

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

MONDAY, MAY 11, 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, May 11, 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 (Arrived at 7:05 p.m.)  
Tony Lima, Councilmember (Arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

**ALSO PRESENT:** William Rawlings, City Manager  
Christi Hogin, 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](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 MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO

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.

**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**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS. 1-16)**

Councilmember Ramoso pulled Item Nos. 3, 8, and 12 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino pulled Item Nos. 7, 10, and 16 for discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 3, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 16, 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:	Canales, Ramoso, Trevino, Taj
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Lima

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

**ITEM NO. 3 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Ramoso requested a Staff Report

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Ramoso asked if the plan addresses resident concern brought up regarding noise. City Manager stated that, of the four meetings held related to the project one concern was expressed about the noise. City Manager stated that the plan, as requested by the Council, is to use the space in a similar way to past uses. Therefore, additional noise is not anticipated, but the space will not be noise-free.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE ITEM

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
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NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Lima

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No.3 was approved without objection 4-0-0-1.

**ITEM NO. 7 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino requested a Staff Report from City Manager Rawlings

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO 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.

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

Councilmember Ramoso requested a Staff Report

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO 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. 10 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

**ITEM NO. 12 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Councilmember Canales provided comments

Councilmember Lima provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Mayor Taj provided comments

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO APPROVE THE ITEM

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CANALES

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

**ITEM NO. 16 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino requested a Staff Report from City Manager Rawlings

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Councilmember Lima provided comments

Councilmember Canales provided comments

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Mayor Taj provided comments

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TREVINO 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. 16 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

**ORDINANCES**

- 17. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-897U, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 TO TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT PRICE GOUGING IN FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES DURING A STATE OF DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY; DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF; AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report

Councilmember Lima provided comments

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Mayor Taj provided comments

Interim City Attorney Christi Hogin framed a motion

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMOSO TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-897U, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 TO TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT PRICE GOUGING IN FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES DURING A STATE OF DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY; DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF; AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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

- 18. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-898, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 13 ON SEPARATE METERING FOR DWELLING UNITS AND CHAPTER 14 ON TIME LIMITS FOR COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION

City Manager Rawlings provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Lima provided comments

Councilmember Ramoso asked if construction exceeds allowed time if the owner/developer can be penalized. City Manager stated that exceeding the allowed timeframe would become a Code Enforcement case.

Interim City Attorney Christi Hogin framed a motion

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-898, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 13 ON SEPARATE METERING FOR DWELLING UNITS AND CHAPTER 14 ON TIME LIMITS FOR COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION

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

## **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.

Councilmember Canales reported on League of California Cities discussing new membership, treasurer and secretary position opened, and letter sent to counties related to Project Room Key encouraging better communication with cities.

Councilmember Ramoso did not attend any meetings, but reported that she will attend the upcoming Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District via Zoom.

Mayor Taj reported on the Eco-Rapid Transit meeting.

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

Councilmember Canales reported that he has not attended a meeting at the expense of the public, but that he and Councilmember Ramoso met with 17 other individuals from the southeast Los Angeles area to draft a letter to the governor.

Councilmember Ramoso reported that the southeast Los Angeles County ad hoc regional group put together several letters to leadership to help address issues with local cities, and she did not attend anything at public expense.

### **21. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF**

City Manager Rawlings provided a report on the City's online reporting system. The City Manager stated despite COVID-19 making it more difficult for the City to provide for its residents, work has continued and the City continues to provide support to the community. The City Manager reported that approximately 24 service requests have been received in the last 60 days, of which all requests were completed and responded to. Examples of those requests include reported potholes that were subsequently filled, and reports of right of way areas in need of trimming which were subsequently

maintained. The City continues to provide services to the community in the difficult environment, and it is a specific tribute to the Maintenance staff that continues to do a wonderful job in very difficult circumstances. The City Manager also noted that all Staff are doing a good job responding to community needs, and stated that he is proud of the Staff and the work that they do.

Councilmember Canales provided comments

Councilmember Ramoso provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino provided comments

Mayor Taj provided comments

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Canales 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 Cerritos City Councilmember and former Mayor, Jim Edwards. The Council observed a moment of silence.

Mayor Taj adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm to next regular meeting of the Artesia City Council on June 8, 2020.