's questions.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Shu and seconded by Councilmember Parent to ratify the Design Review Board's approval of Project No. 2021-05 (Union Bank).

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Weber, Councilmember Baber, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

HEARING

9. A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

B. CONSIDERATION OF THE CDBG PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

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.

Councilmember Baber left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing for Item 9.

Senior Planner Kinnard provided a PowerPoint presentation on the CDBG program, the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan goals, the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Action Plan, and the proposed funding levels and allocation of CDBG program funds for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to close the hearing since there were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Vote: 4-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Weber, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Councilmember Baber

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Weber to (1) adopt the Resolution approving the amended Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Action Plan and authorizing submittal to HUD; and (2) reaffirm CDBG program priorities and direct staff to develop the Fiscal Year 2021-22 CDBG Action Plan for HUD-funded activities and return to Council on April 27, 2021, for final review and approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 CDBG Action Plan.

Vote: 4-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Weber, Councilmember Parent, and Councilmember Shu

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Councilmember Baber

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-025 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 6:31 p.m. in remembrance and honor of the eight victims of the Atlanta, Georgia spa shooting and the 10 victims of the Boulder, Colorado grocery store shooting.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk