

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

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: CITY COUNCIL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

INVOCATION – VICE MAYOR MCWHIRTER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Garrett introduced the new City Clerk, Megan Wiegelman.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

The Council made announcements and reported on various events taking place in the City. No action was taken.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christina Selder, resident, spoke regarding an ice cream truck that is consistently parked in front of Highwood Park and the traffic and safety issues it has caused.

Gene Carpenter, resident, spoke regarding sanctuary cities and the effects of sanctuary policies on crime and the economy.

Janet Castanos, resident, spoke regarding the impacts of isolationism and provided recommendations on how the City can prevent isolationism.

Mejgan Afshan, resident, spoke regarding the perception and inclusion of refugees.

Jack Shu, resident, spoke on community support of the City's police department and celebrating the diversity of the City's population.

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING AND A REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2017; A SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 31, 2017; A SPECIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2017; A REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2017; AND A REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Approved.

3. RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE TRACT MAP TTM 16-03, SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DAB 16-12 AND DESIGN REVIEW DRB 16-12 (PECKHAM FAMILY TRUST) – TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATIONS TO CONSTRUCT A MIXED-USE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT AT 5565 LAKE MURRAY BOULEVARD IN THE CN-D (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL / URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY) ZONE

Approved.

4. RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR BID 17-08, CULOWEE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO MIRAMAR GENERAL ENGINEERING

Resolution No. 2017-016 was adopted.

5. RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102 RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE OF THE OLIVE AVENUE SEWER PIPE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CAUSE THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THE SAME PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 22050

Resolution No. 2017-017 was adopted.

6. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF ITEMS FROM REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CARE PROGRAM (RCCP) – UPDATED AMOUNT

Resolution No. 2017-018 was adopted.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HEARTLAND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AUTHORITY'S JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA) ADDING SAN MIGUEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS A JPA MEMBER AGENCY

Resolution No. 2017-019 was adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Continued

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

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT

8. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH PROPOSITION 218 NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019

Assistant City Manager Humora provided an overview of the Proposition 218 process, the actual revenues and expenditures of the sewer fund for Fiscal Year 2016, and the estimated and projected revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2020. He mentioned the different Capital Improvement Projects that are funded from sewer rates and the projects in the La Mesa's Wastewater Master Plan that are of high priority, which include the Alvarado Trunk Sewer project and I-8 crossing to Parkway Drive project. He also presented information on the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant and the City's plan to invest in the Pure Water San Diego Program.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding the City's obligations under Proposition 218, the projected revenues of the sewer fund, the Pure Water San Diego Program, and the impact the recent storms had on the City's wastewater collection system.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to authorize staff to proceed with the notification and public hearing process required by Proposition 218 for proposed adjustments to sewer service charges.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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))

Councilmember Baber reported that he will be attending the League of California Cities Policy Committee meeting in Ontario on March 30, 2017, regarding Housing, Community and Economic Development.

Councilmember Parent reported on his attendance at the Housing California Annual Conference in Sacramento on March 8-10, 2017, regarding housing affordability and homelessness.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Sabine reported on the Supreme Court's ruling of the *City of San Jose et al. v. The Superior Court of Santa Clara County/Ted Smith* case. He stated that the personal devices of government officials may be subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk