

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 9, 2022 at the City Council Chambers in Artesia City Hall by Mayor Ramoso. Pastor Robin Kim from Artesia-Cerritos United Methodist Church delivered the Invocation and Ardy Kassakhian, Mayor of Glendale, 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: Mike Egan, Interim City Manager
Ernesto Sanchez, City Clerk
Melissa Burke, Administrative Manager
Hong Dao Nguyen, City Attorney
Jamie Murguia, Interim Finance Manager
Okina Dor, Community Development Director
Edith Guerra, Parks and Recreation Manager
Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya, Management Analyst
Karen Lee, Acting Assistant Finance Manager

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 in the City Council Chambers at Artesia City Hall 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.

The City Clerk read written public comment from Sohel Rana.

The City Clerk read written public comment from Thomas Wang.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

1. 2022 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ramoso proclaimed May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

2. 2022 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ramoso proclaimed May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Adriana Carillo and Arthur Gomez from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health accepted the proclamation.

Adrian Carillo provided comments.

3. ARMENIAN GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ramoso proclaimed April 24, 2022 as Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day.

Ardy Kassakhian, Viken Pakradouni, Verginie Touloumian, Alex Golitsky, Edward Barsoumian, Ruben Karapetian, Haig Minasian, Ashod Mooradian and Jack Hadjinian accepted the proclamation.

Ardy Kassakhian provided comments.

4. HARVEY MILK DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ramoso proclaimed May 22, 2022 as Harvey Milk Day.

BUSINESS PRESENTATION

5. ARTESIA LIBRARY UPDATES

The City Clerk read the Artesia Library Updates on behalf of Robert Gardner from the Artesia Library.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS 6 – 19)

Consent Calendar Item No. 13 was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MANALO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NO. 13.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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, excluding item no. 13 was approved without objections 5-0-0-0.

13. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND AVANT GARDE FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO OVERSEE THE ARTESIA SMALL BUSINESS AND MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR \$66,725

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Management Analyst Nacionales-Tafoya provided Staff Report.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments and asked questions.

Management Analyst Nacionales-Tafoya answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso asked additional questions.

Management Analyst Nacionales-Tafoya answered questions.

Councilmember Trevino asked questions.

Management Analyst Nacionales-Tafoya answered questions.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments and asked questions.

Management Analyst Nacionales-Tafoya answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso asked additional questions.

Management Analyst Nacionales-Tafoya answered questions.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 13.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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. 13 was approved 5-0-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

20. PUBLIC HEARING; CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF A LATE NIGHT EARLY MORNING PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED RESTAURANT (RAISING CANE'S) THAT IS REQUESTING TO OPERATE PAST 12 AM MIDNIGHT (9:00 AM TO 3:30 AM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK) LOCATED AT 18600 GRIDLEY ROAD IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONE; AND

MAKING A DETERMINATION OF A CLASS 32, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO SECTION 15332 (IN-FILL DEVELOPMENT) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES AND ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 22-2873 APPROVING THE LATE NIGHT EARLY MORNING PERMIT

Community Development Director provided Staff Report.

Mayor Ramoso opened Public Hearing.

Hiro Shaw provided public comments.

Lilibeth Maguالت provided public comments.

Nathan Liu provided public comments.

Maria Yu provided public comments.

Applicant Brendon Layman provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso closed Public Hearing.

Councilmember Trevino provided public comments and asked questions.

Interim City Manager answered questions.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments and asked question.

Applicant Brendon Layman answered question.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Applicant Brendon Layman provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments and asked questions.

Applicant Brendon Layman answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments and asked question.

Applicant Brendon Layman answered question.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Applicant Brendon Layman provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 20 AND SCHEDULE AN ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF LATE NIGHT PERMIT FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER OPENING OF RESTAURANT.

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: Item No. 20 was approved 5-0-0-0.

STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

21. INTERIM CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

Interim City Manager provided Information Brief.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Trevino reported that he did not attend any meetings at public expense and provided additional comments.

Councilmember Taj reported that he did not attend any meetings at public expense and provided additional comments.

Councilmember Lima reported that he did not attend any meetings at public expense and provided additional comments.

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

Mayor Ramoso reported that she did not attend any meetings at public expense and provided additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramoso adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:54 p.m.