

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council and  
Special Meeting of the La Mesa Public Financing Authority  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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: CITY COUNCIL**

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Interim City Manager Humora; City Attorney Sabine; City Clerk Wiegelman.

**ROLL CALL: LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

PRESENT: Chairman Arapostathis; Authority Members Alessio, Baber, Parent and Weber.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Interim Executive Director Humora; General Counsel Sabine; Secretary Wiegelman.

**INVOCATION – COUNCILMEMBER PARENT**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Interim City Manager Humora wished everyone a happy New Year.

**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**

### **MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY REPORT**

Mayor Arapostathis presented the State of the City report highlighting the many accomplishments in 2019 and the challenges the City successfully overcame.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

There were no public comments.

## **CONFLICT DISCLOSURES**

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – CITY COUNCIL**

### **1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY'S CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE**

Mayor Arapostathis nominated the following individuals for appointment to the City's Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force:

Jack Shu, Older Adult Representative  
Joshua David Morse, Youth Representative  
Patricia Dillard, La Mesa Business Community Representative  
Rev. Frank Willey, La Mesa Faith Based Community Representative  
Jamal McRae, Police Beat 1 Resident Representative  
Susan Wayne, Police Beat 2 Resident Representative  
Caitlin Tiffany, Police Beat 3 Resident Representative  
Mark Stratton, Police Beat 4 Resident Representative  
Steven Evans, La Mesa Police Officers' Association Representative  
Dr. Janet Castaños, Helix Charter High School Representative  
Robert Duff, La Mesa-Spring Valley School District Representative

The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation for all of the residents who submitted an application to serve on the City's Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the appointments of Jack Shu, Joshua David Morse, Patricia Dillard, Rev. Frank Willey, Jamal McRae, Susan Wayne, Caitlin Tiffany, Mark Stratton, Steven Evans, Dr. Janet Castaños, and Robert Duff to the City’s Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force and adopt the resolution confirming the appointments.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-001 was adopted.

**2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION AND A MEMBER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Michael Bourton for appointment to the Environmental Sustainability Commission.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the appointment of Michael Bourton to the Environmental Sustainability Commission and adopt the resolution confirming the appointment.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-002 was adopted.

City Clerk Wiegelman explained the nomination process for the Community Services Commission.

The Council began the open nomination process for one position on the Community Services Commission.

Round 1:

Mayor Arapostathis nominated Monica Moana Cabiles

Vice Mayor Baber nominated Monica Moana Cabiles

Councilmember Alessio nominated Monica Moana Cabiles

Councilmember Parent nominated Corina Wilkes Ray

Councilmember Weber nominated Monica Moana Cabiles

City Clerk Wiegelman announced that Monica Moana Cabiles had been nominated.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to approve the appointment of Monica Moana Cabiles to the Community Services Commission and adopt the resolution confirming the appointment.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-002 was adopted.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

(Items 3 through 7)

Consent Calendar Item 8 was considered with Consent Calendar Items 3 through 7.

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

Approved.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

Approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND CITY OF LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019**

Approved.

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNALLOCATED FUND RESERVES ACCOUNT TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIZED SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR LEGAL EXPENSES**

Resolution No. 2020-003 was adopted.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO HAZARD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS AT MURRAY DRIVE, EAST SIDE OF SEVERIN DRIVE AND A PORTION OF NORTHBOUND SEVERIN DRIVE**

Resolution No. 2020-004 was adopted.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember/Authority Member Parent and seconded by Mayor/Chair Arapostathis to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8.

**Vote:** 5-0

**Yes:** Mayor/Chair Arapostathis, Vice Mayor/Authority Member Baber, Councilmember/Authority Member Alessio, Councilmember/Authority Member Parent, Councilmember/Authority Member Weber

**No:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

Motion passed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AND LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**  
(Item 8)

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR THE CITY OF LA MESA FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

Consent Calendar Item 8 was considered with Consent Calendar Items 3 through 7.

**HEARING/ORDINANCE: FIRST READING – CITY COUNCIL**

- 9. A. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND TO TITLE 24 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE KEEPING OF DOMESTIC POULTRY IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, PROJECT NO. 2019-18;**
- B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO REVISE HEALTH AND WELLNESS ELEMENT POLICY HW-2.1.5 TO ALLOW FOR THE KEEPING OF POULTRY, EXCLUDING ROOSTERS, IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES; AND**
- C. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AMENDING LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 24.05.020.D2 RELATED TO THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN R2 AND R3 ZONES, PROJECT NO. 2019-18**

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Senior Planner Kinnard provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City’s Zoning Ordinance, the current regulations related to the keeping of poultry, and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to allow for the raising of poultry in all residential zones.

Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing.

Darel Kennedy, resident, spoke in support of the adoption of the resolutions and ordinance.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to close the hearing for Item 9A since there was no one else in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution adopting the Negative Declaration for Amendments to the Health and Wellness Element of the General Plan and to Title 24 of the La Mesa Municipal Code related to the keeping of domestic poultry in Residential Zones, Project No. 2019-18.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-005 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to close the hearing for Item 9B since there was no one else in the audience who wished to speak.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to adopt the Resolution approving a General Plan Amendment to revise Health and Wellness Element Policy HW-2.1.5 related to the keeping of poultry, Project No. 2019-18.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2020-006 was adopted.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to close the hearing for Item 9C since there was no one else in the audience who wished to speak.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

Motion passed.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Mesa amending La Mesa Municipal Code Section 24.05.020.D2 related to the keeping of chickens in R2 and R3 zones, Project No. 2019-18.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE: FIRST READING – CITY COUNCIL**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 7.27 AND REPEALING SECTION 9.08.074 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE AND REVISE THE REGULATION OF SMOKING IN THE CITY OF LA MESA**

City Attorney Sabine read the title of the Ordinance.

Michelle Huey, resident spoke in opposition of the proposed Ordinance.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the proposed Ordinance:

Janet Castaños, resident  
Monica Zech, resident  
Moana Cabiles, resident  
Lynda Barbour, resident  
Lorenzo Higley

Councilmember Alessio and Councilmember Weber explained the purpose and intent of the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Alessio and Councilmember Weber thanked City staff for their assistance with the drafting of the proposed Ordinance and the residents for their input and support of the proposed Ordinance.

Council questions and comments ensued.

City Attorney Sabine read the exceptions from the smoking prohibitions established in the proposed Ordinance.

Council questions and comments continued.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Councilmember Parent and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the introduction and first reading of the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Mesa repealing and replacing Chapter 7.27 and repealing Section 9.08.074 of the La Mesa Municipal Code to update and revise the regulation of smoking in the City of La Mesa.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

## **STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL**

### **11. CONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES AND TO THE COUNCIL AD HOC AND STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES**

Council discussion ensued regarding their interests in serving on the various outside boards, commissions, and committees and the Council ad hoc and standing subcommittees.



ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to appoint Vice Mayor Baber as the primary representative on the East County Economic Development Council.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Alessio and seconded by Mayor Arapostathis to appoint Councilmember Weber as the primary representative on the Harry Griffen Park JPA.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to appoint: (1) Councilmember Parent as the primary representative and Councilmember Alessio as the alternate representative on the Heartland Communications Facility Authority; (2) Councilmember Parent as the primary representative and Vice Mayor Baber as the alternate representative on the Heartland Fire Training Facility Authority; (3) Mayor Arapostathis and Vice Mayor Baber as the primary representatives and Councilmember Weber as the alternate representative on the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District/City of La Mesa Joint Steering Committee; and (4) Vice Mayor Baber as the primary representative and Councilmember Alessio as the alternate representative on the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Vice Mayor Baber to appoint Councilmember Weber as the primary representative and Mayor Arapostathis as the alternate representative on the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to appoint: (1) Councilmember Alessio as the primary representative on the Mission Trails Regional Task Force; and (2) Michele Greenburg McClung as the primary representative and Carol Lockwood as the alternate representative on the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to appoint Vice Mayor Baber as the primary representative and Councilmember Alessio as the first alternate on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to appoint Councilmember Weber as the second alternate on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to appoint Vice Mayor Baber as the primary representative and Interim City Manager Humora as the alternate representative on the San Diego Community Power Board of Directors.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to appoint: (1) Mayor Arapostathis and Vice Mayor Baber to the Audit Standing Subcommittee; (2) Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Alessio to the Subcommittee on Citizen Emergency Preparedness; (3) Councilmember Alessio and Councilmember Weber to the Future of MacArthur Park Standing Subcommittee; and (4) Mayor Arapostathis and Councilmember Parent to the Downtown Events Standing Subcommittee.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

**ACTION:** Motioned by Mayor Arapostathis and seconded by Councilmember Parent to dissolve the Smoking Ordinance Ad Hoc Subcommittee and appoint: (1) Councilmember Parent and Councilmember Weber to the Civic Center Master Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee; (2) Vice Mayor Baber and Councilmember Alessio to the Review of the Design Review Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee; and (3) Councilmember Parent and Councilmember Alessio to the Housing Affordability Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

**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.

### **CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS**

There were no remarks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meetings of the City Council and the La Mesa Public Financing Authority in memory of longtime La Mesa resident and community volunteer Helen Givens.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC  
City Clerk