

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 10, 2021 at Various Teleconference Locations by Mayor Trevino. The Invocation was led by Mayor Trevino. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lima.

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

ALSO PRESENT: William Rawlings, City Manager
Hongdao 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. 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 COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO APROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk presented the Announcement Regarding Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

1. 2021 SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Trevino presented 2021 Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Month Proclamation.

2. 2021 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Trevino presented 2021 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NO. 3 - 13)

Councilmember Manalo pulled Item No. 8 for discussion.

Councilmember Lima pulled Item No. 10 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso pulled Item No. 7 for discussion.

Mayor Trevino pulled Item No. 5 for discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 5, 7, 8 and 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 and Trevino
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Consent Calendar was approved without objections 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 8 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Manalo provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO.8.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 8 was received and filed without objections 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 10 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Lima provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager provided Staff Report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE 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 and Trevino
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item no. 10 was approved without objections 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 7 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

City Manager provided Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM RAMOSO TO APPROVE ITEM NO.7.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 7 was approved without objections 5-0-0-0.

ITEM NO. 5 WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

City Manager provided Staff Report.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Taj asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Lima asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

MOTION BY MAYOR TREVINO TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO.5.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 5 was received and filed without objections 5-0-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. CITY COUNCIL *DE NOVO* PUBLIC HEARING OF A REQUEST FOR 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 PURSUANT TO ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9-2.1707

City Manager provided Staff Report.

City Attorney explained Public Hearing procedures.

Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

City Clerk read a written public comment from Pravin Patel.

Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

City Attorney provided comments.

Councilmember Lima asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

City Attorney provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE ITEM NO.14.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 14 was approved without objections 5-0-0-0.

ORDINANCES

15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-905, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 9-2.1103, 9-2.403, AND 9-2.3203 OF CHAPTER 2 (ZONING) OF TITLE 9 (PLANNING AND ZONING) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING BANQUET HALLS AND FACILITIES

City Manager provided Staff Report.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO.20-905.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Ordinance No 20-905 was adopted without objections 5-0-0-0.

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

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

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 16 was approved without objections 5-0-0-0.

17. 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 Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

City Manager provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 21-911.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Ordinance No. 21-911 was introduced without objections 5-0-0-0.

DISCUSSION

18. DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING CITYWIDE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RVS) PARKING

City Manager provided Staff Report.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

City Manager provided comments.

19. DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING MEDICAL AND COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF ARTESIA

City Manager provided Staff Report.

City Clerk read a public comment from Christine Malony.

City Clerk read a public comment from Dan Rocha.

City Clerk read a public comment from Matthew Selzie.

City Clerk read a public comment from Justin Rocha.

City Clerk read a comment from Tammy Gutierrez.

Councilmember Lima provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional comments.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

City Manager provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments and concluded discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

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

Councilmember Manalo reported that she attended Metro Board Meeting for New Elected Officials, a Neighborhood Watch Town Hall Meeting, a Presentation by Supervisor Janice Hahn, California Contract Cities Board Meeting, and the Mariachi Serenade in North Artesia.

Councilmember Lima reported that he attended the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Meeting.

Councilmember Taj reported that he attended the Eco Rapid Transit Meeting and League of California Cities Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso reported that she attended the California Contract Cities Meeting.

Mayor Trevino reported on Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board meeting and represented the City at the Southern California Association of Governments Meeting.

21. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Councilmember Manalo reported that she did not attend any meetings.

Councilmember Lima reported that he did not attend any meetings.

Councilmember Taj reported that he did not attend any meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso reported that she did not attend any meetings.

Mayor Trevino reported that he did not attend any meetings.

22. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

City Manager provided Information 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 9:48 p.m.in memory of William Postma.