

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 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 Members: Gazeley, Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

**ABSENT:** None

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

e. Closed Session Report

City Attorney Rusin announced that the City Council met in open session at 5:15 p.m. and recessed shortly after to discuss the following item:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(4); one matter

All members of the City Council were present. Direction was given by the Council to initiate a lawsuit. That action, the defendants, and the other particulars, shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize its ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

None scheduled.

## 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

George Kivett, Lomita resident, commented on uprooted trees on sidewalks caused by excessive rain. He suggested that City staff resume periodic walks of the sidewalks to review the conditions. He also commended the City for patronizing Lomita businesses.

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:

- April 20 – Career Day at President Avenue
- April 21 – Meeting with Harbor City-Lomita Community of Schools
- April 22 – The Golden Triangle Grand Opening
- April 25 – City Hall Tour for St. Margaret Mary School Second Graders
- April 27 – Arbor Day Tree Planting
- April 30 – Annual Tea with Friends at the Railroad Museum

Council Member Gazeley reported on the following:

- Recent Vector Control Correspondence
- April 19 – No Quorum at the County Sanitation District No. 5 Meeting

Council Member Waronek reported on the following:

- April 27 – Arbor Day Tree Planting
- April 27 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive
- April 28 – California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Past Presidents Luncheon
- April 28 – Meeting with Janice Hahn's Office
- Announced 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Apple Awards to take place this Friday, May 5

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- April 19 – CCCA Board of Directors Meeting
- April 25 – Cal Cities Speaker Series
- April 26 – CCCA Legislative Committee
- April 30 – Annual Tea with Friends at the Railroad Museum

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- April 29 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Meeting
- April 30 – Annual Tea with Friends at the Railroad Museum

## 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot announced that the L.A. County Board of Supervisors were to vote this morning to authorize the institution of a Project Homekey site in Lomita, which was unbeknownst to City staff until just a few days ago. He stated that the City will be sending a letter to the Board to express its disappointment, as this authorization usurps the City's authority with regard to its zoning regulations, which were recently amended. The City is open to a Project Homekey site but expressed that there may be alternative sites that are more appropriate.

City Attorney Rusin stated that such authorizations are normally made in partnership with cities wishing to participate, so it is strange that the City was not included in the discussion.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff requested to pull item 7c. Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Council Member Waronek to approve Consent Agenda items 7a-b and 7d-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. Warrants/Payroll Register

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve and file Warrants/Payroll Register.

- d. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 848 Adding Section 2-1.29.1 to Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the Lomita Municipal Code Establishing By-District Elections, Defining District Boundaries, and Scheduling Elections within the Districts