

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Lomita City Council was called to order by Mayor Waite at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Council Member Waronek led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Mayor Waite gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Gazeley, Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Smoot, Assistant City Manager Sugano, City Attorney Rusin, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Public Works Director Dillon, Recreation Manager Kelley, and City Clerk Gregory

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Council Member Waronek to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Gazeley, Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

3. PRESENTATIONS

Council presented Team Lomita jerseys to the members of the Planning, Public Safety and Traffic, and Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Winona Phillabaum, Lomita Library Manager, announced upcoming events at the library.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Segawa reported on the following:

- January 19 – Meals on Wheels Volunteer Luncheon
- February 2 – Kaia Grand Opening

Council Member Waronek reported on the following:

- Contract Cities Board of Director's Meeting at LA County Fire Museum
- January 26 – Lomita Chamber Installation Dinner
- February 2 – Kaia Grand Opening
- February 3-5 – Independent Cities Association Winter Seminar

Council Member Gazeley reported on the following:

- February 2 – SCAG Regional Council Meeting
- February 2 – Kaia Grand Opening

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- February 1 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Finance Committee Meeting
- February 2 – Kaia Grand Opening
- February 2 – South Bay Housing Education Forum

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- January 26 – Lomita Chamber Installation Dinner
- January 30 – Lemonade Day Meeting
- February 2 – Contract Cities New Council Members Orientation
- February 6 – West Basin Water District Board Member Swearing In
- February 7 – Local Governmental Services Commission of Los Angeles County

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot thanked the commissioners for attending the meeting to receive the jerseys and echoed previous comments from Council appreciating their service to the City and the community.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Consent Agenda Items 7a-g be approved.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Council Member Waronek to approve the recommended action.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

- AYES: Council Members: Gazeley, Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

Approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. Motion to Waive Full Reading of Ordinances and that They be Read in Title Only

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve motion.

- b. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of November 1, 2022, November 15, 2022, and December 6, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.

- c. Warrants/Payroll Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and file Warrants/Payroll Register.

- d. Resolution Proclaiming Termination of the City of Lomita’s Local Emergency Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

- e. Agreement with the City of Lomita and Metropolitan Water District for Access and Permitting of Temporary Lane Use

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Access and Permitting Agreement and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

- f. Resolution Amending the Allotted Time a Member of the Audience May Speak During a Public Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ALLOTTED TIME A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE MAY SPEAK DURING A PUBLIC MEETING FOR ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES FROM FIVE (5) MINUTES TO THREE (3) MINUTES

- g. Resolution Accepting a Grant of Easement for Public Street and Highway Purposes (2002 242nd Street)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Adopt the attached Resolution accepting a Grant of Easement from Mr. Steve Zhu and Ms. Chunxia Liao, the owners of the property located at 2002 242nd Street in the City of Lomita for sidewalk and related purposes; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Certificate of Acceptance

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE SIDEWALK EASEMENT DEED AT 2002 242ND STREET FROM MR. STEVE ZHU AND MS. CHUNXIA LIAO TO THE CITY AND FINDING SUCH ACQUISITION EXEMPT FROM CEQA

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- a. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CITY OF LOMITA SPECIAL EVENTS 2023**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and approve the City of Lomita special event calendar for 2023.

Recreation Manager Kelley presented the staff report per the agenda material.

Council discussed changing the date of the Night at the Museum to another date so that Council can attend, and keeping the Mayor's Cup golf tournament and considering a committee to assist with the planning of that event. Council directed staff to research statistics on the 2019 poker tournament and research the possibility of a cornhole tournament and bring back for Council consideration and for further direction. Council also discussed the "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" event; Council consensus was to keep the event, but to focus on the aspects that make it beneficial, and to consider the safety aspects by possibly bussing the children to the park instead of walking. City Manager Smoot stated that the Public Safety Traffic Commission had formed a subcommittee to discuss the future of this event and will have a report at the next Council meeting.

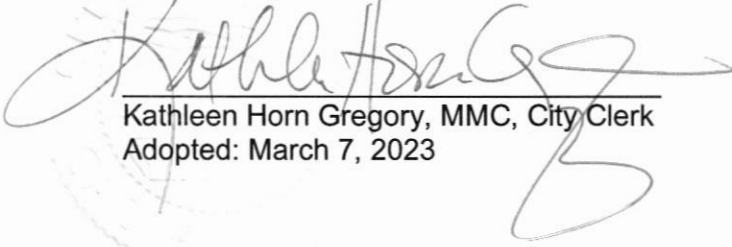
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Waite adjourned the meeting, in memory of Ken Blackwood, at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Horn Gregory, MMC, City Clerk
Adopted: March 7, 2023