

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

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCILMEMBER RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022  
11:00 A.M.

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The Special Meeting of the Artesia City Council was called to order at 11:08 a.m., on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Albert O. Little Community Center by Mayor Ramoso.

**Present:** Melissa Ramoso, Mayor  
Monica Manalo, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tony Lima, Councilmember  
Ali Taj, Councilmember  
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, Interim Finance Manager  
Okina Dor, Community Development Director  
Edith Guerra, Parks and Recreation Manager

## 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 view the meeting and provide public comments in-person in the Albert O. Little Community Center subject to posted COVID-19 protocols.

Public comments may also be submitted by email at [publiccomments@cityofartesia.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofartesia.us) or by leaving a voicemail at (562) 865-6262, extension 200. Comment submitted before 9:00 a.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 TAJ 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 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The City Clerk presented the Announcement Regarding Public Comments, and reported that there were no public comments received.

## **COUNCILMEMBER RETREAT DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. DISCUSSION AMONG COUNCILMEMBERS REGARDING PRIORITY TOPICS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
  - CITY FINANCES
  - DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS AT CITY HALL
  - RESIDENT SERVICES
  - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
  - VISION FOR CITY

Interim City Manager provided Staff Report regarding City Finances.

Finance Consultant Vikki Beatley provided presentation.

Councilmember Taj asked questions.

Finance Consultant answered questions.

Councilmember Taj asked additional questions.

Finance Consultant answered additional questions.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments and asked questions.

Finance Consultant answered questions.

Councilmember Trevino asked additional questions.

Finance Consultant answered additional questions.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Marcia Alfaro provided public comments and asked a question.

Mayor Ramoso answered question.

Marcia Alfaro provided additional public comments.

Councilmember Lima asked questions.

Finance Consultant answered questions.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso asked questions.

Interim City Manager answered questions.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Finance Consultant provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Interim Finance Manager provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Community Development Director provided comments.

Councilmember Lima asked question.

Community Development Director answered question.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso asked question.

Interim Finance Manager answered question.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided Staff Report on Department Operations at City Hall.

Mayor Ramoso asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima asked questions.

Interim City Manager answered questions.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided Staff Report on Resident Services

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Interim City Manager provided Staff Report on Economic Development.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments and asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Ramoso asked question.

Councilmember Taj answered questions and provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Administrative Manager provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided additional comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Marcia Alfaro provided public comments.

Interim City Manager provided Staff Report on Code Compliance.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Taj asked question.

Interim City Manager answered question.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided Staff Report on Miscellaneous Issues.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Interim City Manager provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Dan Rocha provided public comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Manalo provided comments.

Councilmember Taj provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Mayor Ramoso provided comments.

Councilmember Lima provided comments.

Councilmember Trevino provided comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ramoso adjourned the Special Meeting at 2:23 p.m.