

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

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

The Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 13, 2020 at Various Teleconference Locations by Mayor Ali Taj. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were presented by Mayor Ali Taj.

PRESENT: Ali Taj, Mayor
Rene Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem
Melissa Ramoso, Councilmember
Miguel Canales, Councilmember
Tony Lima, Councilmember (Arrived at 7:08 pm)

ALSO PRESENT: William Rawlings, City Manager
Todd Leishman, Interim City Attorney
Ernesto Sanchez, City Clerk
Jamie Murguia, Assistant City Clerk

MEETING PROCEDURES

THE CITY CLERK READ THE MEETING PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:

As a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, states of emergency have been declared in the County of Los Angeles and the state of California. The President of the United States has declared a federal emergency. At the direction of the Governor, starting March 19, 2020, the entire state is subject to stay-at-home orders. These measures are imposed to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. 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. 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 RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO

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

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

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

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

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Canales provided comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS. 1-7)

Councilmember Ramoso pulled Item Nos. 4 and 7 for discussion.

Councilmember Canales pulled Item No. 5 for discussion.

Mayor Taj pulled Item No. 6 for discussion.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 4, 5, 6, and 7, which were pulled for discussion.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO

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: Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 4 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ramoso requested a Staff Report.

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Canales provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE ITEM

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. 4 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 5 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Canales requested a Staff Report.

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Canales provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES TO APPROVE THE ITEM

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. 5 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 6 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE ITEM

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR TAJ

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. 6 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 7 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ramoso requested a Staff Report.

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Canales provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE ITEM

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. 7 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

ORDINANCES

- 8. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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 INCENTIVES

City Clerk read the title of Item No. 8 and provided a report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, BY MOTION, WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-892, AS READ BY TITLE

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. 8 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

- 9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-893, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND MAKING A DETERMINATION UNDER CEQA

City Clerk read the title of Item No. 9 and provided a report.

Councilmember Lima asked questions. City Manager and City Attorney provided answers.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES TO WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-893 AS READ BY TITLE

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. 9 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

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

Councilmember Ramoso reported on the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting held via Zoom.

Councilmember Canales reported on a meeting with the Local Government Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem reported on the SELACO meeting held via teleconference.

Mayor Taj reported on the EcoRapid Transit meeting held via Zoom.

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

There were no reports.

12. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

City Manager Rawlings commented that the Council has done a wonderful job taking on a difficult and technologically challenging situation, and making it look easy. City Manager Rawlings expressed his appreciation for the effort and patience from all Councilmembers, as well as the help that Councilmembers have given one another to help move the agenda and address the City's business. City Manager Rawlings also stated that at the request of Councilmember Canales, Staff will endeavor to improve technology to provide a better experience for the viewing public.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Canales provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Taj provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taj adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm to the next regular meeting of the Artesia City Council on May 11, 2020.