

CITY OF ARTESIA
ARTESIA CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 14, 2022 at the City Council Chambers in Artesia City Hall by Mayor Ramoso. Pastor Bob De Leon from Calvary Chapel Artesia delivered the Invocation and Planning Commissioner Osvaldo Pachinha led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Melissa Ramoso, Mayor
Monica Manalo, Mayor Pro Tem
Tony Lima, Councilmember
Ali Taj, Councilmember – Remote Teleconference Location
Rene Trevino, Councilmember

Also Present: Mike Egan, Interim City Manager
Ernesto Sanchez, City Clerk
Melissa Burke, Administrative Manager
Hong Dao Nguyen, City Attorney
Jamie Murguia, Assistant City Clerk / Interim Finance Manager
Okina Dor, Community Development Director

MEETING PROCEDURES

THE CITY CLERK READ THE MEETING PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:

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 COVID-19) and pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders, 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. Members of the public may view the meeting and provide public comments in-person in the City Council Chambers at Artesia City Hall subject to posted COVID-19 protocols.

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 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting will be read until the time limit of three minutes has been reached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO.

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Clerk presented the Announcement Regarding Public Comments.

Salesh Gupta provided public comments.

Jesus Lujan provided public comments.

John Ourique provided public comments.

Patricia Dixon provided public comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

1. 2022 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ramoso proclaimed March 2022 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month.

Albert Feliciano from the Los Angeles Regional Office of the State Council on Developmental Disability accepted the proclamation and provided comments.

2. 2022 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ramoso proclaimed March 2022 as Women's History Month.

Sandy Fikse from Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos accepted the proclamation and provided comments.

3. PLANNING COMMISSIONER OSVALDO PALHINHA OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Planning Commissioner Osvaldo Palhinha.

Planning Commissioner Osvaldo Palhinha provided comments.

BUSINESS PRESENTATION

4. ARTESIA LIBRARY UPDATES

Robert Gardner from the Artesia Library provided updates.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM NOS 5 – 15)

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO.

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

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

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

ORDINANCES

16. CONSIDERATION AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 22-923, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REGULAR MEETING LOCATIONS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION, PLANNING, BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONS

Administrative Manager provided Staff Report.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments and asked question regarding item.

Interim City Manager answered question regarding item.

Mayor Ramoso provided additional comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 22-923.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Ordinance No. 22-923 was introduced.

17. CONSIDERATION AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 22-924 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING

Administrative Manager provided Staff Report.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Patricia Dixon provided public comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

Interim City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Jesus Lujan provided public comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Jesus Lujan provided additional public comments.

Councilmember Trevino asked questions regarding item.

Interim City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Patricia Dixon asked questions regarding item.

Interim City Manager answered questions regarding item.

City Attorney provided comments.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MANALO TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 22-924, AS AMENDED TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO AUTHORIZING PERMIT EXTENSIONS.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Ordinance No. 22-924 was introduced as amended.

18. CONSIDERATION AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 22-922, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 24 (UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS PROHIBITED) TO TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITING THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS IN THE CITY

City Attorney provided Staff Report.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Lima asked question regarding item.

City Attorney answered question regarding item.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 22-922, AS AMENDED.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Ordinance No. 22-922 was introduced as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING

19. PUBLIC HEARING, AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 22-920, AMENDING ARTICLE 14 SECTION 9-1.1401 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING URBAN LOT SPLITS AND ARTICLE 16.50 SECTION 9-16.1601 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING TWO-UNIT PROJECTS UNDER SB9 AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF STATUTORY EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

Community Development Director provided Staff Report.

Mayor Ramoso opened Public Hearing.

Margaret Saito provided public comments.

Mayor Ramoso closed Public Hearing.

Councilmember Lima asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

City Attorney provided comments.

Community Development Director provided comments.

Councilmember Lima asked additional questions regarding item.

Community Development Director answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

City Attorney answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Trevino provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments and asked questions regarding item.

Community Development Director answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked questions regarding item.

Community Development Director answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Trevino asked questions regarding item.

Interim City Manager answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Trevino provided additional comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA TO INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 22-920.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANALO.

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

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Trevino, Taj, Lima, Manalo, Ramoso

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Ordinance No. 22-920 was introduced.

20. PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Community Development Director introduced Item No. 20.

John Douglas from JHD Planning provided Staff Report.

Mayor Ramoso opened Public Hearing.

No public comments were received.

Mayor Ramoso closed Public Hearing.

Councilmember Lima asked questions regarding item.

John Douglas answered questions regarding item.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

John Douglas provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

John Douglas provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked questions regarding item.

John Douglas answered questions regarding item.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TAJ TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 22-2868.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Resolution No. 22-2868 was adopted (5-0-0-0).

DISCUSSION

21. DISCUSSION ITEM TO SET MEETING DATE AND TIME FOR THE 2022 COUNCILMEMBER RETREAT

Interim City Manager provided Staff Report.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVINO TO SET THE 2022 COUNCILMEMBER RETREAT FOR APRIL 30, 2022 IN THE MORNING.

MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LIMA.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Motion was approved (5-0-0-0).

COUNCILMEMBER/STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

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

Councilmember Trevino reported on SELACO meeting.

Councilmember Taj reported on ECORAPID Transit meeting.

Councilmember Lima reported on Council of Government's (COG) meeting.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo reported on Contract Cities meeting.

Mayor Ramoso reported on Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting.

23. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE

Councilmember Trevino reported that he did not attend any meetings at public expense

Councilmember Taj reported on Contract Cities meeting.

Councilmember Lima reported that he did not attend any meetings at public expense.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo reported that she did not attend any meetings at public expense.

Mayor Ramoso reported that she did not attend any meetings at public expense.

24. INTERIM CITY MANAGER INFORMATION BRIEF

Interim City Manager provided Information Brief.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided additional comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramoso adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:42 p.m.