

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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The City Council minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the City Council Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented.

Mayor Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: None.

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

**INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER BABER**

**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.

**PRESENTATION**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION WORK PLAN MODIFICATIONS - TO EXPAND INTO A MOBILITY COMMISSION**

Michael Calandra, Traffic Commission Chair, presented the updated Traffic Commission Work Plan.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to direct staff to amend the La Mesa Municipal Code to incorporate the modifications to the Traffic Commission's Work Plan which includes renaming the Traffic Commission to the Traffic and Mobility Commission, updating the number of voting members, adding preferred background/experience of the voting members, and updating the powers and duties of the Commission.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

Motion passed.

### **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Arapostathis announced that Item 8, update on the draft Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Study, would be continued to the August 13, 2019 City Council Regular meeting.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to establish an ad hoc subcommittee comprising of Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Baber for the purpose of researching governance models for the Community Choice Aggregation program and to present their findings at the August 13, 2019 City Council Regular meeting.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

Motion passed.

### **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

(Items 1 through 5)

- 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 SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019 AND JULY 9, 2019**

Approved.

- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019 AND JULY 9, 2019**

Approved.

- 4. RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR BID 19-20, 2019 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT TO BLUE PACIFIC ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Resolution No. 2019-075 was adopted.

- 5. RESOLUTION APPROVING A TASK ORDER FOR SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO AECOM TO COMPILE A COMPLETE STREET DESIGN MANUAL**

Resolution No. 2019-076 was adopted.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5.

**Vote:** 5-0

**Yes:** Mayor Arapostathis, Vice Mayor Parent, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember Weber

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

- 6. LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE ANNUAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 16 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2019, IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

**ACTION:** Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to designate Councilmember Baber as the voting delegate at the Annual League Conference and Councilmember Alessio as the alternate.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **7. SELECTION OF A CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET OPERATOR AND SPONSOR AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE LA MESA VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET**

City Manager Garrett provided a brief overview of the history of the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market and past Council actions regarding the Farmers' Market. Ms. Garrett reviewed the Request for Proposal process for the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market and said the City received proposals from four respondents. City Manager Garrett explained that representatives of each respondent were invited to interview before an independent panel of subject matter experts experienced in the operation and management of certified farmers' markets, from both public and private-sector perspectives. City Manager Garrett said that the proposals from Integrity First Promotions Inc. (dba Brian's Farmers' Market) and the La Mesa Village Association with Brian's Farmers' Markets were ranked the highest by the panel due to Mr. Beevers' knowledge of the operation and management of certified farmers' markets. City Manager Garrett stated that the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce had withdrawn their proposal and was supporting the Grossmont Center/Cushman Family Foundation proposal.

Lori Moore, Grossmont Center/Cushman Family Foundation, provided an overview of their proposal for the Farmers' Market.

Council comments and questions ensued.

Brian Beevers, Integrity First Promotions, Inc. (dba Brian's Farmers' Markets), provided an overview of their proposal for the Farmers' Market.

Council comments and questions ensued.

Peter Soutowood, La Mesa Village Association with Brian's Farmers' Markets, provided an overview of their proposal for the Farmers' Market.

Council comments and questions ensued.

The following members of the public spoke in support of having the Farmers' Market remain on La Mesa Boulevard on Friday nights:

Brian Pederson  
Trish Watlington  
Rory Laskar  
Tim Hallisay  
Steven Cornett  
Brent Draper  
Robin Rushmore

Curt Levine  
Scott Strickland  
Susan Hollenbeck  
Jana Schwartz  
Ricky Williams  
Jack Zulauf  
Jamie Favorite  
Brenda Leek  
Jerry Jones  
Richard Siegel  
Eric Clark  
Mary Hicks  
Debbie Justeson  
Matt Wion  
Tony Gaipa  
Yolanda Sainz  
Rebecca Vanegas  
Sarah Atkinson  
Jim Snyder  
Nicholas Friesen

Steve White spoke regarding the quality of farmers' markets.

Jason Showalter spoke regarding the difficult decision before Council and the need for data that supports the Council's final decision.

Aaron Henderson, resident, requested that Councilmember Alessio recuse herself from the vote due to a potential conflict of interest.

City Attorney Sabine stated that no member of the Council had a legal conflict of interest on the item.

Carmen Guzman, resident, spoke regarding the impact the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market has on residential parking.

Simona Valanciute, President and CEO of San Diego Oasis, spoke in support of the Grossmont Center/Cushman Family Foundation Farmers' Market proposal and described the elements that make farmers' markets desirable to the senior population.

City Manager Garrett read aloud the written statement cards submitted by members of the public.

The following members of the public submitted written statements in support of the Farmers' Market remaining on La Mesa Boulevard on Friday nights:

Deanne Ross  
Lyn Pier  
Katie Fenton  
Justin Irvin

Laura Lothuan  
Diane Coning  
Judith Schoolcraft  
Erika Hoagland  
Suzette Garcia-Aviles  
Kurt Wenger  
James Iannessa  
Cindy Ochoa-Iannessa  
Pamela Klein  
Beth Bailey  
Scott Whitaker  
Cristina Arellano  
Delores Buller

Shelly Atkinson submitted a written statement in support of the Grossmont Center/Cushman Family Foundation Farmers' Market proposal.

Craig Maxwell submitted a written statement on behalf of himself, Lupe Marrujo, Arnaldo Barraza, John Bedlion, Carol Tolosko, and the Rojas Family, in opposition to the La Mesa Village Farmers' Market remaining on La Mesa Boulevard.

Council comments and questions ensued.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Vice Mayor Parent and seconded by Councilmember Weber to approve Integrity First Promotions, Inc.'s (dba Brian's Farmers' Markets) special event permit for the weekly La Mesa Village Farmers' Market in the Downtown Village for a period of one year (August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020), subject to conditions.

**Vote:** 3-2

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

Motion passed.

## **8. UPDATE ON THE DRAFT COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

This item was continued to the August 13, 2019 City Council Regular meeting.

### **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.

**CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS**

There were no remarks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk