

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

JOINT REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ARTESIA REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Joint Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council and the Board of Directors of the Successor Agency to the Artesia Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, January 13, 2020 in the Artesia City Council Chambers by Mayor Ali Taj. The Invocation was presented by Imam Hafez Hafez, Islamic Shura Council of Southern California, Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Gardner of the Artesia Library.

PRESENT: Ali Taj, Mayor
Rene Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem
Melissa Ramoso, Councilmember
Miguel Canales, Councilmember
Tony Lima, Councilmember

ALSO PRESENT: William Rawlings, City Manager
Christi Hogin, Interim City Attorney
Ernesto Sanchez, City Clerk
Jamie Murguia, Assistant City Clerk
Melissa Burke, Administrative Manager
Siamlu Cox, Acting Finance Manager
Danielle Vaars, Accounting Manager
Boyd Horan, Human Resources Manager
Rosa Pinuelas, Parks and Recreation Manager
Edith Guerra, Assistant Parks and Recreation Manager
Fiona Graham, Planning Manager
Okina Dor, Planning Director
Karen Lee, Management Analyst

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION ORDERED BY MAYOR TAJ

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: The Agenda was approved without objection 5-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS

City Clerk presented the announcement.

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

Scott Smith, ABC Unified School District, provided public comments on items not on the agenda.

Viviana Gomez, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia's Office, provided public comments on items not on the agenda.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

1. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Mayor Taj presented the Holiday Decorating Contest winners with a Certificate of Recognition.

BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

2. ARTESIA LIBRARY UPDATES

Library Manager, Robert Gardner, provided an update to the City Council.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Taj provided comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS. 3-12)

Councilmember Lima pulled Item Nos. 6 and 7 for discussion.

Councilmember Ramoso pulled Item Nos. 10, 11, and 12 for discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12, which were pulled for discussion.

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

Said motion carried (5-0-0) in the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | Ramoso, Canales, Lima, Trevino, Taj |
| NOES: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | None |
| ABSENT: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | None |

ITEM NO. 6 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

6. AFFIRMATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF CASE NO. 2019-32 AND PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26P (CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS USE AT 18616 SEINE AVENUE IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA)

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

City Manager Rawlings provided brief remarks.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE ITEM

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

City Council Action: The item was approved without objection 5-0-0.

ITEM NO. 7 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

7. AFFIRMATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF CASE NO. 2019-11 AND PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11P (VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR A ROOF SLOPE OF LESS THAN 3/12 FOR AN EXISTING REAR "COMMON ROOM" ADDITION AT 17916 THORNLAKE AVENUE IN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA)

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

City Manager Rawlings provided brief remarks.

At the request of Mayor Taj, Joseph Shih, provided comments to the City Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO REJECT THE ITEM

Interim City Attorney, Christi Hogin, stated the motion lacked a second, and another motion could be put forward.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO TO APPROVE THE ITEM

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO

Said motion carried (4-1-0) in the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | Ramoso, Canales, Trevino, Taj |
| NOES: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | Lima |
| ABSTAIN: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | None |
| ABSENT: | COUNCILMEMBERS: | None |

ITEM NO. 10 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

10. AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE NORWALK BOULEVARD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND KIMLEY-HORN

Councilmember Ramoso requested a Staff Report from City Manager Rawlings.

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE ITEM

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES

City Council Action: The item was approved without objection 5-0-0.

ITEM NO. 11 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

11. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND DONATION OF SURPLUS FIRE ENGINE

Councilmember Ramoso requested more information about the item from Councilmember Canales.

Councilmember Canales provided remarks.

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE ITEM

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES

City Council Action: The item was approved without objection 5-0-0.

ITEM NO. 12 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

12. PROPOSED 2020 PRIORITIES AND UPDATE ON 2019 PRIORITIES

Councilmember Ramoso requested a Staff Report from City Manager Rawlings.

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Canales discussed priorities and provided comments.

Councilmember Ramoso discussed priorities and provided comments.

Councilmember Lima discussed priorities and provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino discussed priorities and provided comments.

Mayor Taj asked the City Manager to recap the comments from the Council.

The City Manager provided a recap and suggested to the Council that the following items be added to the 2020 Priorities: Auditing of the downtown businesses, the parking structure on Pioneer Boulevard, and the splash pool at Artesia Park. The additions would bring the Priorities list from 10 items, to 13 items.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO MOVE THE ITEM, AS AMENDED

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA

City Council Action: The item was approved without objection 5-0-0.

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

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

Councilmember Ramoso reported on two Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control Board meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino reported on the SELACO meeting.

Mayor Taj reported on the EcoRapid Transit meeting.

14. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Mayor Taj reported on the Contract Cities legislative tour.

15. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

City Manager Rawlings provided a report on the following items: The City applied for and was awarded a \$75,000 CalTrans grant to help study how to improve traffic flow in the City and needed maintenance. Negotiations have been concluded with a cell provider (federal law now allows cell providers to put a cell tower whether the City wants it or not). The cell site will be at the Artesia Town Center, and should generate \$360,000 up front for the City in non-tax, non-grant, money. In ongoing efforts to improve staff quality and bring a variety of skill-sets to the City, the City has brought on Edith Guerra as the Parks and Recreation Assistant Manager.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Taj provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taj adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.