

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Council Member Gazeley led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Council Member Waronek

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Smoot, City Attorney Rusin, Assistant City Manager Sugano (via Zoom), Public Works Director Dillon, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, and City Clerk Gregory

e. Closed Session Report

City Attorney Rusin stated that the Council met in open session at 5:17 p.m. and recessed to closed session to discuss the following item:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(2)
Number of Cases: One

All members with the exception of Council Member Waronek were present and there was no reportable action taken.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Waronek

3. PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Segawa presented certificates of recognition to retiring teachers Sandra Delosa from President Avenue Elementary School and Alma Sanchez from Narbonne High School. President Avenue Principal Charity Weber and Narbonne Principal Dr. Heather Karuza briefly spoke about the commitment and service of the recipients.

Council Member Gazeley presented certificates of recognition and prizes to the winners of the poster contest for the Annual "Follow Me, I'm Drug and Gang Free" Walk.

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff presented certificates of recognition to the sponsors of the "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" Walk. Representatives from Friends of Lomita Library and Michael and Carol Graf were present to receive their certificates.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Waite announced the time for public comments on consent agenda items or subjects other than those scheduled.

Matt Daniel, Lomita resident, shared his frustration at receiving a ticket for an unattached trailer on the street in front of his residence while he was unloading items. City Manager Smoot stated that staff would reach out to him about the matter.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, stated that the sidewalk on Walnut Avenue near the County yard is not ADA-compliant and is challenging to navigate for many residents. He encouraged staff to reach out to the County for possible funding assistance to address the issue.

There being no further requests to speak, Mayor Waite closed oral communications.

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

Council Member Segawa reported on the following:

- June 16 – Water Subcommittee Meeting
- Recent Founders Day Subcommittee Meetings
- Announced June 24-25 Founders Day Celebration

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- June 11 – Lomita Little League Closing Day
- June 12 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Transportation Committee Meeting
- June 12 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Steering Committee Meeting

- June 15 – South Bay Aerospace Industry Alliance Event
- June 16 – Water Subcommittee Meeting
- June 16 – 34th District State Assembly Member Tom Lackey Meeting

Council Member Gazeley reported on the following:

- June 18-24 – National Mosquito Control Awareness Week

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- June 12-13 – South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce Meeting
- Recognized June as Pride Month

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot announced this year's Founders Day celebration will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25. He stated that the General Plan Update kicked off June 13 with a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting, and he announced upcoming GPAC public workshops that will take place in the Don Knabe Community Meeting Room at the Lomita Library.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council member Gazeley requested to abstain from voting on item 7i.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff to approve Consent Agenda items 7a-7h and 7j-7m.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Waronek

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. Warrants/Payroll Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and file Warrants/Payroll Register.

- c. Monthly Report for the Administrative Services Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- d. Monthly Report for the City Manager's Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- e. Monthly Report for the Community and Economic Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- f. Monthly Report for the Recreation and Facilities Division

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- g. Monthly Report for the Public Works Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- h. April 2023 Treasury & Investment Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- j. Consideration of Purchase of Emergency Standby Generator at Appian Way Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Authorize staff to release the bid package for the Emergency Standby Generator at Appian Way project; 2) Approve the purchase of a standby generator and load bank in the amount of \$219,476.40; 3) Authorize the rental of a generator for up to \$47,537.79; 4) Reappropriate \$57,970 from 520-840-5820.134 from FY 22-23 to FY 23-24; 5) Appropriate \$348,414.19 to 520-840-5820.134 for FY 23-24; 6) Find this project Categoricaly exempt from CEQA; and 7) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Purchase Orders for Standby Generator, Rental Generator and Load Bank

- k. Consideration of a Lease Agreement with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles for 150 Acre-Feet of Unused FY 2022-2023 Groundwater Pumping Rights

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a lease agreement with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles for 150 acre-feet of unused FY 2022-2023 groundwater pumping rights at a price of \$100.00 per acre-foot for a total of \$15,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

- l. Consideration of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Westfield Electric, Inc. to Provide As-Needed Electrical Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Westfield Electric, Inc. to provide professional as-needed electrical services.

- m. Consideration of Budget Amendment for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Annual Contract

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Form 575 for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget for an additional \$165,000 for a total of \$4,504,560.

PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

- i. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 854 for Zoning Text Amendment No. 2023-06, Amending Lomita Municipal Code Title XI (Planning and Zoning) Modifying Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations, and Finding the Action to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt ordinance.

Council Member Gazeley abstained from voting on this item.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff to approve Consent Agenda item 7i.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Adopted the following titled Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 854 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING LOMITA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE XI (PLANNING AND ZONING), CHAPTER 1 (ZONING), REVISING THE CITY'S REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LEGISLATION AND REESTABLISH CITY STANDARDS AND A DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRESS WATER PRODUCTION FACILITY

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information only.

Director Dillon reported on milestones and pending items of the Cypress Water Production Facility (CWPF). She outlined major project elements including construction highlights which include a generator and chemical tank relocations, demolition, new instrumentation and controls, and a new security system. She commented on the anticipated start-up process, proposed sampling schedule, and the anticipated date of delivering water by October 2023.

Lynn Grijalva, Vice-President of Hazen and Sawyer, the City's water treatment engineering contractor, gave clarifying comments regarding reservoir capacity and water supply for emergencies.

In response to a question from Council Member Gazeley, Director Dillon stated that the project is scheduled to be completed for just under the budget of five million dollars.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, expressed concerns with the reservoir's ability to provide water to residents in an emergency.

In response to a question from Mayor Waite, Director Dillon stated that she believed that the facility could be run on a backup generator for three days and clarified that this would only feed into the area designated as Zone 1.

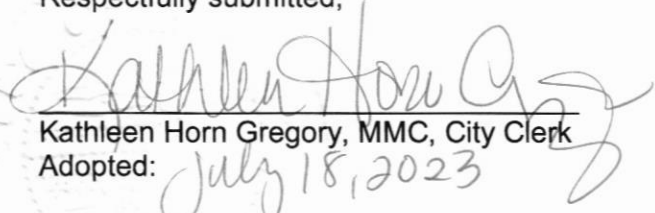
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Waite adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Horn Gregory, MMC, City Clerk

Adopted: July 18, 2023