

CITY OF ARTESIA
ALBERT O. LITTLE COMMUNITY CENTER
18750 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:17 p.m., on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Albert O. Little Community Center by Mayor Ramoso. Councilmember Lima led in the invocation and Councilmember Trevino led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Melissa Ramoso, Mayor
Monica Manalo, Mayor Pro Tem
Tony Lima, Councilmember
Ali Taj, Councilmember
Rene Trevino, Councilmember

Also Present: Melissa Burke, Acting City Manager
Hong Dao Nguyen, City Attorney
Jamie Murguia, Assistant City

MEETING PROCEDURES

THE CITY CLERK READ THE MEETING PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:

Members of the public may attend to speak during public comment or on agenda items, as described below. In order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19) and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, Public observation and participation will be facilitated by the following means:

Members of the public may observe the meeting via livestream on the City's website. Members of the public may view the meeting and provide public comments in-person at the Albert O. Little Community Center subject to posted COVID-19 protocols.

Public comments may also be submitted by email at publiccomments@cityofartesia.us or by leaving a voicemail at (562) 865-6262, extension 200. Comment submitted before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting will be read until the time limit of three minutes has been reached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO.

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

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Trevino, Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso
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 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Clerk presented the Announcement Regarding Public Comments.

Margaret Saito provided public comments.

Suresh Baljara provided public comments.

Rohini Bedi provided public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS 1 – 9)

Item No. 3 was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH EXCEPTION OF ITEM NO. 3.

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MANALO.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Consent Calendar was approved without objections 5-0-0-0, with the exception of Item No. 3.

3. RECEIVE AND FILE OF MAYOR'S 2022 APPOINTMENTS TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

Mayor Ramoso provided comments and added the Artesia Chamber of Commerce as an Internal Committee and appointed Mayor Ramoso and Mayor Pro Tem Manalo as the committee liaisons.

MOTION BY MAYOR RAMOSO TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO. 3.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ.

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

10. PUBLIC HEARING AND DE NOVO REVIEW REGARDING APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9-2.1103(B)(7) TO ALLOW LESS PARKING THAN IS REQUIRED FOR OFFICE USE AND A DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION TO ALLOW EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS TO ADD WINDOWS, A DOOR, AND MODIFY THE ROOF AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 19104 NORWALK BOULEVARD WITHIN THE MIXED COMMERCIAL/SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF A CLASS 1, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

City Attorney provided Staff Report.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided additional comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso opened the Public Hearing.

Matthew George provided public comments.

Sue Jen Wen provided public comments.

Mayor Ramoso closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

Acting City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

Acting City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

City Attorney provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO TO APPROVE ITEM NO.10 AND ADD AN ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF STAFF MEMBERS AT 19104 NORWALK BOULEVARD

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Motion was approved (4-1-0-0).

DISCUSSION

11. DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING OUTDOOR SEATING AND DINING FOR RESTAURANTS AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, CITYWIDE

Acting City Manager provided Staff Report.

Ashton Patel provided public comments.

Acting City Manager provided comments.

Ashton Patel provided additional public comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Ashvin Patel provided additional public comments.

Vishal Morari provided public comments.

Frank Bellospcrito provided public comments.

Bharat Morari provided public comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided public comments.

Acting City Manager provided comments.

Gurvinder Singh provided public comments.

Raj Patel provided public comments.

Margaret Saito provided public comments.

Councilmember Taj provided public comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked questions regarding item.

Acting City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Frank Bellospcrito provided additional public comments.

Raj Patel provided additional public comments.

Councilmember Lima asked questions regarding item.

Acting City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked questions regarding item

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT A 12-MONTH URGENCY ORDINANCE ALLOWING OUTDOOR DINNING WHICH INCLUDES NEW SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, ELIMINATES FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PERMITS AND SUSPENDS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS BY THE CITY.

MOTON SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MANALO.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Motion was approved (5-0-0-0).

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

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

Councilmember Trevino reported on SELACO and Friends of the Library meetings.

Councilmember Taj reported on ECORAPID Transit meeting.

Councilmember Lima reported on Council of Government's (COG) meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo reported on Friends of the Library meeting.

Mayor Ramoso reported on Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting.

13. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Councilmember Trevino reported that he did not attend any meetings at public expense.

Councilmember Taj reported on League of California Cities meeting.

Councilmember Lima reported that he did not attend any meetings at public expense.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo reported that she did not attend any meetings at public expense.

Mayor Ramoso reported that she did not attend any meetings at public expense.

14. ACTING CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

Acting City Manager provided Information Brief.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vikas Vig provided public comments.

Mayor Ramoso asked questions.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Acting City Manager provided comments.

Councilmember Lima asked questions.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

Councilmember Trevino asked questions.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj asked questions.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked questions.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

Councilmember Trevino asked questions.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

City Attorney provided comments.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vikas Vig provided public comments.

Acting City Manager answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramoso adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.