

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff 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, Public Works Director Dillon, Community & Economic Development Director Rindge, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Senior Management Analyst Hernandez, and Deputy City Clerk Abbott

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gazeley 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

South High senior Bella Quicho introduced herself and stated that she had recently contacted Mayor Waite to arrange a visit to City Hall. She wishes to learn more about local government as she plans to study Public Policy in college next year.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Don Smith, a Lomita resident, expressed concerns about discriminatory practices within the City.

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:

- October 4 – 60th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- October 10 – Meeting with Lomita Little League
- October 14 – Town Hall Meeting with Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi
- October 16 – Water Subcommittee Meeting
- Recognized Parks staff for keeping the parks well-maintained

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- October 10 – Water infrastructure Tour
- October 14 – Town Hall Meeting with Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi
- October 16 – Water Subcommittee Meeting

Council Member Gazeley reported on the following:

- Recent Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Meeting

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- October 9 – SCAG Steering Committee Meeting

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot had nothing to report.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Waite requested that item no. 7k be pulled for separate consideration.

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

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. August 2023 Treasury & Investment Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- i. Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 Quarterly Financial Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 Quarterly Financial Report First Quarter Ending September 30, 2023.

- j. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 858

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the ordinance and find the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ORDINANCE NO. 858 - 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 THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION APPEAL METHOD WITH THE PARKING CITATION APPEAL METHOD AND FINDING THE SAME EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

ITEM PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

- k. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and File for Financial Assistance with the State Water Resources Control Board for Water Infrastructure Improvements

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-21, approving and authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Sign and File for Financial Assistance with the State Water Resources Control Board for Water Infrastructure Improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SIGN AND FILE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND FINDING SUCH ACTION EXEMPT FROM CEQA

City Manager Smoot stated that the item was pulled to note a needed correction to the resolution. The address listed in the first "whereas" of the resolution should read Narbonne Avenue instead of Lomita Boulevard.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff to approve the resolution with the noted correction.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- a. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEAN-UP OF DECLARED NUISANCE PROPERTY 2253-2257 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (APN 7373-008-006)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to authorize the work as described herein for \$32,400.00, with 10% contingency, and return to City Council with a report to recover full abatement costs.

Director Rindge presented the staff report per the agenda material. She gave the background, which included two previous abatements. The property has been unused

since 2011, was the site of a fire two years ago, and has had four different code enforcement cases.

As there were no questions from Council, Mayor Waite opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. There being no requests from the public to speak on this item, Mayor Waite closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. and invited discussion or a motion.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gazeley to authorize the City Manager to authorize the work as described herein for \$32,400.00, with 10% contingency, and return to City Council with a report to recover full abatement costs.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

b. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND APPROVING CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-22 establishing a revised list of full-time positions with corresponding salary schedule and make the necessary budget adjustments; and 2) Approve the attached Classification Specifications.

Management Analyst Hernandez presented the staff report per the agenda material, which outlined the proposed changes and the reasons behind them.

Brief discussion was held relative to the City's current financial position, the importance of employee growth, and how the elimination of certain positions has resulted in staffing issues in certain areas.

As there were no further questions from the Council, Mayor Waite opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, spoke in favor of additional Parks staff, despite the possibility of a recession.

As there were no further requests from the public to speak on this item, Mayor Waite closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. and brought the item back to the Council for further discussion or a motion.

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

Adopted the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A SALARY SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

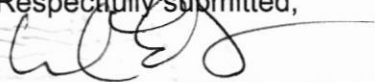
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Waite adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Abbott, Deputy City Clerk
Adopted: November 21, 2023