

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:06 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.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER ALESSIO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions on the negotiated item.

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.

Councilmember Alessio announced she had a prior commitment and would be leaving the meeting early.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL AWARDS – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS

Mayor Arapostathis, Chief Vasquez and Community Services Officer Estill presented the Safety Patrol Awards.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Russell Buckley, La Mesa, spoke regarding the current labor negotiations and asked the Council to consider the taxpayers during the negotiations.

Ms. Jean Costa, La Mesa, representing San Diego 350, expressed her concerns about the slow progress of the draft Climate Action Plan. Ms. Costa suggested a workshop be scheduled for interested residents to review the updated draft Plan, and requested a status report on the Plan be placed on an agenda in June.

Mr. David Harris, La Mesa, also representing San Diego 350, gave a brief overview of the purpose of the organization. Mr. Harris also expressed his concerns with the draft Climate Action Plan. He said the Plan needed a timeline for implementation and should include community choice energy as a key strategy. He requested the City Council schedule a presentation on community choice energy in the near future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 6)

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

Approved.

2. RATIFICATION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S APPROVAL OF DRB 16-03 (CAMPAGNA) – FOR A PROPOSED COMMERCIAL BUILDING (STARBUCKS) INCLUDING A DRIVE THRU AND OUTDOOR SEATING AREA AT 7330-7354 UNIVERSITY AVENUE. THE SITE IS SPLIT ZONED WITH THE WESTERLY PORTION ZONED C-D-F-MU (GENERAL COMMERCIAL / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY / FLOODWAY OVERLAY/ MIXED-USE OVERLAY) AND THE EASTERLY PORTION ZONED RB-D-MU (RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY / MIXED-USE OVERLAY)

Ratified.

3. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) TRANSNET LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Resolution No. 2016-031 was adopted.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL FUNDS TO EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT IN THE FY 15/16 DOWNTOWN VILLAGE STREETScape MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Resolution No. 2016-032 was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Continued

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE FY 2015 AND FY 2016 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

Resolution No. 2016-033 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF THE COPS SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVED SURVEILLANCE MONITORING AND STORAGE EQUIPMENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 2016-034 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar items 1 through 6.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

Councilmember Alessio left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

7. CONSENSUS FOR USE OF CITY RESOURCES FOR EVENT PRODUCTION, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND JUMP'N JACK FLASH ENTERTAINMENT AND PRODUCTIONS, AND RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CLOSING A PORTION OF LA MESA CITY STREETS FOR THE 2016 CITY OF LA MESA CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett spoke briefly about the proposed event and introduced Senior Management Analyst Dedmon.

Senior Management Analyst Dedmon provided a detailed overview of the proposed City sponsored event and explained the enhancements for this year's Car Show. Senior Management Analyst Dedmon said staff recommended the Council approve the use of City resources needed to produce the car show, an agreement with Jump'n Jack Flash Entertainment and Productions, and adopt a resolution to temporarily close a portion of La Mesa city streets for the 2016 City of La Mesa Classic Car Show.

Council questions and comments ensued.

STAFF REPORT - Continued

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to support staff's recommendations to approve the use of City resources needed to produce the car show, enter into an agreement with Jump'n Jack Flash Entertainment and Productions, and adopt the resolution to temporarily close a portion of La Mesa city streets for the 2016 City of La Mesa Classic Car Show. In addition, to direct staff to report back to the Council regarding the time frame on blocking off parking spaces for the Car Show.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Councilmember Alessio

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2016-035 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.

Mayor Arapostathis recessed the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m. with Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Baber, Councilmember McWhirter and Councilmember Sterling present. Councilmember Alessio was absent.

7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Continued

Mayor Arapostathis shared a written comment and photographs taken of a new 13,000 square foot library in Alpine, that was submitted by Mr. John Schmitz, La Mesa.

HEARINGS

8. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSNET LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2021

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.

HEARINGS – Continued

Public Works Director Humora made a presentation regarding the City's Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Mr. Humora also discussed the proposed future projects and how TransNet funds would be used for street reconstruction and maintenance, drainage system improvements, and street lights and traffic signal improvements. Public Works Director Humora said staff recommended the Council adopt a resolution approving the fiscal year 2017 – fiscal year 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and TransNet program of projects.

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

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber 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, Vice Mayor Baber, Councilmember McWhirter and Councilmember Sterling
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Councilmember Alessio

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Councilmember Sterling to adopt the resolution approving the fiscal year 2017 – fiscal year 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan and TransNet program of projects.

Vote: 4-0

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

Motion passed. Resolution 2016-036 was adopted.

HEARING/ORDINANCE: FIRST READING

9. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ERRATA TO CHAPTER 24.04.050 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIRED IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONE

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.

HEARING/ORDINANCE: FIRST READING – Continued

Senior Planner Jacobs provided a brief overview of the Ordinances that were adopted in April 2015 regarding parking requirements for non-residential developments and transit oriented residential developments in the Downtown Commercial Zone. Senior Planner Jacobs explained the proposed Ordinance errata would correct and clarify the language in a footnote pertaining to transit oriented residential development. Senior Planner Jacobs said staff recommended the Council approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance errata.

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

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember McWhirter and seconded by Councilmember Baber to close the hearing since there was no one in the audience who wished to speak, and approve the introduction and first reading of an Ordinance Errata to Chapter 24.04.050 of the La Mesa Municipal Code related to off-street parking required in the downtown commercial zone.

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Vote: 4-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Councilmember Alessio

Motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Sarah Waller-Bullock
Deputy City Clerk