

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Mayor Waite led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Council Member Waronek gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Smoot, Assistant City Manager Sugano, Assistant City Attorney Castillo, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Public Works Director Dillon, Senior Management Analyst Hernandez, 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 Members: Gazeley, Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

3. PRESENTATIONS

As it was Council Member Segawa's birthday, the Council and staff sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Mayor Waite presented a certificate of recognition to LAUSD District South Superintendent Mike Romero. Mr. Romero spoke briefly regarding his time as Superintendent and his new position as Chief of Transitional Programs. He introduced Andre Spicer, the new District South Superintendent.

Mayor Waite recognized and presented certificates of recognition to the new Lomita Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Victor Ibarra, Public Affairs Manager at SoCalGas, gave a brief update on natural gas prices. He also shared information about programs available to SoCalGas customers.

Steve Navarro, District 4 and Lomita Post 1622 Chaplain with the Lomita VFW, updated the Council on the status of the location's temporary closure due to a State VFW audit. He stated that the location should be opening again very soon.

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

Council Member Segawa had nothing to report.

Council Member Gazeley had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- February 8 – California Contract Cities Association Legislative Session
- February 13 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
- February 13 – SBCCOG Steering Committee Meeting
- February 14 – Cal Cities Roundtable on Homelessness
- February 15 – Cal Cities Speaker Series

Council Member Waronek commented on an email sent to the CCCA regarding possible legislation to limit the use of K-9 units by the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Waite commented on sidewalk repairs in the City, and on the importance of earthquake preparedness for all.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot stated that at the February Contract Cities Board Meeting last week, discussion took place regarding the possibility of starting a Lifeline program, which could provide mutual aid support to cities during certain types of emergencies.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff requested to pull Item 7k. Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Council Member Waronek to approve consent agenda items 7a-j.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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 January 17, 2023, and February 8, 2023, Special City Council Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.

- c. Warrants/Payroll Register

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and file Warrants/Payroll Register.

- d. Monthly Report for the Administrative Services Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- e. Monthly Report for the City Manager's Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- f. Monthly Report for the Community and Economic Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- g. Monthly Report for the Recreation and Facilities Division

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- h. Monthly Report for the Public Works Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- i. December 2022 Treasury & Investment Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.