

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 ALESSIO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions, other than the Council gave direction to its negotiators for labor negotiations.

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.

Mayor Arapostathis called forward Ms. Cheryl Neubecker, Librarian, La Mesa Arts Academy, Mr. James Neubecker, Helix Charter High School Student, and Ms. Michele Kmack, Teacher, La Mesa Arts Academy, who gave a brief presentation regarding the La Mesa Arts Academy's special needs students' production of *Grease, the Musical*, on Thursday, May 12 through Saturday, May 14 and invited everyone to attend.

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAIMING MAY 15 – 21, 2016 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Vice Mayor Baber presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Humora.

PRESENTATIONS – Continued

PROCLAIMING MAY 15 – 21, 2016 AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
MEMORIAL WEEK

Councilmember Sterling presented the proclamation to Police Chief Vasquez.

PROCLAIMING MAY AS POPPY MONTH

Councilmember Alessio presented the proclamation to Ms. Glenda Brooks, President, La Mesa American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 282.

PROCLAIMING MAY 2016 AS DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH

Councilmember McWhirter presented the proclamation to Recreation Supervisor Becky Jackman and Firefighter Finley.

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Finance Director Waller-Bullock reported on the national, state and local economic outlook, state budget issues, the performance of the City's General Fund and Proposition L benchmarks for quarter ending March 31, 2016.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

City Treasurer Vogt made a presentation regarding the investment earnings for the quarter ending March 31, 2016.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken

POLICE CHIEF'S QUARTERLY CRIME REPORT

Chief Vasquez introduced new members of the Police Department. Chief Vasquez then presented the crime statistics for quarter ending March 31, 2016, explained the statistics in the various crime categories and highlighted recently solved cases. Chief Vasquez briefly discussed the Department's proactive operations and strategic enforcement to help reduce crime, and also reviewed various community outreach activities that took place.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. William Stewart, La Mesa, requested to be placed on a future agenda to discuss a code enforcement issue in his neighborhood. He also suggested the City do more to advertise the activities at the Adult Enrichment Center.

Ms. Carol Lockwood, La Mesa, representing the Mission Trails Regional Park, announced several upcoming events taking place at the Park and invited everyone to attend.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 4)

Councilmember Sterling requested item 2 be pulled for separate consideration.

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

Approved.

- 3. RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CLOSING A PORTION OF LA MESA CITY STREETS FOR A CITY SPONSORED EVENT ON JUNE 4, 2016

Resolution No. 2016-029 was adopted.

- 4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT

Resolution No. 2016-030 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar items 1, 3, and 4.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 22, 2016; A SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 24, 2016; A REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 12, 2016; A SPECIAL MEETING AND A REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 26, 2016

CONSENT CALENDAR – Continued

Councilmember Sterling pointed out there was an error on page 3 of the March 24 minutes. Councilmember Sterling said her request was for staff to craft a plan for making older neighborhoods throughout the City more vibrant, not just in the Downtown area, and asked for the minutes to be corrected.

City Clerk Kennedy said she would make the correction.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the minutes of a Regular meeting held March 22, 2016; the corrected minutes of a Special meeting held March 24, 2016; the minutes of a Regular meeting held April 12, 2016; and the minutes of a Special meeting and a Regular meeting held April 26, 2016.

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

5. FOLLOW-UP REGARDING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES – COUNCILMEMBER MCWHIRTER – Continued from April 26, 2016

Councilmember McWhirter reported on the meetings of the Downtown Events subcommittee.

City Manager Witt briefly outlined the draft guidelines that reflected the Council's concept for each subcommittee and its general purpose and intent.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember McWhirter and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the description and purpose of the Council Subcommittees.

Council discussion ensued.

Following discussion, Mayor Arapostathis called for the vote.

COUNCIL INITIATED – Continued

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m. in honor and memory of Councilmember Alessio's mother, Dona Christensen, long time community volunteer, who recently passed away.

Mary J. Kennedy, CMC
City Clerk