

**ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramoso called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ramoso, Mayor Pro Tem Manalo, Councilmembers Lima, and Taj

Absent: Councilmember Trevino

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Egan, Deputy City Manager Burke, City Clerk Sanchez, Administrative Secretary Alderete, Special Projects Manager Lee, Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra, Finance Manager Murguia, and City Attorney Nguyen.

INVOCATION

Pandit Vinod Dave delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Captain Daniel Holguin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION to approve the agenda was:	
Moved: Taj	Seconded: Lima
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments could be provided for items listed on the special agenda, in person or submitted by email to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us by leaving a voicemail at (562) 865-6262, extension 200 before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting and read until the time limit of three minutes was reached.

Margaret Saito, Harold Durbin, Marcia Durbin, Bill Zylsrta, Heath Durbin, Harry Durbin, Patricia Dixon, Heidi Lucero, and Nick Brown provided public comments on items not listed on the agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers Taj, Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Manalo, and Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations were made for LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Juneteenth Independence Day, and Gun Violence Awareness Day. Certificates of Recognition were presented to the Spring Beautification Award Program Winners, Frank and Lucia Martins, John Oudyk, and Maria and Nemesio Sousa.

BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

Captain Daniel Holguin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provided updates on public safety in Artesia. Councilmembers Taj, Lima, Manalo, and Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

Executive Director, Yolanda Castro, SELACO Workforce Development Board provided updates on SELACO and job fair held in the City. Councilmembers Taj, Lima, Manalo, and Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 1-14)

Item numbers 2, 9, and 13 were pulled for discussion.

A MOTION to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1-14, excluding items 2, 9, and 13 was:	
Moved: Lima	Seconded: Manalo
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

1. WAIVING OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES LISTED ON AGENDA

Motion: Waive further reading and introduction ordinance(s) as read by title.

3. RECEIVE AND FILE OF INFORMATIONAL REPORT REGARDING A CURRENT VACANCY IN THE ARTESIA PLANNING COMMISSION

Action: Receive and file this informational report regarding a current vacancy in the Artesia Planning Commission.

4. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 9, 2022

Motion: Approve City Council minutes as presented for May 9, 2022 - Special Meeting, and May 9, 2022 – Regular Meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTER

Action: Receive and file this report.

6. APPROVAL OF CITY FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2022

Action: Receive and file this report.

7. APPROVAL OF COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO'S APPOINTMENT OF A PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Motion: Approve Councilmember Trevino's reappointment of Greg Uttecht to serve as a Private Sector Representative on the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board.

8. APPROVAL TO DIRECT STAFF TO REVIEW THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS SUBJECT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT

Motion: Direct Staff to review the City's Conflict of Interest Code, determine if amendments are necessary and prepare a Biennial Notice for City Council consideration on or before October 3, 2022.

10. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDL COREN & CONE FOR PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY TAX CONSULTING AND AUDITING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$45,000

Motion: Approve Professional Services Agreement between the City of Artesia and HdL Coren & Cone (HdL) for professional property tax consulting and auditing services in the amount not-to-exceed \$45,000 over a five-year term.

11. APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND HARDY & HARPER, INC. FOR THE FOR THE CITYWIDE MITIGATE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES PROJECT TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR EXTRA WORK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TEN PERCENT OF THE CONTRACT PRICE

Motion: Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to contract for construction services between the City of Artesia and Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the Citywide Mitigate Pedestrian and Bicycle Deficiencies Project. The first Amendment authorizes the City Manager to approve payment for extra work for the project in an amount not-to-exceed 10 percent of the current contract price of \$1,164,343.11.

12. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND MARIPOSA LANDSCAPES, INC. TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF SERVICES, INCREASE THE CONTRACT RATE, AND EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF CITY MEDIANS, PLANTERS FOUNTAINS, AND PORTIONS OF PARKS

Motion: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the maintenance services agreement between the City of Artesia and Mariposa Landscapes, Inc. for the maintenance of city medians, planters, fountains, and portions of parks.

14. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND BREAT SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000

Motion: Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute, on the City Council's behalf, the attached professional services agreement for information technology (IT) services between the City of Artesia and BreatIT Solutions (BreatIT) from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

2. RECEIVE AND FILE OF INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE CITY’S MOTTO SURVEY
Interim City Manager Egan presented on the item. Deputy City Manager Burke provided information. Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

A MOTION to receive and file this report was:	
Moved: Lima	Seconded: Taj
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

9. APPROVAL OF COVID-19 RETENTION BONUS POLICY FOR FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES
Interim City Manager Egan presented on item. Councilmembers Taj, Lima, Manalo, and Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

A MOTION to adopt the COVID-19 Retention Bonus Policy attached to this agenda report as attachment 1 was:	
Moved: Taj	Seconded: Lima
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

13. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-2883, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-1 (SERVICES) PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE SPECIAL TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23
Special Projects Manager Lee presented on the item. Interim City Manager Egan and City Attorney Nguyen provided responses. Margret Saito and Michelle Reed provided public comments. Councilmembers Lima provided questions and/or comments.

A MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 22-2883, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Artesia, California, acting in its capacity as the legislative body of the City of Artesia Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services) providing for the levy of the special tax for fiscal year 2022-23 was:	
Moved: Taj	Seconded: Lima
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

STAFF REPORTS

15. CONSIDERATION TO REVOKE THE LARGE EVENT FACILITY USE PERMIT FROM US ASIA BUSINESS FORUM TO HOLD AN INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022
Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra presented. Interim City Manager Egan, Finance Manager Murguia, and City Attorney Nguyen provided information. Kevin Kaul, Sangrit Misra, Chopin Chopra, Heath Durbin, and Michelle Reed provided public comments. Councilmembers Taj, Lima, Manalo, and Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

A MOTION to revoke the Facility Use Permit issued to US Asia Business Forum for an event at Artesia Park on August 13, 2022 was:	
Moved: Manalo	Seconded: Taj
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

PUBLIC HEARING

16. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ARTESIA STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ASSESSMENT; AND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-2885, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF ARTESIA STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE

Special Projects Manager Lee presented on the item. Mayor Ramoso opened the Public hearing. Margaret Saito provided public comment. Mayor Ramoso closed the public hearing.

A MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 22-2885 confirming the diagram and assessment for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and ordering the improvements in connection with the City of Artesia Street Lighting Maintenance District was:	
Moved: Taj	Seconded: Lima
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

17. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASES TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES; APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF ARTESIA AND CR&R INCORPORATED FOR SOLID WASTE HANDLING SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH SB 1383 REQUIREMENTS AND EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT; AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-2884 ADOPTING RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022

Special Projects Manager Lee presented on the item. Interim City Manager Egan, and Julie Barreda, Regional Vice President, CR&R provided information. Mayor Ramoso opened the Public hearing. Margaret Saito, Ereilio Cardoso, Marcia Durbin, Michelle Reed, and Heath Durbin provided public comment. Mayor Ramoso closed the public hearing. Councilmembers Taj, Lima, Manalo, and Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

A MOTION to approve the First Amendment to the agreement between City of Artesia and CR&R Incorporated for solid waste handling services and adopt Resolution No. 22-2884 (identified incorrectly as Resolution No. 28-2844 in the Agenda packet) adopting rates for solid waste collection services for a five-year period commencing on July 1, 2022 was:	
Moved: Taj	Seconded: Lima
AYES: Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso	ABSENT: Trevino
NOES: None	ABSTAIN: None
The motion carried 4-0-1-0	

INTERIM CITY MANAGER INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

Interim City Manager provided updates. Councilmembers Taj and Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers Taj, Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Manalo, and Mayor Ramoso provided questions and/or comments.

Councilmember Taj did not attend meetings at public expense. Councilmember Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Manalo, and Mayor Ramoso attended meetings at public expense.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Uvalde Shooting Victims at 10:20 p.m.

Melissa Ramoso, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Alderete, Acting City Clerk