

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

There were no comments.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN REPORTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF MISS LA MESA AND MISS LA MESA TEEN 2017
TITLEHOLDERS

Mayor Arapostathis and Ms. Sarah Billock, coordinator of the Miss La Mesa and Miss Santee pageants, recognized Jennifer Barillas, Miss La Mesa Teen 2016, and expressed appreciation for all her hard work throughout the year. Susanna Wiggins, Miss La Mesa 2016, was unable to attend. Miss La Mesa 2017, Heather Bardin, and Miss La Mesa Teen 2017, Alexis Smith were then introduced. Also present was La Mesa Princess Sydney Jennings.

PROCLAIMING APRIL 8, 2017 AS APRIL POOLS DAY AND MAY 2017 AS
DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH

Vice Mayor McWhirter presented the proclamation to Community Services Director Susan

Richardson and Recreation Supervisor Becky Jackman.

Recreation Supervisor Becky Jackman announced that the City of La Mesa's April Pools Day event would take place on April 8, 2017 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the La Mesa Municipal Pool.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Asia Duncan, resident, spoke on her experience as a member of the City of La Mesa community, the issue of discrimination, and the importance of equality.

Sada Abdullahi, resident, spoke on her experience as a member of the City of La Mesa community, the topics of diversity and discrimination, and the importance of making every person feel welcomed.

Roberta Osuyos, resident, spoke regarding her experience as a resident of La Mesa and the importance of promoting the respect, rights and dignity of all residents regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, resident status or any other issue that threatens to divide the community.

Mike Werner, resident, spoke regarding jaywalking.

Carol Lockwood, Council Representative on the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee, provided an update on the Committee's March 7, 2017 meeting. She stated the Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan had been passed and is moving forward in the approval process and that the placement of monuments on four summits was approved. She announced that Ellen Ochoa, La Mesa native, was elected to the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame. Ms. Lockwood reported that the labyrinth at Briercrest Park was fixed.

Lois Knowlton, resident, spoke on the diversity of La Mesa and her concerns with the hostile environment that pervades our country today.

Janet Castanos, resident, voiced her concern about isolationism within the City of La Mesa; and the importance of promoting and developing an environment in which all people are valued and welcomed.

Ed Kirkpatrick, resident, spoke on traffic and safety concerns regarding Sacramento Drive.

Frank Baggett, resident, spoke on traffic and safety concerns regarding Sacramento Drive and provided recommendations for ways to mitigate the safety and traffic issues.

Timothy Morrow, resident, spoke on traffic and safety concerns regarding Sacramento Drive and provided recommendations for ways to mitigate the safety and traffic issues.

Charles Langley, Executive Director of Public Watchdogs, spoke regarding nuclear waste that is set to be buried on San Onofre State Beach. He requested the City of La Mesa's support on a

lawsuit that would prevent the waste from being buried in San Onofre and force Southern California Edison to put the waste in a safer location.

Nina Babiarz, Public Watchdogs Boardmember, spoke regarding nuclear waste that is set to be buried on San Onofre State Beach and stated that a community outreach forum would be held to inform the public of the issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 1 through 7)

A member of the public requested Consent Calendar Item No. 3 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 THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

Approved.

4. RESOLUTION GRANTING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT TO SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC (SDG&E) FOR INSTALLATION AND UNDERGROUNDING OF AN ELECTRICAL SERVICE LINE ACROSS KING STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE

Resolution No. 2017-020 was adopted.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF EMERGENCY REPAIR OF SEWER PIPE ON OLIVE AVENUE

Received and filed.

6. RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 1102 RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE OF THE WELLESLEY STREET STORM DRAIN PIPE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CAUSE THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THE SAME PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE 22050

Resolution No. 2017-021 was adopted.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CITYWIDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE CONTRACT TO NEC CORPORATION OF AMERICA

Resolution No. 2017-022 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2, and 4 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.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN

Jack Shu, resident, spoke on Consent Calendar Item No. 3 and stated that the General Plan needs to include a climate action plan.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor McWhirter and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3.

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 (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

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.

7:00 P.M.

HEARING

8. CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

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.

Community Development Director Carol Dick gave a presentation regarding the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirements for the allocation of funds. She discussed funding for

social service programs and for the proposed capital improvement projects. Community Development Director Dick mentioned that the President's current budget plan eliminates the CDBG funds in its entirety. She stated that HUD has recommended that cities continue with the process and look at reducing the funds approximately ten percent (10%). Community Development Director Dick said staff recommended the Council authorize staff to develop the FY 2017-2018 CDBG Annual Plan, and direct staff to return on April 25, 2017, or at such time as funding levels have been announced, for final review and approval of the FY 2017-2018 Annual Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded activities.

A discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding their hopes for continued CDBG funding and the impacts to the City if the CDBG funds are eliminated.

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

Estela De Los Rios, Executive Director of CSA San Diego County, spoke regarding the services CSA San Diego has been able to provide to individuals and families from the CDBG funds that the City allocates to fair housing services.

Mayor Arapostathis thanked Estela De Los Rios for the efforts of CSA San Diego County in providing services to those in need.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Baber to close the hearing since there was no one else in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 5-0

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

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor McWhirter and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to approve staff's recommendations to develop the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 CDBG Annual Plan, and direct staff to return on April 25, 2017, or at such time as funding levels have been announced, for final review and approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded activities.

Vote: 5-0

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

Motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

There were no remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk