

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa City Council,
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

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 6:01 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 ALESSIO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – CITY ATTORNEY

The report from closed session was made during City Attorney Remarks.

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

PRESENTATION FROM GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, Grossmont College President, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the vital roles Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges have in East County and the exciting things happening at the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Darel Kennedy, resident, spoke on amending the La Mesa Municipal Code to allow backyard chickens in the R2 Zone.

Jack Shu, resident, spoke regarding the San Diego Association of Government's new vision for transportation.

Andrea Monk, Sierra Club representative, spoke regarding the San Diego Association of Government's new vision for transportation.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

There were no conflict of interest disclosures.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. ANNUAL INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR OPENINGS ON THE CITY'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Clerk Wiegelman briefly explained the interview process. City Clerk Wiegelman stated that Christopher Kelly, Tatiana Popescu, William Lorenz, and Kevin Kitchen were not able to attend the City Council meeting due to prior commitments. Ms. Wiegelman said that Christopher Kelly and Tatiana Popescu had provided written statements expressing their interest in being considered for appointment to a Commission or Board, and William Lorenz had spoken at the June 11, 2019 City Council meeting expressing his interest in being considered for appointment to a Commission or Board. City Clerk Wiegelman stated that applicant Brenda Miller had withdrawn her application.

The following applicants spoke regarding their qualifications and interest in being appointed:

Bob Duff
Greg Yeatter
Donald Long
Andrea Beth Damsky
Jean-Guillaume Lonjaret
Richard McDonald, III
Ashley Simmons
Richard Williams
Aaron Amerling
Donald Cary
Jan Wilcox
Christopher Kelly

City Clerk Wiegelman said the appointments would be made at the July 9th City Council meeting.

Following the interviews, no action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(Items 2 through 10)

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

Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, LA MESA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING, AND CITY OF LA MESA SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

Approved.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$308,000

Resolution No. 2019-059 was adopted.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY EXTENDING THE CAL-ID/RAN SYSTEM PARTICIPATING AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE CITY OF LA MESA UNTIL JUNE 30, 2024

Resolution No. 2019-060 was adopted.

6. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE, EMERGENCY REPAIRS, AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC SIGNAL SERVICE INC.**

Resolution No. 2019-061 was adopted.

7. **RESOLUTION AWARDING THE FIRST EXTENSION OF ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR STREET SWEEPING WITH CANNON PACIFIC SERVICES, INC., DBA PACIFIC SWEEPING**

Resolution No. 2019-062 was adopted.

8. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF AN AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND/OR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALL OPEN AND FUTURE DISASTERS**

Resolution No. 2019-063 was adopted.

9. **RESOLUTION TO AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 19-17 FOR SPECIAL EVENT SECURITY TO ELITE SHOW SERVICES, INC. AND TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Resolution No. 2019-064 was adopted.

10. **RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KTUA TO PREPARE THE MACARTHUR PARK MASTER PLAN AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT**

Resolution No. 2019-065 was adopted.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 10.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT

11. CONSIDERATION OF THE 3-YEAR OKTOBERFEST SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION, A COST RECOVERY POLICY FOR THE EVENT, AND A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CLOSING A PORTION OF LA MESA CITY STREETS FOR THE 2019, 2020, AND 2021 OKTOBERFEST EVENTS

City Clerk Wiegelman stated that McFarlane Promotions, Inc. had submitted for approval a 3-year special event permit for the Oktoberfest event. City Clerk Wiegelman provided an overview of the changes to the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Oktoberfest events and reviewed the recommended event conditions. Ms. Wiegelman recounted the cost recovery policies for the 2017 and 2018 Oktoberfest events.

Council questions and comments ensued.

ACTION: Motioned by Vice Mayor Parent and seconded by Councilmember Baber to (1) approve the National Center for Community Enhancement (McFarlane Promotions, Inc.) application for the 3-year Oktoberfest Special Event Permit, subject to conditions and a 50% cost recovery policy for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Oktoberfest events with the City's cost recovery liability not to exceed \$50,000 per year with the caveat that the conditions of approval include continued organization of the Holiday in the Village event for the 3-year period; and (2) adopt the Resolution temporarily closing a portion of La Mesa City Streets for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Oktoberfest events.

Vote: 3-2

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

No: Councilmember Alessio and Councilmember Weber

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2019-066 was adopted.

HEARING

12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

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.

Mayor Arapostathis opened the hearing for Item 12 at 7:46 p.m.

Sustainability Analyst Lybeck gave a report on the rate proposal from EDCO, the Proposition 218 notification process, and the number of protest letters received. Sustainability Analyst Lybeck also discussed the final report from an independent accounting firm that reviewed the rate increase request.

Sustainability Analyst Lybeck introduced Carl Scherbaum, Division Manager, EDCO Disposal, who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the state of recycling, the proposed two year residential trash rate, California State Mandates, commingled organics collection, the planned state-of-the-art anaerobic digestion facility, the anaerobic digestion process, and EDCO's public outreach efforts.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Aaron Landau, resident, spoke in support of the proposed rate adjustments for EDCO Disposal Corporation.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Vice Mayor Parent 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 Parent, Councilmember Alessio, Councilmember Baber, and Councilmember Weber

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ACTION: Motioned by Councilmember Baber and seconded by Councilmember Alessio to approve the two-year EDCO rates for refuse and recycling collection and the addition of organics services.

Vote: 5-0

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

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Resolution No. 2019-067 was adopted.

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))

Councilmember Baber reported on his trip to Sacramento on June 13 – 14, 2019 for the League of California Cities Policy Committee meetings.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Sabine announced there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Megan Wiegelman, CMC
City Clerk