

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTESIA

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021  
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, April 12, 2021 at Various Teleconference Locations by Mayor Trevino. The Invocation was presented by Councilmember Manalo. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Taj.

**Present:** Rene Trevino, Mayor  
Melissa Ramoso, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ali Taj, Councilmember  
Tony Lima, Councilmember  
Monica Manalo, Councilmember – arrived at 7:03

**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 comment must be submitted by email to [publiccomments@cityofartesia.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofartesia.us) or by voicemail to (562) 865-6262, extension 200. 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**

City Clerk announced that Staff requested to pull Item No. 7 from the Agenda. The City Clerk also announced that revisions were made to Item No. 8, and the City Council would be considering the revised item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH EXCEPTION OF ITEM NO. 7.

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 one public comments was received.

Public comment from Norma Williamson was read.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

### **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **1. 2021 AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Trevino proclaimed the month of April 2021 as Autism Awareness month.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments regarding item.

#### **2. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO TREVOR DEALY**

Mayor Trevino presented a Certificate of Recognition to Trevor Dealy.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Trevor Dealy provided comments.

3. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO JAIME NAVARRO

Mayor Trevino presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jaime Navarro.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Jaime Navarro provided comments.

**BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS**

4. ARTESIA LIBRARY UPDATE

Community Library Manager Robert Gardner presented the Artesia Library Update.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS 5 - 19)**

Councilmember Manalo pulled Item No. 18 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso pulled Item Nos. 9, 10, and 11 for discussion and announced that she will recuse herself from Item No. 14.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 9, 10, 11, 14 and 18.

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: Consent Calendar was approved without objections 5-0-0-0, with the exception of Item Nos. 9, 10, 11, 14, and 18.

18. APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A BANQUET HALL IN AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 17720 PIONEER BOULEVARD IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE AND MAKING

A DETERMINATION OF A CLASS 1, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15301 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Councilmember Manalo provided comments regarding item.

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Lima provided comments regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked question regarding item.

City Manager answered questions.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO TO SET ITEM NO. 18 FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL, AT WHICH HEARING THE CITY COUNCIL WILL HEAR AND DECIDE ITEM NO. 18.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 18 was set for a hearing before the City Council, at which hearing the City Council will hear and decide on the item 4-1-0-0.

9. RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATIONAL REPORT REGARDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FUNDING ROUND 2 AND 3

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Lima provided comments regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided comments regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked question regarding item.

City Manager answered question regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments and asked question regarding item.

City Manager answered question regarding item.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM RAMOSO TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO. 9.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO.

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

10. RECEIVE AND FILE OF INFORMATIONAL REPORT REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 992: CHANGES TO THE BROWN ACT RELATED TO USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

City Attorney provided a Staff Report

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments and asked question regarding item.

City Attorney answered question regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments regarding item.

Councilmember Lima asked question regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo asked question regarding item

City Attorney answered question regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments and asked question regarding item.

City Attorney answered question regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM RAMOSO TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO. 10.

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: Item 10 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

11. RECEIVE AND FILE OF INFORMATIONAL REPORT REGARDING COVID-19 STATISTICS

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided comments regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided comments regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso asked question regarding

City Manager answered question regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso asked question.

Mayor Trevino answered question.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional comments.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM RAMOSO TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO. 11.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO.

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: Item 11 was received and filed without objection 5-0-0-0.

14. APPROVAL FOR MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO THE HONORABLE BEN HUESO, CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA SENATE'S ENERGY,

UTILITIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, STATING OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 556

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso left the meeting.

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 14.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item 14 was approved 4-0-1-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso rejoined the meeting.

**ORDINANCES**

20. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-910, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING CHAPTER 23 (SUICIDE PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREARM STORES AND FIRING RANGES)

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 21-910.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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: Item 20 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

21. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-911, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE) OF THE ARTESIA

MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING CHAPTER 24 (VACANT BUILDINGS AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES)

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered question regarding item.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: No action was taken. Item No. 21 was continued for further discussion to a future City Council meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

22. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-2836, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, CONDEMNING AND COMBATING RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 21-2836.

MOTION SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM RAMOSO.

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: Item No. 22 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

23. COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTMENT TO ARTESIA BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION

No appointment was made.

24. FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS DISCUSSION

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked question regarding item.

City Manager answered question regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments and asked question regarding item.

City Manager answered question regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional comments.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments and asked question.

Mayor Trevino answered question.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

City Manager provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

## **COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING**

### **25. COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTING ON EXTERNAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Councilmember Manalo reported that she attended a California Contract Cities meeting.

Councilmember Lima reported that he attended a Council of Government's (COG) meeting.

Councilmember Taj reported that he attended an Eco-Rapid Transit meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso reported that she attended a Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting.

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

Councilmember Manalo reported that she did not attend any meetings at the expense of the public.

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

Councilmember Taj reported that he purchased food and water for first responders at a local fire.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso reported that she did not attend any meetings at the expense of the public.

Mayor Trevino reported that he purchased food and water for first responders at a local fire.

### **27. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF**

City Manager provided Informational Brief

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Trevino adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:36 p.m.