

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

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 11, 2016 in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor Victor Manalo. The Invocation was presented by Pastor Paul Hansen of First Christian Reformed Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Artesia 2016.

PRESENT: Miguel Canales, Councilmember
Tony Lima, Councilmember
Sally Flowers, Councilmember
Ali Taj, Mayor Pro Tem
Victor Manalo, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: William Rawlings, City Manager
Tracy Fuller, Interim Admin. Services Director
Okina Dor, Planning Director
Ernesto Sanchez, Management Analyst
Pradeep Elayath, Admin. Services Manager
Serita Young, City Attorney
Gloria Considine, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS

Mayor Manalo presented announcement.

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

Gurpol Sood requested a town hall meeting as soon as possible so merchants could express their concerns.

John Martins stated there are merchants with concerns and suggested a meeting to share the direction of the City. He said it is not fair to those investing and spending money in the City to find out their project will not be approved. He requested being notified of the meeting.

Victor Lourenco stated that he is the President for ASCME Local 1520. He said he looks forward to working with the City Council and management. He said their goal is to have a fair and positive work experience for the employees.

Alpacino Nunes commented on not receiving a response to a records request. He inquired about the cost of two attorneys for lawsuit. He said that there are gangs at 167th and Clarkdale Avenue and that is where the problems lie. He said there are patients with AIDS and cancer calling for help and he can't help them. He said the City is stopping him.

Venkatesh Koka commented on kiosks in the middle of the street. He commented on not being able to make u-turns on the streets. He wants to know when the approval of a building in the middle of the median was decided.

Pedro Ferreira stated the city's biggest problem is parking. He said that developers want to invest in Artesia but they need parking.

Dhanesh Bhindi stated that as a property owner and developer he feels that with the City's size constraints it only makes it logical to construct vertical. He said the decision on how high a building is constructed should be based on its merits and not with a sealing.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION(S)

1. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITIONS TO THE BUSINESSES BHINDI JEWELERS, AND DENNY'S RESTAURANT FOR MOST IMPROVED APPEARANCE
Certificates accepted by Bhindi Jewelers and Denny's Restaurant.

2. PRESENTATION OF PORTRAITS TO MISS ARTESIA 2015 AND HER COURT AND MISS TEEN ARTESIA 2015 AND HER COURT
AND
PRESENTATION OF PORTRAITS TO MISS ARTESIA 2016 AND HER COURT AND MISS TEEN ARTESIA 2016 AND HER COURT
Portraits presented to Miss Artesia and Miss Artesia Teen 2015 and their courts.

Portraits presented to Miss Artesia Court 2016 and Miss Artesia Teen 2016 and her court. These portraits to remain hanging in City Hall during their reign.

BUSINESS PRESENTATION(S)

3. ARTESIA LIBRARY MONTHLY EVENTS
Update presented by Barbara Nightingale of the Artesia Library.

4. ARTESIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE
Update presented by the Artesia Chamber of Commerce.

5. DISABLED RESOURCES CENTER
Presentation by Alice Bruns, Lead Job Developer of Disabled Resources Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TAJ
TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF ITEM 13.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

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

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 COMMISSION MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY –MARCH 1, 2016
10. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT
11. CONSIDERATION AND REQUEST FROM THE ARTESIA D.E.S. PORTUGUESE HALL FOR A HIGHWAY PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE ON ASHWORTH AVENUE FOR THE FESTA DO ESPIRITO SANTO (HOLY GHOST CELEBRATION) TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016;
AND
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-2609
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA APPROVING A HIGHWAY PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF ASHWORTH AVENUE BETWEEN SEINE AVENUE AND CLARKDALE AVENUE PURSUANT TO VEHICLE CODE SECTION 21101(E) IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE FESTA DO ESPIRITO SANTO (HOLY GHOST CELEBRATION) TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016
12. RATIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM SITING LIABILITY AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION EVENT ON JULY 16, 2016
13. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR LARGE EVENT FACILITY USE PERMIT TO HOLD AN INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT ON PIONEER BOULEVARD ON AUGUST 13, 2016

Councilmember Canales inquired if the application is complete.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied by saying yes.

Councilmember Canales inquired if any alcohol will be served at the event.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied by saying no.

Councilmember Canales stated that there will be 70 vendors at the event and he was wondering if the merchants along Pioneer Boulevard were contacted.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied that the merchants will be contacted.

Councilmember Flowers stated that she is excited for the event. She inquired about the time for setup from 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied the time is for setup of event but the time could be adjusted if that is the direction of the City Council. He said the applicants are here to address any questions.

Pradeep Elayath, stated it takes typically 8 to 10 hours to setup.

William Rawlings, City Manager stated that the concern is taking it down on time. He said it could be modified if directed by the City Council. He said the total time will not be for only setup but diverting of traffic.

Mr. Patnaik of UFICA stated that they would need the time to setup booths and stage.

Councilmember Flowers inquired if staff will be monitoring setup and will big trucks be dropping off items. She was concerned about the noise for surrounding neighborhoods.

Mr. Patnaik said they are willing to work the staff and City Manager on the logistics so there will be no issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Taj thanked the organization for choosing Artesia for the event. He inquired how would the booths be laid out.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied that the booths will be setup in the middle of the boulevard so they don't obstruct the merchants.

Mr. Agnihotri stated that the other group hasn't been participating pro-actively. He said that they want to make sure they are on board for the event and that there is no representation from FIA. He stated that the problem is getting money from sponsorships and FIA is always in India. He said they are working hard to get it done. He said this will be last time the event will be in Artesia because they do not want to work with FIA.

Councilmember Canales stated he thought the struggles between the two groups should be handled internally amongst themselves.

William Rawlings, City Manager stated the decision at hand is this event and any future discussions decided should be evaluated in future.

Mayor Manalo inquired if they would move forward with the event if the other organization doesn't participate.

Mr. Patnaik replied by saying yes.

Mr. Agnihotri stated that they have no support with the other organization and that they were forced to include the other organization.

William Rawlings, City Manager stated that if the organization cannot move forward with the event then the City Council should not approve application.

Mr. Agnihotri stated that they want to work with the other group but there is a big unbalance. He said they want to move forward with the event.

Mayor Manalo stated that he would like the event to take place in Artesia in the future but that is up to the organizations. He said that he wants to make sure they are ready to move forward with this event.

Mr. Patnaik replied that they will perform the event.

William Rawlings, City Manager stated that the applicant just assured him that they can perform and do the event alone.

Councilmember Canales suggested a new application with just their name.

Councilmember Flowers stated that negotiation was done with both groups and the other group is not present. She said that she is not comfortable unilaterally giving it to one group.

Mr. Agnihotri stated that they submitted the application and FIA was not there. He said they were told by city staff they had to join with FIA.

Councilmember Flowers stated that the City Council is voting on what was negotiated.

Councilmember Canales stated that the City needs to be more caution of the politics that they are getting involved with regarding organizations. He said that he does not

feel comfortable approving something where there are internal struggles. He said he would recommend a new application.

William Rawlings, City Manager stated that the two groups are working together because they both wanted the event. He said the city encouraged the two groups to work together so that two events are not taking place within a couple of days.

Mayor Manalo asked which organization has the city worked directly with.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied that the city has had meetings with both groups but the last few meetings have been with the UFICA group.

Mayor Manalo inquired of the City Manager his recommendation.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied that the staff has worked diligently with the group that is here this evening. He said if the City Council wants a new application that can be done however the event is scheduled in the next month. He said time is an issue. He said that the City Council could approve the concept of the event and delegate staff to accept a new application with the appropriate parties. He said the City Council could also not approve the event. He said the City Council could also approve the application as submitted.

Councilmember Flowers inquired if approved as presented and then FIA decides they do not want to be part of the event then would the city manager have the authority to approve a modified application submitted.

Councilmember Flowers stated that FIA is not here this evening and she is not willing to eliminate them from the application.

Councilmember Canales stated that FIA needs to be contacted if they are willing to work with the event.

Councilmember Flowers inquired if fees have been paid.

William Rawlings, City Manager replied that no fees have been paid yet.

Councilmember Flowers inquired if it has been three months since FIA has attended the meetings.

Ernesto Sanchez, Management Analyst stated that the representative from FIA is currently in India and he has communicated by email. He has not attended the last two meetings because he is in India.

Mayor Pro Tem Taj stated that he just wants everyone to work together.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA, SECONDED
BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS TO APPROVE AS
AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER
APPROVE AN MODIFIED APPLICATION IF FIA
DECIDES THEY DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE INDIA INDEPENDENCE EVENT WHICH IS
TO BE PRESENTED IN WRITING OR IF NO RESPONSE
RECEIVED BACK FROM FIA.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

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

14. APPROVAL OF PLAYGROUND RENOVATION AT LEASE SITES IN AJ
PADEFORD PARK AND ARTESIA PARK

15. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-2608
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA
AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY RECORDS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE RECORDS RETENTION
SCHEUDLE FOR THE CITY OF ARTESIA

**PUBLIC HEARING
ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Serita Young, City Attorney administered the oath.

16. NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR 2016 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM COMMUNITY INPUT
AND
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-2605 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITYOF ARTESIA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE
APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITYDEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

William Rawlings, City Manager presented staff report for this item.

Margaret Saito stated she thought that one of the items should have been public safety.

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, Taj and Manalo
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION NO. 16-2605 AS READ BY TITLE.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

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

17. ARTESIA LIVE PROJECT (CASE NO. 2015-08) CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION
MONITORING PROGRAM AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, SPECIFIC
PLAN ADOPTION, ZONING CODE AND MAP AMENDMENTS, TENTATIVE
TRACT MAP NO. 73667, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND DESIGN REVIEW
AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
TO CONTINUE ITEM AND PUBLIC HEARING
TO A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

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

ORDINANCE

18. ORDINANCE NO. 16-835
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 15, 2007 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND OUTFRONT MEDIA VW COMMUNICATIONS LLC, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST VAN WAGNER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, TO MODIFY LICENSE FEES, EXTEND THE LICENSE FEE PAYMENT TERM, AND IMPROVE AND CONVERT AN EXISTING STATIC BILLBOARD STRUCTURE TO A DIGITAL BILLBOARD STRUCTURE LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF A.J. PADEFORD PARK NORTH OF THE ARTESIA (91) FREEWAY (CASE NO. 2016-11), AND ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CEQA (SECOND READING AND ADOPTION)

Gloria Considine, City Clerk presented staff report for this item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TAJ
TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT
ORDINANCE NO 16-835 AS READ BY TITLE.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

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

STAFF REPORT

19. REQUEST FOR SELECTION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND/OR ALTERNATE FOR ANNUAL LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE- OCTOBER 5-7, 2016

Gloria Considine, City Clerk presented the staff report for this item.

Mayor Manalo selected as voting delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Taj as alternate 1, and Councilmember Lima as alternate 2.

20. DESIGNATION OF CITY STAFF PERSON TO MAINTAIN AND RESPOND TO PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR THE ARTESIA ENTERPRISE SYSTEM CATALOG

Gloria Considine, City Clerk presented the staff report for this item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA
TO DESIGNATE CITY CLERK TO MAINTAIN
THE ARTESIA ENTERPRISE SYSTEM CATALOG
AND RESPOND TO PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR THE
ARTESIA ENTERPRISE CATALOG.

Said motion carried in the following roll call vote:

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

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

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

Councilmember Canales stated that the League of Cities County Division appointed their board and he was appointed Vice President.

Councilmember Lima stated that there is still a struggle between the MTA and Eco Rapid so negotiations are going back and forth about the length of closing the time gap.

Councilmember Flowers stated that LA Vector Control District boardmembers has just voted to purchase a vect mobile for a quarter of a million dollars. She said the vect mobile goes to elementary schools and shows what the different mosquitos look like and different issues and diseases. She said that she would like Artesia to participate in the vect mobile program.

Mayor Pro Tem Taj stated that Eco Rapid, Orangeline and Council of Governments had a meeting and agreed to work together to shorten the time line. He said the time line for completion of the Orangeline would be 2047. He said after several discussions it was reduced to 2037 and groundbreaking 2021. He said their goal is to bring in the money and shorten the time line.

22. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Councilmember Flowers – Independent Cities Association meeting. She said there was discussion regarding atominis vehicles, terrorist and violence game plan and cap and trade.

23. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

William Rawlings, City Manager reported on the following:

1. Emergency Satelite telephones
2. City Hall security study
3. Development Pavement Plan
4. North Artesia parking shortage

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Victor Lourenco suggested having 186th Street and 187th Street as one way streets.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Canales:

1. Ross Middle School is trying to have Bingo for non-profit.
Requested to start discussion on Bingo Ordinance
2. Start conversation on umbrellas for outdoor dining
3. Regulating big semi trucks traveling down Pioneer Boulevard
4. Start conversation on Valet parking for restaurants
5. In November there will be an initiative on non-recreation marijuana and suggested having a discussion because if the city doesn't have anything in place the city will be behind

Councilmember Lima:

1. Inquired on status of invitation for firemen from Jamay
2. Invitation to the Mayor of Jamay for International Street Festival
3. Commented on the public mentioning that they have never heard about the construction on Pioneer Boulevard. He said it was also mentioned that notices were not received regarding construction.

Councilmember Flowers:

1. Commented on parking in front of driveways in North Artesia and it was proposed in the past and it was not permitted legally
2. Requested a town hall meeting for public input on issues. She requested meeting be advertised in the Guardian newspaper and website.

Mayor Pro Tem Taj:

1. Attended ribbon cutting for Brooklyn Pizza
2. Attended ribbon cutting for Artesia Christian Home Memory Care
3. Requested discussion on Bingo
4. Commented on Homeland Security grant that the city is working on
5. Requested fireworks discussion and how it can be managed more efficiently. He commented on the fireworks booths not being picked up.
6. He requested moving the August City Council meeting date because he will be in China

Mayor Manalo:

1. He congratulated the Portuguese community on Portugal winning the European Cup
2. Commented that the July 4th Fireworks show was great
3. He said the fireworks booths sell legal Safe N' Sane fireworks. He said there were a lot of illegal fireworks this year. He requested a discussion on what can be done with the illegal fireworks.
4. Check with other cities on what they have in place about drones
5. Properties on Pioneer Boulevard not being kept up

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



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 Adjourned Regular Meeting held on the 22nd day of August 2016, by the following roll call vote:

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



GLORIA CONSIDINE, CMC