

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, September 28, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – VICE MAYOR SHU

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 THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 THROUGH 9, 2021 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor Arapostathis read the proclamation proclaiming the week of October 3 through 9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week.

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 regarding engaging residents to proactively mitigate wildfire risks.

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.

Michael Shevlin submitted a comment requesting the Council consider forming a committee or group for the purpose of supporting and offering services to grandparents raising grandchildren.

Corinne Akers submitted a comment regarding the parking lot being built on the corner of Wakarusa Street and Murray Drive.

Carmen Pauli spoke requesting the City Council direct staff to draft an ordinance updating the City's review process for potential historical resources.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. ANNUAL INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR OPENINGS ON THE CITY'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process.

The following applicant spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed to the Youth Advisory Commission:

Olivia Reagan

Following the interview, no action was taken.

2. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE CITY'S LIBRARY TASK FORCE

City Clerk Wiegelman gave a brief overview of the purpose and member requirements for the City's Library Task Force. City Clerk Wiegelman stated that Lauren Gillihan and Grant Yamada were not able to attend the meeting due to prior commitments but had submitted written statements expressing their interest in being considered for appointment.

The following applicants spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed:

Susan Moore
John Schmitz
Nancy Sierra
Alfred Navarro
William Bruner
Robert Duggan
David Harris
Joseph Miesner
S. Camille Chenoweth Moyer
Lori Wilcox

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 3 through 9)

3. APPROVAL OF MOTION TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE TEXT OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AT THIS MEETING

Approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA MESA CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Approved.

5. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH BARTLETTJAMES, LLC FOR INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD, DUE TO CHANGE IN LEGAL ENTITY NAME

Resolution No. 2021-111 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR THE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION MITIGATION PROJECT PHASE 6 AND FORMALLY ADOPTING THE PROJECT FOR PURPOSES OF STATE REVOLVING FUND SUBMITTAL TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

Resolution No. 2021-112 was adopted.

7. **RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 12.44.130 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACES AT 4865 PINE STREET, 8291 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, AND 4599 3RD STREET**

Resolution No. 2021-113 was adopted.

8. **RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF PROJECT NO. 2020-14 (GROSSMONT POST ACUTE CARE) – A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AT 5601 GROSSMONT CENTER DRIVE, APN 490-260-11-00 IN THE C-G-D (GENERAL COMMERCIAL / GROSSMONT SPECIFIC PLAN OVERLAY / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE**

Ratified.

9. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) GRANT OF \$48,810 FOR TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS**

Resolution No. 2021-114 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to approve Consent Calendar Items 3 through 9.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT

10. **PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (AB 361) AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS AND APPROACH TO FUTURE MEETINGS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, AS AMENDED BY AB 361, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

City Clerk Wiegelman provided an overview of AB 361.

Dianne spoke regarding the benefits of virtual meetings and the possibility of continuing to allow public participation virtually when meetings return to in-person.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the Resolution making findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, as amended by AB 361, and authorizing the continued use of virtual meetings.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-115 was adopted.

ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

11. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.87 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Mayor Arapostathis and Vice Mayor Shu provided an overview of the development process of the Ordinance establishing the Arts and Culture Commission and expressed their expectations for the Commission.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

HEARING/ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

12. CONSIDERATION OF A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONE MAP FOR A PROPOSED PARKING STRUCTURE AT 9000 WAKARUSA STREET, APN 490-370-33-00 IN THE R1S-G-D (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL / GROSSMONT SPECIFIC PLAN OVERLAY / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE (PROJECT NO. 2020-46)

- A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY AND ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT;**
- B. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE MAP TO RECLASSIFY PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 9000 WAKARUSA STREET (APN 490-370-33-00) FROM R1S (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO ZONE C (GENERAL COMMERCIAL);**
- C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND**
- D. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT**

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.

Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing for Item 12.

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 the proposed site development plan and Ordinance to amend the Zone Map for a proposed parking structure at 9000 Wakarusa Street, APN 490-370-33-00 in the R1S-G-D Zone:

Michael Rosete
Richard Hart

CDR Mason W. Berry submitted a comment regarding Sharp Grossmont Hospital's efforts to address the concerns of the local community.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Baber to close the hearing since there was no one else in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Shu and seconded by Councilmember Baber to adopt the Resolution approving the Initial Study and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Project 2020-46 (Sharp Grossmont Hospital Parking Structure), a site development plan and zone reclassification for a proposed four-story parking structure at 9000 Wakarusa Street (APN 490-370-33-00).

Vote: 4-0

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

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-116 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Shu and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance.

Vote: 4-0

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

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Shu and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to adopt the Resolution approving the site development plan for Project 2020-46 (Sharp Grossmont Hospital Parking Structure), a site development plan and zone reclassification for a proposed four-story parking structure at 9000 Wakarusa Street (APN 490-370-33-00).

Vote: 4-0

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

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-117 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Shu and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to ratify the Design Review Board's approval of the project.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

HEARING

- 13. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ORDERING THE VACATION OF AN EXISTING EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES (STORM DRAIN) OVER A PORTION OF LOT 80 OF LA MESA INDUSTRIAL CENTER, IN THE CITY OF LA MESA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO MAP THEREOF NO. 2503, ADDRESSED AS 8181 CENTER DRIVE, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, AUGUST 31, 1948**

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.

Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing for Item 13.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Firsh explained the purpose for vacating the public utility easement.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Baber to close the hearing since there was no one in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Baber to adopt the Resolution ordering the vacation of an existing easement for public utility purposes (storm drain) over a portion of Lot 80 of La Mesa Industrial Center, in the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California, according to Map thereof No. 2503, addressed as 8181 Center Drive, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, August 31, 1948.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2021-118 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))

Councilmember Baber reported on his trip to Sacramento on September 22 through September 24, 2021 for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk