

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

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER RETREAT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
5:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m., on February 8, 2021 at Various Teleconference Locations by Mayor Trevino.

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

Also Present: William Rawlings, City Manager
Hong Dao Nguyen, City Attorney
Ernesto Sanchez, 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 comments may be submitted by email to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, or by voicemail to (562) 865-6262, extension 200. Public comments received by voicemail will be transcribed. Please submit email and voicemail public comments by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure that the comments are read into the record.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ

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

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Clerk presented the Announcement Regarding Public Comments, and reported that no public comments were received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 to discuss the following item:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2) - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION)
DRAFT FIFTH TOLLING AGREEMENT WITH THE BKK WORKING GROUP ONE (1) CASE

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened in open session.

The City Attorney stated that there was no reportable information.

COUNCILMEMBER RETREAT DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. DISCUSSION AMONG COUNCILMEMBERS REGARDING PRIORITY CITY TOPICS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: PIONEER BOULEVARD; CITY COMMUNICATIONS; NORTH ARTESIA; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; AND CITY PARKS; AND POTENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITY

Councilmember Manalo provided comments and asked questions regarding illegal dumping.

City Manager answered questions regarding illegal dumping.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional comments regarding illegal dumping.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments regarding illegal dumping.

City Manager provided comments regarding illegal dumping.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments regarding illegal dumping.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments and asked questions regarding the sale of legal fireworks.

City Manager answered questions regarding the sale of legal fireworks.

Councilmember Lima provided regarding the sale of legal fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments regarding the sale of legal fireworks.

Mayor Pro Trevino provided comments regarding the sale of legal fireworks.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments regarding Pioneer Boulevard.

Councilmember Taj provided comments regarding Pioneer Boulevard.

Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments and asked questions regarding Pioneer Boulevard.

City Manager answered questions regarding Pioneer Boulevard.

Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments regarding Pioneer Boulevard.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments regarding Pioneer Boulevard.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments regarding Pioneer Boulevard.

Councilmember Taj asked questions regarding additional street lighting.

City Manager answered questions regarding additional street lighting.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments and asked questions regarding upcoming development.

City Manager answered questions regarding upcoming development.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments regarding additional street lighting.

Councilmember Lima provided comments regarding upcoming development.

Mayor Pro Tem provided comments regarding additional street lighting.
Mayor Trevino provided comments regarding upcoming development.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments regarding the City's General Plan, City staffing, and City-owned properties.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments regarding City staffing.

Councilmember Lima provided comments regarding a new community center.

Councilmember Taj provided comments regarding the City's General Plan and City staffing.

Mayor Trevino provided general comments and vision for City.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional general comments.

Councilmember Lima provided additional general comments.

Councilmember Taj provided additional general comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional general comments.

Mayor Trevino provided additional general comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trevino adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:56 p.m.