

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

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The Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 9, 2020 in the Artesia City Council Chambers by Mayor Ali Taj. The Invocation was presented by Pastor Bob De Leon, Calvary Chapel Artesia. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Safety Commission Chairperson, Betty Lou Ormonde.

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

**ABSENT:** Miguel Canales, Councilmember

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NO. 17, WHICH WAS PULLED BY STAFF

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: The Agenda was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**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**

Sharon Stephens, resident, provided public comments on items not on the agenda

Margaret Saito, resident, provided public comments on items not on the agenda

Edward Ware, resident, provided public comments on items not on the agenda

Carol Hernandez, resident, provided public comments on items not on the agenda

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Mayor Taj provided comments, and asked City Manager Rawlings to provide comments on the matter of public safety

City Manager Rawlings stated that last year, the Council approved a \$250 rebate for security systems or cameras, and the program is available to all members of the community in all areas. City Manager Rawlings stated that residents can call City Hall and Staff will walk them through the application process.

**BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS**

1. ARTESIA LIBRARY UPDATES

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS. 2-14)**

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino pulled Item Nos. 13 and 10 for discussion.

Councilmember Ramoso pulled Item Nos. 8, 9, and 12 for discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 which were pulled for discussion.

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Consent Calendar was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**ITEM NO. 8 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Ramoso stated that she would like the minutes for the February City Council meetings to be updated to reflect a change requested at the meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH AMENDMENT

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item 8 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**ITEM NO. 9 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Ramoso requested a Staff Report from City Manager Rawlings

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

City Manager Rawlings provided clarifying comments for the Council

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 9

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

City Council Action: Item No. 9 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**ITEM NO. 10 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments, and asked for an update from the City Manager

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Councilmember Ramoso posed questions to City Manager Rawlings

City Manager Rawlings provided comments

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 10

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA

City Council Action: Item No. 10 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**ITEM NO. 12 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lima requested a Staff Report from City Manager Rawlings

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Julie Hanson, resident, provided public comments on Item No. 12

City Manager Rawlings provided clarifying comments to the Council based on the public comments

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 12

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO

City Council Action: Item No. 12 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**ITEM NO. 13 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino requested a Staff Report

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments. Mayor Pro Tem asked if it was possible to gain assurance from the applicant that the family would occupy the property.

City Manager Rawlings advised that such considerations should not be made from the dais, and suggested that concerns could be addressed by the Council directing Staff to do investigate and return in the future.

Interim City Attorney Leishman seconded the remarks by City Manager Rawlings, and reviewed the options in the Staff Report.

Councilmember Lima provided comments

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO REFER THE ITEM BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH INSTRUCTION TO LOOK INTO THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING RAMIFICATIONS, AND INSTRUCT STAFF TO ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

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

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

City Council Action: Item No. 13 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**ORDINANCES**

15. CONSIDERATION AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING A CHAPTER REGARDING GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION, AND ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION REGARDING ASSOCIATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Diana Coronado, Building Industry Association, provided public comments on Item No. 15

Julia Emerson, SoCal Gas, provided public comments on Item No. 15

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Councilmember Lima provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Mayor Taj provided comments

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 20-892, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING A CHAPTER REGARDING GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION, AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20-2790, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION INCENTIVES AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

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

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

City Council Action: Item No. 15 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-891, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA TO ADOPT UPDATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, RESIDENTIAL, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, AND EXISTING BUILDING CODES WHICH INCORPORATE AND AMEND THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

City Clerk read the title of Item No. 16

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING

City Clerk reported that there were no speaker cards

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Taj closed the Public Hearing

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-891, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA TO ADOPT UPDATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, RESIDENTIAL,

GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, AND EXISTING BUILDING CODES WHICH INCORPORATE AND AMEND THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO

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

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

City Council Action: Item No. 16 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**DISCUSSION**

18. MIDYEAR BUDGET UPDATE

City Manager Rawlings reported the City is on budget, expenses are being managed, and the City has obtained almost \$9 million in additional revenues in the form of grants. City Manager stated that Staff continues to manage the expenses of the City very carefully to ensure that we stay within budget, and that the estimate of revenues has been accurate and the City has been able to bring in more revenues in the form of grants. City Manager concluded this remarks stating that the budget is balanced and continues to be implemented as directed by the Council.

Mayor Taj provided comments

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO. 18

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

City Council Action: Item No. 18 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1

**COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING**

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

Councilmember Lima reported on the Council of Government's (COG) meeting where housing was discussed

Councilmember Ramoso reported that she attended the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) meeting on February 13, 2020 where she became the Risk Management Committee Vice Chair.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino reported that he attended the Southeastern Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO). Mayor Pro Tem Trevino reported that SELACO will be adding Paramount to the group, and that meetings will be rotated beginning in July and Artesia will be the first City to host the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem also reported on the California League of Cities where mobilizing youth and youth activity was discussed.

Mayor Taj reported on the EcoRapid Transit meeting where the train station was discussed, including environmental studies.

#### 20. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino reported that he attended the Soroptomist International event

Councilmember Ramoso reported that she attended the Soroptomist International event

Mayor Taj reported that he attended the Soroptomist International event

#### 21. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

City Manager informed the Council there was no brief tonight

Mayor Taj provided comments, thanked City Manager Rawlings for his leadership and encouraged City Manager Rawlings to keep up the great work.

#### **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 in memory of former Public Safety Commissioner CJ Oliver. The City Council observed a moment of silence.

The meeting adjourned at at 9:15 pm.