

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 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, March 7, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Council Member Segawa led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Council Member Segawa gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Member Segawa, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

ABSENT: Council Members: Gazeley and Waronek

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

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 Member Segawa, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Members: Gazeley and Waronek

3. PRESENTATIONS

None scheduled.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Lomita resident Laurie Ellsworth requested that a section of curb on Walnut Street near its intersection with 240th Street be painted red due to an RV that frequently parks there. She presented signatures from Lomita residents in favor of the request to City Clerk Gregory.

Lomita resident George Kivett sympathized with the request for the red curb, but was not in favor of having it painted. He mentioned the high curbs at 24309 Walnut Street and the difficulty in accessing the Public Works yard for those with limited mobility. He praised City staff for restoring the benches at Lomita Park and fixing a street sign quickly.

Winona Phillabaum, Lomita Community Library Manager, announced upcoming events and programs.

Lomita resident Monique Tippie shared concerns about visibility while trying to make left hand turns at 240th Street onto Narbonne Avenue near Cream Pan. She was also interested in having a red curb at Walnut and 240th Street and asked if Council could consider the request.

Lomita resident Janet Villasenor also spoke concerning visibility at 240th Street and Narbonne Avenue, and the lack of enforcement of the one-hour parking limits on Lomita Boulevard in front of Carpet Spectrum.

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

Council Member Segawa reported on the following:

- March 2 – Read Across America Day at Lomita Magnet and Eshelman Elementary Schools
- Recent Founders Day Committee Meeting
- February 22 – Economic Development Committee Meeting
- Recent South Bay Workforce Investment Board Orientation

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- February 22 – League of California Cities Legislative Committee Meeting
- February 22 – Chinese People Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries Dinner
- February 23 – L.A. County City Selection Committee Meeting
- March 1 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Homeless Services Committee Meeting
- March 2 – SBCCOG South Bay Housing Education Forum Unit 3: Deconstructing RHNA: Do the Assumptions Add Up?
- Announced Lomita Sheriff's Station BBQ Fundraiser at Lomita Park on Wednesday, March 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- February 22 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer
- February 23 – L.A. County Economic Development Corporation Economic Forecast
- February 23 – Exposition Park General Manager Installation at L.A. Coliseum

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot announced the Lomita Sheriff's Station BBQ Fundraiser at Lomita Park on Wednesday, March 8, 11.a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Segawa, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Members: Gazeley and 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. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of October 18, 2022, and February 7, 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.

- c. Warrants/Payroll Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and file Warrants/Payroll Register.

- d. Service Order with Spectrum Enterprise re: Establishment of a PEG Channel Service

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to sign a service order with Spectrum Enterprise to establish service for a City PEG channel and direct the City Manager/City Attorney to approve as to form.

- e. Acceptance of the City's Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Single Audit Report.

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None scheduled.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2023-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOMITA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE XI (PLANNING AND ZONING) TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and introduce on first reading an ordinance amending Title XI (Planning and Zoning), find the request exempt from the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), and direct staff to schedule the second reading and adoption of the ordinance.

Director Rindge introduced the item and gave a brief report stating that on December 21, 2021, the City Council adopted the Housing Element for the eight-year planning period of 2021-2029 and authorized staff to make revisions or clarifications in consultation with the State. On December 20, 2022, the City Council reviewed the authorized staff changes required by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and finalized the certified Housing Element which had already been approved by HCD. The draft ordinance presented achieves progress on six of the 31 adopted Housing Element Programs as required by HCD and was recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission at the February 13, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

There being no questions from the Council, Mayor Waite opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Resident George Kivett stated that he would like to keep A1 zones in Lomita at a lower density, and stressed the need for construction projects to provide adequate parking.

There being no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m. and the item was brought back to the Council for a motion.

City Attorney Rusin read the title of the ordinance to be introduced.

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Segawa, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Members: Gazeley and Waronek

ORDINANCE NO. 845 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2023-01 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF LOMITA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE XI (PLANNING AND ZONING) TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW REGARDING SUPPORTIVE, TRANSITIONAL, AND EMPLOYEE HOUSING, LOW-BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS, REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, COVERED PARKING, SENIOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, EMERGENCY SHELTERS, AND SUBSTANDARD LIVING CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS THE STRIKING OF UNUSED EXISTING ZONING DISTRICTS, AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

b. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 (ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES) OF TITLE I OF THE LOMITA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: After the City Attorney reads the title, introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 846 amending Chapter 5 (Administrative Citations and Penalties) of Title I of the Lomita Municipal Code (LMC) to alter the procedures involved in the administrative citation provisions of the LMC and finding such action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and direct staff to schedule second reading and adoption of the ordinance.

Management Assistant Adamzadeh presented a brief report stating that in November of 2022, the City Council authorized Data Ticket to provide code enforcement collection services alongside parking enforcement. Throughout the implementation process, staff has updated procedures and policies to align with those recommended by Data Ticket to improve correction and compliance. Staff has prepared a draft ordinance to improve the process, to avoid enforcement challenges, and to ensure compliance with State law.

There being no questions from the Council, Mayor Waite opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

There being no questions or comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m. and the item was brought back to the Council for a motion.

City Attorney Rusin read the title of the ordinance to be introduced.

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Segawa, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Members Gazeley and Waronek

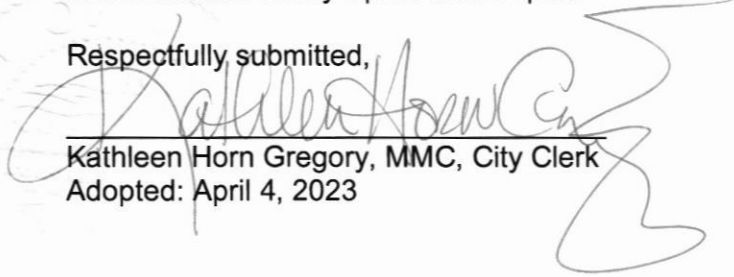
ORDINANCE NO. 846 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE I OF THE LOMITA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALIGN WITH NEW REGULATIONS IN ENFORCING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE AND FINDING THE SAME EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

10. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning, Council Member Segawa requested a report on the red curb request on Walnut. City Manager Smoot stated staff would send Council the background on the request.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Waite adjourned the meeting in memory of City of Lomita Assistant Engineer Ethelbert Doble and Lomita resident and former Traffic Commissioner Marty Spain at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Horn Gregory, MMC, City Clerk
Adopted: April 4, 2023