

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, July 12, 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 McWHIRTER

Councilmember Alessio requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Joe Himmelberg who recently passed away. Ms. Alessio said Mr. Himmelberg, of Joe and Andy's bar, was active in the La Mesa business community and a quiet benefactor of students in need in their artistic and performance endeavors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions.

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.

PRESENTATION

PROCLAIMING JULY 2016 AS *PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH*

Councilmember McWhirter presented the proclamation to Community Services Manager Greenberg-McClung.

COMMENDING SOPHIA PRUDEN FOR BEING NAMED *STUDENT OF THE YEAR* BY THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

Mayor Arapostathis presented the commendation to Ms. Sophia Pruden.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. George Hawkins, La Mesa, announced his resignation from the Planning Commission and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

Ms. Carol Biederman, La Mesa First United Methodist Church, Community Outreach Ministry, spoke regarding the services provided by the Interfaith Shelter Network and highlighted the outreach activities of several local churches to help people in need. Ms. Biederman also spoke about the problem of homelessness and suggested a homeless shelter in La Mesa.

Ms. Lois Knowlton, La Mesa First United Methodist Church, spoke regarding the lack of affordable housing and the need to help the homeless by providing a shelter.

Ms. Eileen Schmitz, La Mesa, complained about solicitors coming to her home in the evenings and weekends in spite of a no soliciting sign on her front door. Ms. Schmitz said there was a gap in the City's Municipal Code pertaining to soliciting and that an enforcement provision was needed.

Mr. John Schmitz, La Mesa, congratulated City Manager Witt on his retirement and complimented the Council for appointing Assistant City Manager Garrett as City Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 5)

Vice Mayor Baber requested Item 5 be pulled for comments.

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

Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING AND A REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 24, 2016; AND A REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 14, 2016

Approved.

3. RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR THE DESIGN OF VISTA LA MESA PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution No. 2016-051 was adopted.

4. RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR BID 16-05, THE ALVARADO CHANNEL GRADING AND LANDSCAPING SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT TO BLUE PACIFIC ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

Resolution No. 2016-052 was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Continued

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.

5. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE GROUPS

- A. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2016-2018 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND LA MESA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION;
- B. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2016-2018 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA MESA AND THE LA MESA CITY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION;
- C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES SALARY, BENEFIT AND CAFETERIA PLAN TERM CHANGES; AND
- D. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF LA MESA COMPENSATION PLANS FOR FY 2016-2017 AND FY 2017-2018 LISTING POSITIONS, SALARY RANGES/BANDS AND PAY STEPS

Vice Mayor Baber said he wanted to thank the employees associations for working with the Council in reaching agreement and said each employee was valued for what they do. Vice Mayor Baber also said every police officer who served in La Mesa was appreciated.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Sterling and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve Consent Calendar item 5.

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 Nos. 2016-053, 2016-054, 2016-055, and 2016-056 were adopted.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

6. APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO CITY OF LA MESA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Mr. Peter Soutowood for appointment to the Design Review Board.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the appointment of Peter Soutowood to the Design 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.

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Mr. Lawrence Guiland and Mr. Scott Kidwell for appointment and Ms. Maria Hesse for reappointment to the Environmental Sustainability Commission.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the appointment of Lawrence Guiland and Scott Kidwell, and the reappointment of Maria Hesse to the Environmental Sustainability Commission.

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 nominated Mr. Ken D'Angelo, La Mesa Historical Society representative, and Mr. Mickey Moreau for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to approve the appointment of Ken D'Angelo and Mickey Moreau to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Continued

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Ms. Melissa McCune and Ms. Chris Shea for appointment to the La Mesa Community Parking Commission.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve the appointment of Melissa McCune and Chris Shea to the La Mesa Community Parking Commission

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 nominated Ms. Audrey Murray for reappointment to the Personnel Appeals Board.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to approve the reappointment of Audrey Murrey to the Personnel Appeals 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.

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Mr. Tony Ortega and Mr. Greg Paden for appointment to the Traffic Commission.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Sterling to approve the appointment of Tony Ortega and Greg Paden to the Traffic Commission.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Continued

City Clerk Kennedy indicated there were only two people who applied to the Community Services Commission and the Council only needed to confirm their reappointment.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the reappointment of Darryl Gorham and Ginger Radenheimer to the Community Services Commission.

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 Clerk Kennedy explained the nomination process for the Planning Commission.

The Council began the open nomination process for two positions on the Planning Commission.

City Clerk Kennedy announced the nominations as follows:

Councilmember McWhirter nominated Polly Kanavel and Andrew Torpey
Mayor Arapostathis nominated Polly Kanavel and Andrew Torpey
Councilmember Sterling nominated Christopher Langdon and Erik Verkaaik
Vice Mayor Baber nominated Polly Kanavel and Andrew Torpey
Councilmember Alessio nominated Polly Kanavel and Christopher Langdon

City Clerk Kennedy announced Ms. Polly Kanavel and Mr. Andrew Torpey had been nominated.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve the appointment of Polly Kanavel and Andrew Torpey to the Planning Commission and adopt the resolution confirming all the appointments.

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. 2016-057 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 4:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m. with all members present.

5:00 P.M.

HEARING

7. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA CONFIRMING THE REPORT WITH THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 TO BE COLLECTED ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ROLL AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AUDITOR

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.

Public Works Director Humora explained the process to place sewer service charges on the property tax bills, discussed the customer outreach efforts and the appeal process. Public Works Director Humora said staff recommended the Council adopt the resolution approving the sewer charge amount for each parcel as described in the fiscal year 2017 sewer charge report and authorize the City Clerk to submit the sewer charge for each parcel to the County Auditor for collection on the 2016-2017 property tax bills.

Following Council comments and 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 Sterling 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 Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Councilmember McWhirter to adopt the resolution and approve the sewer charge amount for each parcel as described in the fiscal year 2017 sewer charge report and authorize the City Clerk to submit the sewer charge for each parcel to the County Auditor for collection on the 2016-2017 property tax bills.

HEARING – 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. 2016-058 was adopted.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. in honor and memory of long-time community volunteer, Ms. Alice Larson, who recently passed away at the age of 99.

Mary J. Kennedy, CMC
City Clerk