

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 4:00 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, except for Item 3 which was considered with Item 2.

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 4:05 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL FORECAST

Finance Director Royales presented the ten-year financial forecast for the City's General Fund. Finance Director Royales discussed the national, state and local economies, the State actions impacting the City's budget, the significant changes to CalPERS Retirement, the City's response to the CalPERS changes, and the status of the Section 115 Retirement Trust Fund. Finance Director Royales discussed the base forecast for revenue and expenditure assumptions and General Fund reserves history and forecast. Finance Director Royales also reviewed the property tax, sales tax and Prop L sales tax revenues.

Council questions and comments ensued.

2. 2021 STRATEGIC GOALS AND TARGETS FOR ACTION WORK PLAN UPDATE

City Manager Humora stated the City's Five Year Strategic Goals were: (1) safe community; (2) maintain a financially sound and affordable City government; (3) continue to improve high quality municipal services; (4) revitalize neighborhoods and corridors; (5) enhanced recreation and quality of life opportunities; (6) effective and efficient traffic circulation and transportation; (7) ensure safe and affordable homes for all current and future residents; and (8) foster community health by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving environmental quality.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino provided an overview of the City's Targets for Action for each of the City's Five Year Strategic Goals.

Assistant City Manager Tomaino summarized the 2020 Performance Measures for the various City departments, highlighting the increased social media engagement, the implementation of electronic planning and building review, the number of applications accepted by the Community Development Department, the advanced efforts to launch San Diego Community Power, the Rental Assistance Program and Business Assistance Grant, the continued decrease in graffiti activity, the launch of the Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement Program, and the completion of the After-Action Report.

City Clerk Wiegelman read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 2:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting.

The following members of the public submitted comments expressing concerns with the La Mesa Police Department and Fire Department using Nextdoor to advertise citizen training opportunities:

Emily Green
Melissa Walter
Nicole Chenelle
Teri Andre

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

3. 2020 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Agenda Item 3 was considered with Agenda Item 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m. in honor of Shon Boney, a La Mesa native, star athlete, pilot, and co-founder of Sprouts Farmers Market.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk