

CITY OF ARTESIA
ALBERT O. LITTLE COMMUNITY CENTER
18750 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTESIA

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m., on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the Albert O. Little Community Center by Mayor Trevino. The Invocation was presented by Mayor Trevino. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Lima.

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:

This regular meeting of the City Council will be held in-person for the City Council and Staff. Additionally, 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, 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 at <https://artesia.12milesout.com/livevideo>. Members of the public may provide public comments in-person in the Albert O. Little Community Center subject to posted COVID-19 protocols. Specifically, to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus, one member of the public will be admitted into the Community Center at a time in order to provide public comment and/or to speak on agenda item(s). When a speaker is finished, they will leave the Community Center in order to accommodate the next public speaker. 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 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting will be read until the time limit of three minutes has been reached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Trevino requested that Item No. 30 directly proceed Item No. 7.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ITEM NO. 30 PROCEEDING 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 that there were two public comments.

Public comment from Julie Barrera was read by the City Clerk.

Andrew Perry provided public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

1. 2021 SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Trevino proclaimed the month of August 2021 as Safer Neighborhoods 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 THE HALO GROUP

Mayor Trevino presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Halo Group.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

3. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO ALBERT SOUSA

Councilmember Lima presented a Certificate of Recognition to Albert Sousa.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

4. ARTESIA LIBRARY UPDATE

Community Library Manager Robert Gardner presented the Artesia Library Update.

Councilmember Manalo made comments.

Councilmember Lima made comments.

Councilmember Taj made comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso made comments.

Mayor Trevino made comments.

5. ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES

Communications Officer Scott Smith presented ABC Unified School District Updates.

Councilmember Manalo made comments.

Councilmember Lima made comments.

Councilmember Taj made comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso made comments.

Mayor Trevino made comments.

6. PRESENTATION FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR

Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor, made a presentation.

Councilmember Manalo made comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

7. PRESENTATION FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Alex Villanueva, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, made a presentation.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

ITEM NO. 30

30. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-2850, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE GASCÓN

City Manager provided Staff Report.

Public comment from Matthew Scammahorn was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Thea Eskey was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Edil Vasquez was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Michael Lin was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Glen Robinson was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Emma Rivas was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Douglas Kasai was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Barbara Jackson was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from L. Jane Bouffard was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Karen Roseberry was read by the City Clerk.

Margaret Saito provided public comments.

Imelda Hernandez provided public comments.

Venkatesh Koka provided public comments.

Paul De Medeiros provided public comments.

Councilmember Taj asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional comments.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva provided additional comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO CONTINUE ITEM NO. 30 TO THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO.

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 No. 30 was continued to the next City Council for further discussion and consideration.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS 8 - 26)

Item Nos. 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 were pulled from the Consent Calendar for public comments and discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25.

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: Consent Calendar was approved without objections 5-0-0-0, with the exception of Item Nos. 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATION REPORT REGARDING CITY MEDIANS

Public comment from Jason Machado was read by the City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM NO. 13.

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 No. 13 was received and filed without objection (5-0-0-0).

19. AFFIRMATION OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO RECONFIGURE AN EXISTING OUTDOOR DINING AREA WITH MORE THAN ONE ROW OF SEATING (OUTDOOR DINING AREA OF 400 SQUARE FEET), ADD 559 SQUARE FEET TO THE EXISTING BUILDING FOR A TOTAL BUILDING AREA OF 2,457 SQUARE FEET, AND UNDERTAKE VARIOUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS, TO ACCOMMODATE A NEW DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANT (DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN) AT AN EXISTING DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANT BUILDING LOCATED AT 11615 SOUTH STREETN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF CLASS 3 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 15303 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Public comment from Juan Lopez was read by the City Clerk.

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 APPROVE ITEM NO. 19.

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 19 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

25. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-912, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING VARIOUS REGULATIONS IN TITLE 9 (PLANNING AND ZONING) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FENCE AND WALL HEIGHT FOR PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO THE LOS ANGELES METRO RAIL RIGHT OF WAY FROM 6 FEET TO 9 FEET AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Margaret Saito provided public comments.

City Manager provided Staff Report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-912.

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: Ordinance 21-912 was approved without objection 5-0-0-0.

20. AFFIRMATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9-2.1103(B)(7) TO ALLOW LESS PARKING THAN IS REQUIRED FOR OFFICE USE AND A DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION TO ALLOW EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS TO ADD WINDOWS, A DOOR, AND MODIFY THE ROOF AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 19104 NORWALK BOULEVARD WITHIN THE MIXED COMMERCIAL/SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (M-C-R) ZONE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF A CLASS 1, CATEGORICAL

EXEMPTION FROM (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Public comment from Juan Lopez was read by the City Clerk.

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Item No. 20 was continued to a future meeting.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

21. AFFIRMATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A BLANKET CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL USES UP TO A MAXIMUM OF THIRTY-THREE PERCENT (33%) OF THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA AT AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL CENTER LOCATED AT 17601-17711 PIONEER BOULEVARD IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF A CLASS 1, CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

City Manager provided Staff Report.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO CONTINUE ITEM NO. 21 TO A FUTURE MEETING.

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 21 was continued to a future meeting.

16. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR CROSSING GUARD SERVICES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,208

Councilmember Taj asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Mayor Trevino asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

City Manager provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 16.

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 No. 16 was approved without objection (5-0-0-0).

24. APPROVAL OF REVISED BLUE CURB PROGRAM FOR DISABLED RESIDENTS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-2844 APPROVING PROGRAM FEES

City Manager provided Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Manalo asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM RAMOSO TO APPROVE ITEM NO. 24

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 No. 24 was approved without objection (5-0-0-0).

PUBLIC HEARING

27. PUBLIC HEARING, AND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-2843, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE VACANT BUILDING AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Mayor Trevino opened the Public Hearing.

Margaret Saito provided public comments.

Mayor Trevino closed the Public Hearing.

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-2843.

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: Resolution No. 21-2843 was approved without objection.

DISCUSSION

28. COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO ARTESIA BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso appointed Karen Bacolod to the Planning Commission and appointed Dan Rocha to the Beautification and Maintenance Commission.

29. DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF ALLOWING MEDICAL AND COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF ARTESIA

Identical public comment from the following individuals was read by the City Clerk: Jason Falcao and Tia Dealy.

Identical public comment from the following individuals was read by the City Clerk: James Pirtle, Shane Matos, Br Parker-Goodin and John Greiner

Identical public comment from the following individuals was read by the City Clerk: Marcia Costa, Valentine Piedra, Gerard Redner, Dorothy Kane, Justin Raymond, Sandra Beckers, Crystal Gilbert, Mario Arreguin, Melinda Bettencourt, Michael Costa, Desiree Steel, Joseph Steel, Diane Fisher, Theo Scha, Marta Schaper, Ashley Ra, Cathy Arreguin, Rosa Olivera, Dorothy Rocha, Evelyn Perez, Francisco Orozco, Justin Rocha, Randy Bettencourt, Matthew Slisze, Vanessa Gurrola, Lesli Garcia, Helio Bettencourt and Jonathon Gonsalves.

Public comment from Joshua Kiger was read by the City Clerk.

Public comment from Dan Rocha was read by the City Clerk.

Margaret Saito provided public comments.

City Manager provided a Staff Report.

Councilmember Manalo provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo provided additional comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Trevino asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Taj asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Manalo asked questions regarding item.

City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Trevino provided additional comments.

City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided additional comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ

MAYOR PRO TEM RAMOSO TO RECEIVE AN FILE ITEM NO. 29 AND DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO SCHEDULE A FUTURE MEETING TO DISCUSS STEPS TO LIFT THE CURRENT CANNBIS MORATORIUM.

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 No. 29 was received and filed without objection 5-0-0-0.

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

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

Councilmember Manalo attended a West Santa Ana Branch Project Meeting at Metro.

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

Councilmember Taj attended a West Santa Ana Branch Project Meeting at Metro.

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

Mayor Trevino attended a Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board meeting.

32. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

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

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

Councilmember Taj did not attend any meetings at the expense of the public.

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

Mayor Trevino did not attend any meetings at the expense of the public.

33. CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

City Manager provided Informational Brief

Mayor Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Taj asked questions.

City Manager answered questions.

Councilmember Taj provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Ramoso provided comments.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Roseberry provided public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER 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 11:59 p.m.