

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022**

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND AB361, THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL PARTICIPATED IN THIS MEETING IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Lomita City Council was called to order by Mayor Segawa at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

b. Flag Salute

Council Member Uphoff led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Mayor Segawa gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

PRESENT: Council Members Uphoff and Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Waite, and Mayor Segawa were present in Council Chambers; Council Member Gazeley participated via Zoom

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Smoot and City Attorney Rusin Assistant were present in Council Chambers; Assistant City Manager Sugano, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Public Works Director Dillon, Management Analyst Hernandez, and City Clerk Gregory participated via Zoom

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Uphoff made a motion, seconded by Council Member Waronek to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Segawa presented a certificate of recognition to retiring L.A. County Sheriff's Deputy Daryl Williams of Lomita Station.

Mayor Segawa presented certificates of recognition to the coaches and players of the Narbonne High School baseball team for being named Los Angeles City Section Division I finalists.

Captain James Powers of Lomita Station expressed his appreciation to Deputy Williams upon his retirement.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Segawa announced the time for public comments on Consent Agenda items or subjects other than those scheduled.

Rafael Mendoza, a longtime City employee, spoke in support of City staff who have continued to work throughout the pandemic.

Rachel Bucklew, a City employee, urged the Council to accept the Lomita City Employees Association and Non-Represented Employees' offer for a 4% cost of living adjustment (COLA), noting that the current local inflation rate is 8%.

Frances Marshall, a Lomita resident, expressed concerns relative to several issues, including Critical Race Theory and open borders.

Scott Marshall, a Lomita resident, expressed concerns relative to several issues, including inflation and climate change. He spoke in support of ending the national state of emergency due to Covid-19.

George Kivett, a Lomita resident, spoke in appreciation of City staff and stated that 4% COLA seems like a fair compromise.

Michael Mackavoy, Lomita Community Library Manager, announced upcoming programs and events.

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

Council Member Gazeley had nothing to report.

Council Member Waronek reported on the following:

- June 15 – Contract Cities Executive Board Meeting
- June 16 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Announced Founder's Day on June 24th and 25th
- Announced BizFed Institute Bizzi Awards scheduled for June 24th
- Announced Lemonade Day scheduled for July 9

- Announced Sunday Farmers Market

Mayor Pro Tem Waite reported on the following:

- June 8 – Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation Workshop
- June 21 – Phillips 66 Refinery Community Action Plan Meeting

Council Member Uphoff reported on the following:

- June 8 – Cal Cities Mayor and Council Members Roundtable
- June 9 – Cal Cities Community Services Policy Committee Meeting
- June 14 – Cannabis Roundtable
- June 14 – Session with District Attorney George Gascon’s Office
- June 16 – Solid Waste and Recycling Roundtable

Mayor Segawa had nothing to report.

6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot stated that fines for illegal fireworks were increased last year to \$1000 per violation, and there will be additional enforcement in Lomita around the 4th of July.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Member Waronek made a motion, seconded by Council Member Gazeley to approve the recommended action.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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 Meeting of May 17, 2022, and the Special City Council Meeting of May 19, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.

- c. Warrants/Payroll Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and file Warrants/Payroll Register.