

CITY OF ARTESIA
ARTESIA CITY HALL, ARTESIA COUNCIL CHAMBER
18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2016 in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor Victor Manalo. The Invocation was presented by Douglas Van Gessel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elliott Elementary School.

PRESENT: Miguel Canales, Councilmember
Tony Lima, Councilmember
Sally Flowers, Councilmember
Victor Manalo, Mayor

ABSENT: Ali Taj, Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO PRESENT: William Rawlings, City Manager
Tracy Fuller, Interim Admin. Service Director
Justine Menzel, Special Projects Manager
Okina Dor, Planning Director
Pradeep Elayath, Admin. Service Manager
Andrew Perry, Administrative Analyst
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney
Gloria Considine, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
TO APPROVE AGENDA.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS

Mayor Manalo presented announcement regarding speaker cards.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA OR ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE HEADING CONSENT CALENDAR

Margaret Saito requested a copy of the speech Councilmember Canales presented on Smart Growth. She also requested minutes for appointment of Councilmember Canales and Councilmember Lima.

William Taylor inquired about tree trimming on Hibbing Street.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

1. RECOGNITION TO KEVIN ENNIS FOR HIS 19 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY AS CITY ATTORNEY
Plaque accepted by Kevin Ennis, City Attorney.

BUSINESS PRESENTATION(S)

2. ARTESIA LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS
Barbara Nightingale, Librarian presented the monthly events.
3. ARTESIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE
Update presented by the Chamber of Commerce.
4. SHERIFF'S PUBLIC SAFETY YEAR IN REVIEW 2015
Sgt. Knapp presented Public Safety Year in Review report.
5. INTRODUCTION AND INFORMATION FROM LIBERTY UTILITIES
Presentation from Greg Sorensen and Jeanne Marie Bruno of Liberty Utilities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF ITEMS 11, 12, 13, 16 AND 17.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

6. WAIVING OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES LISTED ON AGENDA
7. EXCUSING COUNCILMEMBERS WHO ARE ABSENT FROM MEETING
8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTER
9. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING
10. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION – SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
11. RESOLUTION 16-2594
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR NEW
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT RECREATION
AREA (GRANT NO. 58A6-14-2416)

Councilmember Canales inquired as to how many youth were employed with the grant.

Melissa Burke, Parks and Recreation Manager replied by saying no youth have been employed yet for the bike and pedestrian trail project. She said there were six youth employed between 2000 to 2014 with a previous grant.

Councilmember Canales inquired if the youth employed would be Artesia residents and the age of the youth.

Ms. Burke replied by saying the youth that was employed between 2013 and 2014 was an Artesia resident. She said most of the youth employed were seniors in high school or first or second year college students.

Councilmember Canales stated that his recommendation would be to hire Artesia youth and college students.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 16-2594 AS READ BY TITLE.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

12. CONDITIONAL USER PERMIT MODIFICATION 18432 GRIDLEY ROAD
A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION TO MODIFY A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL BEDS IN AN EXISTING
RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18432
GRIDLEY ROAD IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-G) ZONE, AND MAKING
A DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

Councilmember Flowers stated that she would abstain on this item.

Councilmember Lima inquired about the parking for the modification.

Okina Dor, Community Development Director replied that the project is above and beyond the minimum requirement for parking.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
TO AFFIRM PLANNING COMMISSION'S
APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
MODIFICATION TO ALLOW UP TO 40 BEDS IN
THE SUBJECT RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY
LOCATED AT 18432 GRIDLEY ROAD IN THE
SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL (C-S-P) ZONE,
AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL
EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Flowers
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

13. APPOINTMENT OF SERITA R. YOUNG AS CITY ATTORNEY AND KEVIN G.
ENNIS AS SENIOR COUNSEL

AND

RESOLUTION 16-2595
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA
APPOINTING SERITA R. YOUNG AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF
ARTESIA AND KEVIN G. ENNIS AS SENIOR COUNSEL TO THE CITY

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney presented the staff report to appoint Serita Young as City Attorney. He presented a background on Serita Young.

Serita Young introduced herself and her family.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 16-2595 AS READ BY TITLE.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

14. INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES APPLIED TO APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT WORKSHEET FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2015
15. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015
16. AUTHORIZATION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE AND UPDATED CITY OF ARTESIA SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP) AND 2011, 2013 AND 2015 AUDITS OF THE SSMP

Councilmember Canales requested the City Manager to give some insight on the necessity of this audit.

William Rawlings, City Manager stated that the city is required to maintain and update the sewer system and there is a need for an audit of the system to make sure it is in good working order but also to comply with various state and federal regulations. He said the county has the staff and resources to do this in an efficient way.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO
SUBMIT A SERVICE REQUEST TO THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
FOR THE PREPARATION OF A FIVE-YEAR CITY
OF ARTESIA SSMP UPDATE AND THREE TWO-YEAR
AUDITS FOR 2011, 2013 AND 2015 FOR THE ESTIMATED
AMOUNT OF \$10,900.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

17. APPROVAL OF "AMENDMENT TO PERMIT TO ENTER" WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF ARTESIA LIBRARY AND ASSOCIATED PARKING LOT

Councilmember Flowers requested an update on the new library.

Fred Hungerford stated that they are starting to break ground for the new library. He said the new library will be 10,850 square feet. He said the project is \$12.2 million dollars. He said they will be having a groundbreaking and hope everyone will come. He said there will be a 100 seat community room with a complete audio vision system. He said they will have free Wi-Fi and two group study rooms. He said additional parking will also be constructed. He said there will be a civic art component, public computers, early child area and family place program. He said the library will open early 2017.

Councilmember Lima inquired about the expectancy life of the building.

Fred Hungerford replied that buildings last 55 or more years.

Councilmember Lima when will groundbreaking ceremony take place.

Fred Hungerford replied April 13th at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
TO AMENDMENT TO THE PERMIT TO ENTER
WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR ACTIVITIES
RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARTESIA
LIBRARY AND RELATED PARKING LOT.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney administered the oath

18. CASE NO. 2004-27 AND 2005-34
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 19031-19041 NORWALK BLVD.
A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT FOR A PROPOSED 16-UNIT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
PROJECT LOCATED AT 19031-19041 NORWALK BOULEVARD IN THE
MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (M-D-R) ZONE, AND RECOMMENDING
ADOPTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Okina Dor, Community Development Director presented the staff report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

Councilmember Canales inquired if there were any renderings of the project.

Mr. Dor replied that any modification to the design would go before the Planning Commission for approval and before the City Council for affirmation. He said they will be updating the design and layout of the building. He said at the next City Council meeting when the second reading of the Ordinance is adopted a final map will be presented.

Councilmember Canales stated that with new developments no smoking should be considered. He said he was interested in what type of environmental features they have.

Mr. Dor replied that environmental features will be reviewed during plan check process.

Councilmember Canales inquired if the developer was at the meeting.

Mr. Dor replied by saying yes.

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney stated that there is a correction that the Ordinance number should be 16-831.

Councilmember Lima inquired about parcel division.

Mr. Dor replied that there are two separate parcels of land that will be consolidated and subdivided into 17 different parcels.

Councilmember Flowers requested Mr. Woods come forward.

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney administered the oath to Harold Woods.

Mayor Manalo reopened the public hearing.

Councilmember Flowers inquired if this was a single family development.

Mr. Woods replied by saying yes.

Councilmember Flowers inquired as to what is the 17th parcel.

Mr. Dor replied that this will be a private street. He said that it is the responsibility of the Home Owners Association to maintain the street.

Councilmember Flowers stated that she was told the street was public and each home will be privately sold.

Mr. Woods stated the streets are private. He said the landscaped area will be maintained by the Home Owners Association.

Councilmember Flowers inquired if the city has control as to what goes on the land.

Mr. Ennis replied by saying yes. He said the agreement would require compliance with all the conditions of approval for development of this project.

Councilmember Flowers stated that her concern is constructing the project how it was approved in 2005 which is outdated. She inquired if the city is protected.

Mr. Ennis suggested that Mr. Woods could provide design update at the next City Council meeting when the Ordinance is before the City Council for second reading and adoption.

Mr. Dor stated that the developer wants to modify the external design to comply with lifestyle and clientele. He said current energy requirements would need to comply with the plan check.

Councilmember Flowers stated that she still has concerns.

Mr. Ennis suggested Mr. Woods present what he is proposing and staff could work and find a solution to require improvements in design before the City Council takes a final action at the next City Council meeting.

Councilmember Lima inquired if each resident would pay an HOA fee and a fee to the city.

Mr. Ennis replied that was correct and the fee to the City would be paid via tax bill.

Councilmember Lima inquired about the prices of the homes.

Mr. Woods replied mid \$700,000 to \$800,000.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE
ORDINANCE NO. 16-831 AS READ BY TITLE.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

19. COUNCILMEMBER CANALES APPOINTMENTS TO BEAUTIFICATION AND
MAINTENANCE COMMISSION AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Item continued to the April City Council meeting

20. RATIFICATION OF MAYORS APPOINTMENTS TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL
COMMITTEES

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS
AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO UPDATE
AND POST FORM 806 AS REQUIRED.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

21. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR SB953 "CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT" (LARA)

Mayor Manalo stated that he requested this item be included on the agenda. He said he wanted to know if the City Council would or would not like to support this item.

Councilmember Canales stated that he had some concerns. He said that Assembly member Garcia had a competing bill. He said that the League of Cities is not getting involved in this because it is a regional issue. He said this preempts a locate control issue. He said his recommendation is to not get involved.

Councilmember Flowers inquired if there was a timeline on this item.

Mayor Manalo replied that he thought the bill was working through the legislative process.

Councilmember Flowers suggested that she would like to know what Assembly member Garcia is proposing. She said she didn't think the City Council was ready to take an action on this item.

Mayor Manalo stated unless there is something compelling to bring it back on the agenda then maybe the motion should be no action at all.

William Rawlings, City Manager stated that would be his recommendation.

Councilmember Lima stated that he would like to table the item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES
TO TABLE THE ITEM.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Lima and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Flowers and Manalo
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Taj

Kevin Ennis, City Attorney stated that the motion fails with the 2-2 vote so no action is taken.

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

22. COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTING ON EXTERNAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDED

Councilmember Lima – Council of Governments – Discussion on transportation and homelessness

Councilmember Flowers – LA Vector Control – Discussion on dengue fever.

Mayor Manalo – Southern California Association of Government – Finished public comments on regional transportation plan and sustainable community strategy.
SELACO Work Enforcement Board retreat – Learned about changes in federal law that are affecting development workforce boards.
Museum of Latin American Artesia – Mayors of L.A County meeting – Discussion on improvements in Inglewood and the new stadium and Los Angeles ports and that diesel trucks are no long going into the ports.

23. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Councilmember Flowers – Water Education for Latino Leaders and the Soroptimist Monte Carlo Night.

24. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

No information to present

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor presented announcement.

There were no additional citizen comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Lima thanked Kevin Ennis for his service wonderful advice. He said that the Orangeline had received an 18 million dollar grant from MTA and a portion of the money will be spent in Artesia. He said the Council of Governments may put on the ballot an extension of Measure R for another 30 years. He said that there might be ½ % sales tax on the ballot to be spent on transportation.

Councilmember Canales stated that Ross Middle School received the Prestige Award. He said that Gina Zietlow of Gahr High School received the principal of the year award. He said the superintendent of ABC Unified School District was recognized as Woman of Year by the senator's office. He said the Public Safety Expo was successful. He requested updates or more information on snapshot on geographic locations, citywide WiFi, economic development and how community revitalization investment authorities and how it will impact the City and receive some of the revenue.

Councilmember Flowers inquired about volunteers for the International Street Fair. She commented that things will not be the same at the City without Kevin Ennis.

Mayor Manalo stated that Bhindi Jewelers had a wonderful Grand Opening. He mentioned baseball opening day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to the regular City Council meeting of April 11, 2016.

ATTEST:

Gloria Considine
GLORIA CONSIDINE, CMC
CITY CLERK

I, Gloria Considine, City Clerk of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the following minutes were approved by the City Council members of the City of Artesia at a Regular Meeting held on the 9th day of May 2016, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Canales, Lima, Flowers, Taj and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Gloria Considine
GLORIA CONSIDINE, CMC
CITY CLERK