



MINUTES

LA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

La Mesa City Hall Council Chambers
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Approved May 19, 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 Agenda for this meeting was posted on April 29, 2021, at 12:45 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 Cooper, Coston, Hottel, Jones, Newland, and Podeswik.

Staff members present were Community Development Director Kerry Kusiak, Assistant Community Development Director Matthew Feske, Public Works Director/City Engineer Leon Firsht, and Community Services Director Sue Richardson.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Torpey welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, Brianna Coston, to the Planning Commission.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Torpey

3. Deletions from the Agenda/Urgent Additions to the Agenda/Additions to the next Agenda

None.

Mr. Kusiak introduced Matthew Feske, newly appointed Assistant Director of Community Development as well as the City's new Assistant Attorney, Cory Lacy, who is with the law firm of McDougal, Love, Boehmer, Foley, Lyon & Mitchell.

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.

5. Procedural Rules for Conduct of Hearings

ACTION: Because there were no hearings agendized, Chairman Torpey made a motion to waive the reading of the Procedural Rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

6. Hearings – None.

7. Business

7a. Consideration of the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget

Mr. Firsht presented the staff report which outlined the proposed projects included in the 2022-2026 CIP Budget. Ms. Richardson provided an overview of proposed CIP-funded projects for the City's parks.

The Commissioners discussed the Capital Improvement Program Budget.

ACTION: Commissioner Newland made a motion to recommend the City Council approve the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried with 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

7b. Approval of the April 21, 2021 minutes

ACTION: Vice Chair Hottel made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 in favor and 1 abstention (Coston).

7c. Assignment of the Invocation and Procedural Rules

Vice Chair Hottel will give the Invocation and Chair Torpey will read the Procedural Rules at the next meeting

8. Informational Items: Mr. Kusiak mentioned that there would be a meeting on May 19th.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator