

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Council Member Waronek led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Council Member Waronek gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Council Member Gazeley

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

e. Closed Session Report

City Attorney Rusin stated that the Council met in open session at 5:30 p.m. and recessed to closed session to discuss the following item:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

City Designated Representative: Gary Sugano, Assistant City Manager

Employee Organization: Lomita City Employees Association

All Council Members with the exception of Council Member Gazeley were present and there was no reportable action taken.

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: Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Gazeley

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Waite presented certificates of recognition to Parks and Recreation staff who worked to reestablish the Teen Program after a three-year hiatus.

The Council spoke in appreciation of Parks staff, and Mayor Waite thanked the local businesses who sponsored the Lomita Teen Program.

Emma Kelley, Recreation Manager, spoke of her pride in the staff members honored this evening.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ian Michael May, Special Assistant with the L.A. County Assessor's Office, shared statistics from the 2023 Valuation Report.

Teresa Roby, Shelter Readiness Volunteer with the American Red Cross, thanked the City for renewing the agreement this evening (item 7j) that designates the Tom Rico Center as an emergency shelter. She spoke about various programs and services offered by the Red Cross, and thanked the City for its partnership.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, suggested that the City's website highlight only Lomita businesses in its "business directory" section. He also thanked the community for passing out flyers for a recently missing teen and reported that she had been found safe. He noted a recent study relative to the Palos Verdes Fault and urged earthquake preparedness.

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:

- July 19 – California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Board of Directors Meeting
- July 25 – GPAC Workshop

- August 1 – National Night Out
- August 8 – Post-Founders Day Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- July 19 – CCCA Board of Directors Meeting
- July 22 – Lemonade Day
- August 1 – National Night Out
- August 3 – Cal Cities Installation of 2023-2024 Officers

Council Member Waronek reported on the following:

- July 22 – Lemonade Day
- August 1 – National Night Out
- August 5 – Former Mayor/Council Member Chuck Belba's 90th Birthday
- August 16 – CCCA Board of Directors Meeting
- Announced the Lomita Sheriff's Station BBQ Fundraiser on August 19
- Announced the 9th Annual Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Lomita Sheriff's and Fire Stations on August 25
- Wished to invite new Salvation Army Major Tim Smith to the next Council meeting
- Asked City Manager Smoot to reach out to the City of Torrance relative to its opposition to expanding the Metro Green Line to Torrance

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- July 19 – Public Safety and Traffic Commission's Traffic Calming Workshop
- July 19 – CCCA Board of Directors Meeting
- July 19 – Joint Powers Insurance Authority Annual Board Meeting
- July 22 – Lemonade Day
- August 9 – Dinner with Mayor Karen Bass, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, and other local mayors to discuss transportation safety and homelessness issues

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot announced the Lomita Sheriff's Station BBQ Fundraiser on August 19.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Member Waronek requested to abstain from voting on item 7q.

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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