

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

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020  
12:30 P.M.

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The Special Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 12:30 p.m., on Monday, March 30, 2020 at Various Teleconference Locations by Mayor Ali Taj.

**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 Murguía, Assistant City Clerk

**MEETING PROCEDURES**

THE CITY CLERK READ THE MEETING PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:

To comply with these emergency measures, the City Council meeting will be open and public but conducted via teleconference only. This way the public, the staff, and the Council will not be physically in the same place. The City is endeavoring to employ technology that will allow the public to view the meeting live and participate. Public comment must be submitted by email to [publiccomments@cityofartesia.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofartesia.us). Submissions should be limited to 300 words or less, and must be received prior to the posted start time of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

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

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS**

City Clerk presented the announcement, and announced there were no speaker cards.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-2797, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO BE THE AUTHORIZED AGENT TO ENGAGE WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING GRANTS APPLIED FOR BY THE CITY OF ARTESIA

Mayor Taj requested a Staff Report

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Councilmember Canales provided comments, and posed questions to City Manager Rawlings

City Manager Rawlings provided comments

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MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 1 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

2. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 895U, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 22 TO TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT PRICE GOUGING DURING A STATE OF DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY; DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF; AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Mayor Taj requested a Staff Report

Interim City Attorney Hogin provided a Staff Report

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 2 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-896U, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PREVIOUSLY ENACTED TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES AND EVICTIONS DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF RENT BY RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS IMPACTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY

Mayor Taj requested a Staff Report from Interim City Attorney Hogin

Interim City Attorney Hogin provided a Staff Report

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Councilmember Lima provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments, and posed questions about the ordinance

Interim City Attorney Hogin provided comments

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-896U, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PREVIOUSLY ENACTED TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON FORECLOSURES AND EVICTIONS DUE TO NONPAYMENT OF RENT BY RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TENANTS IMPACTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 3 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

4. LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTING SUPPORT OF REGIONAL MEASURES RELATED TO COVID-19

Mayor Taj requested a Staff Report from City Manager Rawlings

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Councilmember Canales provided comments

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Councilmember Lima provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments, and posed questions to Councilmember Canales

Councilmember Canales provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Mayor Taj provided comments

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO MOVE THE LETTER FORWARD

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 4 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Councilmember Canales provided comments, and posed questions to City Manager Rawlings

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Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Taj asked City Manager for additional comments

City Manager Rawlings provided an update on COVID-19 related changes at the City's parks.

Mayor Taj provided comments

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Taj adjourned the meeting at 1:13 pm.