

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Councilmembers Alessio, McWhirter and Sterling.

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Baber.

STAFF: City Manager Witt; City Attorney Sabine; Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett; City Clerk Kennedy.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER McWHIRTER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAIMING MARCH 7 – 14, 2016 AS ARBOR WEEK

Mayor Arapostathis presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Humora.

UPDATE ON SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN AND A POTENTIAL  
NEW REGIONAL FUNDING SOURCE

Ms. Elisa Arias, Principal Planner, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), provided an update on the Regional Plan which is a vision of how the San Diego region will grow over the next 35 years and emphasizes the link between land use and transportation planning. Ms. Arias discussed SANDAG's proposal to place a ballot measure on the November ballot to increase local sales tax by one-half cent in order to help fund the region's transportation needs through 2050.

Following Council questions, no action was taken.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Russell Buckley, La Mesa, spoke in opposition to SANDAG's proposed half cent sales tax measure and also about the cost of wages and retirement benefits for government employees.

Ms. Carol Lockwood, La Mesa, spoke in support of the Urban Trails Mobility Action Plan. Ms. Lockwood also spoke about the activities of La Mesa Beautiful and invited everyone to attend the organization's annual meeting on March 6 at Nan Coutts Cottage. In addition, Ms. Lockwood spoke about the Centennial Legacy project.

Ms. Lois Pasquale, La Mesa, also spoke in support of the Urban Trails Mobility Action Plan.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar item 1.

Vote: 4-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember McWhirter and Councilmember Sterling

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Baber

Motion passed.

### STAFF REPORT

2. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE URBAN TRAILS MOBILITY ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LA MESA

Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett provided background about the project and said the Urban Trails Mobility Action Plan supported the City's efforts to have a pedestrian and bike-friendly community. Ms. Garrett said the Plan supported a number of planning documents, including the General Plan, and approval of the Plan would allow the City to leverage outside resources for adding to the City's build environment.

Safe Routes Coordinator Thompson gave a brief overview of the two-year project that identified the most effective approaches in routes to connect La Mesa residents with key community destinations such as parks and recreation, medical facilities, retail shops, restaurants, the Civic Center, schools and other destinations. Ms. Thompson said had been accomplished by identifying high priority areas, looking at demographics, needs and existing conditions, and outreach to engage the community through multiple activities and events.

Mr. Joe Punsalan, Senior Associate, KTU+A, discussed the steps taken and the prioritization process to formulate the Mobility Action Plan and complete the Master Plan.

STAFF REPORT – Continued

The following members of the audience spoke in support of the Urban Trails Mobility Action Plan and about their involvement in the process:

Ms. Janet Castanos, La Mesa  
Mr. Joe Glidden, La Mesa  
Mr. Don Huckell, La Mesa

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to adopt the resolution approving the Urban Trails Mobility Action Plan.

Vote: 4-0

Yes: Mayor Arapostathis, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember McWhirter and Councilmember Sterling  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: Vice Mayor Baber

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2016-010 was adopted.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

The Mayor and Council reported on various outside board, commission 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

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Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mary J. Kennedy, CMC  
City Clerk

