

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Arapostathis; Vice Mayor McWhirter; Councilmembers Baber and Parent.

ABSENT: Councilmember Alessio.

STAFF: City Manager Garrett; City Attorney Sabine; Interim City Clerk Kennedy;
Assistant City Manager Humora.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER BABER

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.

PRESENTATIONS

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 December 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 December 31, 2016.

Following Council questions and comments, no action was taken.

PRESENTATIONS - Continued

POLICE CHIEF'S QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT

Chief Vasquez introduced a new member of the Police Department, and then presented the crime statistics for quarter ending December 31, 2016. Chief Vasquez explained the statistics in the various crime categories, provided historical statistics for the last five years, and highlighted recently solved cases. Chief Vasquez discussed the Department's year-to-date communication statistics for calls for service, and the Regional Auto Theft Task Force's successful Operation "Kwik Boost." Chief Vasquez also provided a brief overview of a recent training exercise at Grossmont Center, the 2016 Citizen's Academy, the recognition of long-time RSVP member, Dave Ende, and highlighted several of the community outreach programs such as Shop With a Cop.

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

Ms. Carol Beiderman, La Mesa Methodist Church, provided the Council with a list of local churches that were currently offering help to the needy and homeless in La Mesa.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 7)

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

Approved.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

Approved.

3. APPROVAL FOR COUNCILMEMBER PARENT TO ATTEND A HOUSING CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO, MARCH 8 – 10, 2017

Approved.

4. RESOLUTION REJECTING BID NO. 17-08, CULOWEE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Resolution 2017-008 was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Continued

5. RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 12.44.130 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE DELETING DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACES AT 8018 UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND 6080 NANCY DRIVE

Resolution 2017-009 was adopted.

6. 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 2017-010 was adopted.

7. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LA MESA TO ACCESS STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES

Resolution 2017-011 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Vice Mayor McWhirter to approve Consent Calendar items 1 through 7.

Vote: 4-0

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

Motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor and Council reported on various outside boards, commissions and committee meetings they attended. No action was taken.

AB 1234 REPORTS (GC 53232.3(d))

There were no reports.

COUNCIL INITIATED

8. CONSIDERATION OF REVIEW OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM – MAYOR ARAPOSTATHIS AND VICE MAYOR McWHIRTER

Mayor Arapostathis spoke about the ongoing problem of speeding traffic throughout the City and suggested reviewing the City's Traffic Calming Program. Mayor Arapostathis said he and Vice Mayor McWhirter had been looking for best practices from other cities, but nothing had been found.

COUNCIL INITIATED – Continued

City Manager Garrett provided historical background on the Traffic Calming Program, and Assistant City Manager Humora gave a brief overview of its various components.

Council discussion ensued.

Ms. Carmen Holston-Arteaga, La Mesa, said besides speeding on Stanford, the cut through traffic from people taking their children to nearby schools added to the volume of traffic on the street. Ms. Holston-Arteaga hoped the Council would consider limiting access to Stanford to residents only to keep the street safe for pedestrians.

Ms. Rebecca Pirtle, La Mesa, spoke about the speeding traffic on Pomona Avenue and Seneca Place, and said she supported better traffic calming. Ms. Pirtle asked the Council to look at more substantial measures for her neighborhood streets.

Vice Mayor McWhirter spoke regarding various ideas and options for traffic calming.

Council discussion and questions of staff continued.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to report back in three to six months with recommendations to update the Traffic Calming Program.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.



Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk