

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 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 Baber; Councilmembers Alessio, Parent, and Weber.

ABSENT: None.

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

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.

PRESENTATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2020 AS ARBOR DAY

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming April 24, 2020 as Arbor Day.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

There were no public comments.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 8)

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, MARCH 10, 2020**

Approved.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

Approved.

4. **RESOLUTION DIRECTING REVIEW OF THE CITY OF LA MESA CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

Resolution No. 2020-027 was adopted.

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN**

Approved.

6. **A. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID NO. 20-18, NORTH SPRING STREET SMART GROWTH SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO MIRAMAR GENERAL ENGINEERING; AND**

Resolution No. 2020-028 was adopted.

B. RESOLUTION AWARDING A TASK ORDER TO PGH WONG TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR NORTH SPRING STREET SMART GROWTH SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Resolution No. 2020-029 was adopted.

7. A. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID NO. 20-22, INFLOW & INFILTRATION PROJECT PHASE 5 AND AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO HPS MECHANICAL, INC.; AND

Resolution No. 2020-030 was adopted.

B. RESOLUTION APPROVING A TASK ORDER TO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING CORPORATION TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR INFLOW & INFILTRATION PROJECT PHASE 5, BID NO. 20-22

Resolution No. 2020-031 was adopted.

8. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

Resolution No. 2020-032 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT

9. A. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER AND THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER'S PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (PURSUANT TO LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.56.050); AND

City Attorney Sabine provided an overview of La Mesa Municipal Code Chapter 2.56 – *Emergency Ordinance* and explained the purpose of the Resolutions of Items 9A and 9B.

City Manager Humora summarized the actions taken, and the rules and regulations issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. City Manager Humora commended staff for their efforts and accomplishments during the local emergency.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Mayor Arapostathis called a recess at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:53 p.m. with all members present.

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointments of the City Manager as the Director of Emergency and Disaster and the Director of Finance as the Assistant Director of Emergency and Disaster and the Director of Emergency and Disaster's Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency (pursuant to La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.56.050).

Vote: 4-0-1

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

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-033 was adopted.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PURSUANT TO LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.56.060 FOR THE DIRECT PROTECTION AND BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF LA MESA

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to adopt the Resolution confirming and ratifying the rules and regulations as issued by the Director of Emergency and Disaster pursuant to La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.56.060 for the direct protection and benefit of the citizens of the City of La Mesa.

Vote: 5-0

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

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-034 was adopted.

C. PANDEMIC RESPONSE STATUS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER REGARDING SAME

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.

The following members of the public submitted comments in support of reprogramming traffic signals to automatically display the pedestrian crossing signals:

Cynthia Tracy
Daniel Beeman
John and Sandra Doller
Jim Stone

The following members of the public submitted comments in opposition of reprogramming traffic signals to automatically display the pedestrian crossing signals:

Mark Papenfuss
Keith Hartz

Christopher Glenn submitted a comment regarding the public health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bonnie Baranoff submitted a comment regarding those experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to direct staff to reprogram in a reasonable time frame the traffic signals of high density intersections to automatically display the pedestrian crossing signals.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Weber and seconded by Councilmember Parent to direct staff to close those City parks with gates to all visitors and close all other City parks to gatherings of more than one person, excluding households.

Vote: 5-0

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

Motion passed.

Council questions and comments continued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to establish an ad hoc subcommittee comprising of Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Parent for the purpose of identifying City streets and rights-of-way that may be altered to allow for greater pedestrian and bicycle access.

Vote: 5-0

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

Motion passed.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

10. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 24 (ZONING) OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADU) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65852.2

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

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.

The following members of the public submitted comments in support of adopting the ADU and JADU Ordinances:

Marissa Tucker
Matthew Vasilakis
Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors
Matt Davis

The following member of the public submitted a comment in opposition of adopting the ADU and JADU Ordinances as written:

Marcia Tolin

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Weber to approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance adopting amendments to Title 24 (Zoning) of the La Mesa Municipal Code for the development of accessory dwelling units (ADU) in accordance with California Government Code Section 65852.2.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Ordinance No. 2020-2879 was adopted.

11. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 24 (ZONING) OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (JADU) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65852.22

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance adopting amendments to Title 24 (Zoning) of the La Mesa Municipal Code for the development of junior accessory dwelling units (JADU) in accordance with California Government Code Section 65852.22.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Ordinance No. 2020-2880 was adopted.

HEARING

12. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TRANSNET LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2025

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.

Public Works Director Firsht provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2020 *TransNet* Local Street Improvement Program of Projects highlighting the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) requirements and adoption of a regional program of projects, the City's last approved Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the modifications to SANDAG's 2018 RTIP, and the projects and funding allocations for the 2020 *TransNet* Program of Projects.

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

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution adopting and approving the *TransNet* Local Street Improvement 2020 *TransNet* Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2025.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

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 8:39 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk