

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, April 26, 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 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER STERLING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions, except the Council gave instructions to its negotiators to move forward with negotiations with the bargaining units.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Witt announced the City recently received several awards. The La Mesa Urban Trails Mobility Action Plan received the Healthy Places award for 2016 from the San Diego Chapter of the Urban Land Institute, and also received the Small Comprehensive award for 2016 from the San Diego Chapter of the American Planning Association.

City Manager Witt also announced the La Mesa Downtown Village Streetscape project received the Project of the Year award for 2016 from the local chapter of the American Public Works Association. The Streetscape project also received the Project of the Year award for 2016 from the San Diego section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in the category of water quality and drainage.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Vice Mayor Baber announced he would be recusing himself on items 5 and 7, because of the location of his home in relation to Collier Park. Vice Mayor Baber requested item 6 A and B be moved forward for discussion ahead of item 5.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Roseann Riddle, La Mesa, expressed her opposition to allowing five dogs per residence and asked the Council to reverse their decision.

Ms. Pat Keller, La Mesa, spoke in support of a new library and in opposition to a new civic center.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 2)

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

Approved.

2. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY15 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) – URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) TRAINING GRANT OF \$9,379 FOR TRAINING ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Resolution No. 2016-024 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve Consent Calendar items 1 and 2.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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.

## COUNCIL INITIATED

3. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN GOALS AND POLICIES – COUNCILMEMBER MCWHIRTER – Continued from April 12, 2016

## COUNCIL INITIATED – Continued

Councilmember McWhirter suggested forming *ad hoc* Council subcommittees for the Downtown Specific Plan, Downtown Events, Civic Center Master Plan and the Future of MacArthur Park and requested approval from the Mayor and Council.

Council discussion ensued.

**ACTION:** Following discussion, the Mayor, with the consensus of the Council, approved the appointment of Vice Mayor Baber and Councilmember Sterling to the Civic Center Master Plan *ad hoc* subcommittee, Councilmember McWhirter and Councilmember Alessio to the Downtown Specific Plan *ad hoc* subcommittee, Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember McWhirter to the Downtown Events *ad hoc* subcommittee, and Councilmember Sterling and Councilmember Alessio to the MacArthur Park *ad hoc* subcommittee. It was also the consensus of the Council to direct staff to bring back the parameters for each subcommittee.

### 4. UPDATE/POSSIBLE COUNCIL VOTE ON PROPOSED SANDAG 1/2 CENT SALES TAX INCREASE BALLOT MEASURE – COUNCILMEMBER ALESSIO

Councilmember Alessio discussed the most recent draft expenditure plan for the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) proposed 40 year, ½ cent sales tax increase to fund transportation and transit projects throughout the County. Councilmember Alessio expressed her concern that most of the money raised would not come back to the City. Councilmember Alessio asked for the Council's direction on whether she should support the proposal at the next SANDAG board meeting.

Council discussion ensued.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to oppose the measure.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m. with all members present.

7:00 P.M.

## HEARINGS

As requested by Vice Mayor Baber, Mayor Arapostathis brought forward item number 6 A and B for discussion at this time.

HEARINGS – Continued

6. A. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR FY 2016-2017; AND

B. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTCIP) DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

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.

Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett introduced Senior Management Analyst Dedmon.

Senior Management Analyst Dedmon provided background on the City's Cost Allocation and User Fee Study. Mr. Dedmon discussed the annual update of the fees, and explained the new and adjusted fees. Senior Management Analyst Dedmon said the staff recommended the Council adopt the resolution adopting a fee schedule to be charged by various City departments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Following Council questions, Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing and asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak.

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

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the fee schedule, with the exception of the dog license fees for one year altered and unaltered, two years altered and unaltered, and three years altered and unaltered animals would remain at the current 2015-2016 levels.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2016-026 was adopted.

HEARINGS – Continued

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to adopt the resolution adopting the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Annual Adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Development Impact Fee to Comply With the Requirements of SANDAG Commission Ordinance 04-01 and Transnet Extension Ordinance and Expenditure Plan.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2016-027 was adopted.

Vice Mayor Baber left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING

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.

Associate Planner Kinnard discussed the allocation of funding for the CDBG program, and said staff recommended the Council adopt the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and authorizing submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Following Council questions, Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing and asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak.

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

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Vice Mayor Baber

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to adopt the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and authorizing submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HEARINGS – Continued

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. 2016-025 was adopted.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS FOR PARK IN-LIEU AND IMPACT FEES AS REQUIRED BY *CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE* SECTION 66001 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PARK PROJECTS

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.

Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett provided background on the park in-lieu and impact fees, and discussed the allocation of funds to Collier Park and to other parks in La Mesa for future park improvements based on the Park Master Plan. Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett said staff recommended the Council adopt the resolution to support the findings as required by California Government Code 66001 and appropriate Park In-Lieu and Impact Fees toward the completion of the Collier Park Master Plan and for future park projects as outlined in the Parks Master Plan.

Following Council questions, Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing and asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak.

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

Vote: 4-0

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

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to adopt the resolution to support the findings as required by California Government Code 66001 and appropriate Park In-Lieu and Impact Fees toward the completion of the Collier Park Master Plan and for future park projects as outlined in the Parks Master Plan.

HEARINGS – Continued

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. 2016-028 was adopted.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Mary J. Kennedy, CMC  
City Clerk