

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council,  
a Special Meeting of the City of La Mesa Successor Agency and  
a Special Meeting of the La Mesa Public Financing Authority  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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

ROLL CALL: CITY OF LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY

PRESENT: Chairman Arapostathis; Agencymembers Alessio, McWhirter and Sterling.

ABSENT: Agencymember Baber.

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

ROLL CALL: LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

PRESENT: Chairman Arapostathis; Authority Members Alessio, McWhirter and Sterling.

ABSENT: Authority Member Baber.

STAFF: Executive Director Witt; General Counsel Sabine; Assistant City Manager Garrett; Secretary Kennedy.

INVOCATION – VICE MAYOR BABER

Mayor Arapostathis gave the invocation.

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.

Vice Mayor Baber arrived at the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Councilmember Sterling requested staff to look into the creation of a La Mesa app to aid in the City's transparency. Councilmember Sterling said residents could touch the app to get building permits and complain about potholes. Councilmember Sterling said the app would be cost effective for the citizens and tie in with the new website.

## PRESENTATION

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJOR DONORS TO THE FLAG DAY PARADE

Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Sterling presented Certificates of Appreciation to La Mesa resident Mr. Bob Duggan and Ms. Maggie Eggers, Senior Account Representative, representing EDCO Disposal Corporation, for their generous contributions to the Parade.

Barona Resort and Casino was also recognized for its generous support of the Parade.

## ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Joe Mehuron, La Mesa, complained about the problem of parked cars blocking the placement of his trash cans along the curb in front of his house. Mr. Mehuron suggested painting a seven foot area on both sides of the driveway, at the request of residents, so the trash cans could be placed on the street.

Mr. Mike Werner, La Mesa, commented on his recent encounters with the La Mesa Police Department.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 4)

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

Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE 2016 LA MESA CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW

Approved.

3. RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 12.44.130 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE AT 4676 4TH STREET

Resolution No. 2016-037 was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Continued

4. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER II

Approved.

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

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING

5. 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.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Ordinance No. 2016-2847 was adopted.

STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL – SUCCESSOR AGENCY – FINANCING AUTHORITY

6. A. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2016-2017 MID-BIENNIUM BUDGET UPDATE; AND
- B. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA ADOPTING (1) THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND (2) THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS USED TO CALCULATE THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL – SUCCESSOR AGENCY – FINANCING AUTHORITY –  
Continued

Finance Director Waller-Bullock provided background on the development of the budget and presented the amended budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. Finance Director Waller-Bullock highlighted changes to the General Fund revenue and expenditures, Interfund transfers and the General Fund reserves. Finance Director Waller-Bullock said staff recommended the City Council A) adopt the resolution approving the 2016-2017 amended final budget; and B) adopt the resolution pursuant to Propositions 4 and 111, establishing the Appropriations Limit for fiscal year 2016-2017 and selecting the growth in the California Per Capita Personal Income (CPCI), and the population growth in the City of La Mesa as the annual adjustment factors used to compute the Appropriations Limit.

City Manager Witt gave a brief report on the staffing changes in each department.

Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett reviewed the updated Targets for Action based on the Council's directions at the Strategic Planning Workshop and said they were reflected in the amended budget.

Council comments and questions ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to direct staff to include \$15,000 as a line item in the fiscal year 2015-2017 budget for the La Mesa Flag Day Parade fund.

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 Councilmember Sterling to adopt the Resolution adopting an Amended Budget for 2016-2017.

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. 2016-038 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember McWhirter and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to adopt a Resolution adopting the appropriations limit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and the annual adjustment factors used to calculate the appropriations limit.

STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL – SUCCESSOR AGENCY – FINANCING AUTHORITY –  
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. Resolution No. 2016-039 was adopted.

STAFF REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL

7. COUNCIL DIRECTION ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett gave a report on the elimination and consolidation of boards and commissions, clarification on compensation, and the development of membership qualifications pertaining to the City's boards and commissions, as directed by the City Council at their Strategic Planning Workshop. Assistant City Manager/Community Services Director Garrett requested the Council provide direction to staff.

Council comments and questions ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Councilmember Sterling, to eliminate the Building Codes Review Board.

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 Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Sterling to alter the eligibility requirements for the La Mesa Community Parking Commission to those who have a business or live within the boundaries of the La Mesa Downtown Parking District.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

## STAFF REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL – Continued

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Councilmember Sterling to accept staff's recommendation to provide compensation to the Historic Preservation Commission, La Mesa Community Parking Commission and Personnel Appeals Board, and direct staff to appropriate the funds into the 1301 account.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to consolidate the Aging and Veterans Commission with the Human Relations Advisory Commission.

Vote: 4-1

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

No: Vice Mayor Baber

Abstained: None

Absent: None

### 8. STATUS OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) EFFORT

Community Development Director Dick provided background on the preparation of the Climate Action Plan, and gave a status report on the Plan.

Mr. Jack Shu, La Mesa, representing the Cleveland National Forest Foundation spoke in support of a mandatory Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Kayla Race, San Diego, representing the Climate Action Campaign, commended the Council on their efforts to improve the Climate Action Plan and reiterated the legal obligations in developing a Plan.

Ms. Masada Disenhouse, La Mesa, representing San Diego 350, proposed the City implement Community Choice Energy to achieve 100 percent clean energy and urged the City to complete the Climate Action plan and begin implementation. Ms. Disenhouse requested public notification on the Climate Action plan and said she also supported a mandatory and enforceable Climate Action Plan.

Mr. John Michno, La Mesa, commented on the fear of another drought and the effect it will have on the trees and property values. Mr. Michno said he was in support of a strong Climate Action Plan that included Consumer Choice Energy.

Ms. Gloria Cassady, La Mesa, spoke in support the Climate Action Plan and urged it to be expedited.

## STAFF REPORTS – CITY COUNCIL – Continued

Ms. Jean Costa, La Mesa, spoke in support of an enforceable Climate Action Plan.

Mr. Bob Silvern, La Mesa, commented on the amount of research that has been conducted to illustrate climate change. He was also in support of an enforceable Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Angela Deegan, La Mesa, spoke in support of an enforceable Climate Action Plan with 100 percent clean energy through a Community Choice Energy program. Ms. Deegan requested the progress of the plan to be reflected on the City's website. Ms. Deegan also requested to give a presentation on Community Choice Energy at a future City Council meeting.

Ms. Josan Feathers, La Mesa, spoke in support of an enforceable Climate Action Plan.

Mr. Roland Bleu, La Mesa, spoke in support of implementing a Climate Action Plan to preserve La Mesa.

Mr. Colin Parent, La Mesa, representing Circulate San Diego, spoke in support of an enforceable Climate Action Plan.

Council comments and questions ensued. No action was taken.

## 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

Mayor/Chairman Arapostathis adjourned the City Council, City of La Mesa Successor Agency and La Mesa Public Financing Authority meetings at 6:18 p.m. in honor and memory of the victims in the recent shootings in Orlando, Florida.

Mary J. Kennedy, CMC  
City Clerk