

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 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, July 18, 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: Segawa, Waronek (participated via teleconference from 14 David Street, Southampton, MA 01073, via Zoom meeting link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83306576837>), Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

ABSENT: Council Member Gazeley

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Smoot, City Attorney Rusin, Public Works Director Dillon, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Associate Planner MacMorran, 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: Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Gazeley

3. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Waite recognized Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff's birthday.

Mayor Waite presented certificates of recognition to the Fleming Middle School Girls Soccer Team for being named 2023 LAUSD Regional Champions and 2023 LAUSD Division II City Champions.

Senior Management Analyst Hernandez gave a brief presentation on the City's emergency response efforts. She touched on objectives including enhancing resilience, learning from the pandemic, conducting a preliminary assessment, and implementing mitigation actions to further preparation efforts. Updated emergency preparedness items will be brought to the Council for consideration at future meetings.

Brief discussion took place relative to holding emergency-related training for the City's Council Members.

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, spoke in support of Nayeem Khan as the Lomita business representative to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. He shared the history of a bolo he was wearing, which was previously owned by three brothers in his family, all veterans. He thanked Director Dillon for scheduling ADA upgrades to the sidewalk near the County yard, and the City for its work with the CERT Program. He suggested the CERT Program would benefit from having some younger members.

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 Waronek reported on the following:

- June 28 – JPIA Executive Committee Meeting
- July 10 – The Slip Meet & Greet
- Announced Lemonade Day on July 22
- Announced National Night Out on August 1
- Announced the Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Lomita Sheriff and Fire Stations on August 25

Council Member Segawa reported on the following:

- May 10 – Lemonade Day University with the Lomita Chamber of Commerce
- May 25 – Silverado Memory Care Communities (Rolling Hills) Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
- June 27 and July 11 – GPAC workshops
- June 28 – Happy Hour with History, a Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer

- July 17 – Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Town Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- July 10 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Transportation Committee Meeting
- July 10 – SBCCOG Steering Committee Meeting
- July 10 – The Slip Meet & Greet
- July 11 – South Bay Aerospace Alliance Meeting
- July 13 – SBCCOG Legislative Briefing
- July 17 – Palos Verdes Peninsula Public Safety Town Hall

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- Recent AQMD Report Noting Poor Air Quality Resulting from Heavy Fireworks in the Area on the 4th of July
- Recent International Geographers Conference

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot announced the kickoff of the City's new five-year master law enforcement agreement negotiations. He is part of a working group with fellow city managers whose cities belong to the California Contract Cities Association.

The Council requested 4th of July reports from both LASD and Lomita Fire Station. It was Council consensus to discuss increasing the fines for violations along with the possibility of allowing safe and sane fireworks in the City at a future meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff requested to pull Item 7o.

Council Member Waronek made a motion, seconded by Council Member Segawa to approve Consent Agenda Items 7a-7n.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Gazeley

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 Meetings of February 21, 2023, April 18, 2023,

June 20, 2023, and the Special City Council Meeting of June 5, 2023

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. May and June 2023 Treasury & Investment Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the report.

- j. Professional Services Agreement with Psomas for the Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Psomas for the completion of the Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan in the amount of \$125,040 plus a 10% contingency amount of \$12,504; appropriate \$22,544 from the Sewer Replacement Fund; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

- k. Confirmation of South Bay Workforce Investment Board Nominee

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Confirm the appointment of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce nominee, Nayeem Khan as the Lomita business representative to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for a term beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

- I. First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Kiley & Associates for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a First Amendment to the agreement with Kiley and Associates and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

- m. Bus Loading Zone on Eshelman Avenue

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Establish a bus loading zone from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on school days on the east side of Eshelman Avenue between a point 65 feet and a point 125 feet south of 255th Street and between a point 150 feet and a point 305 feet south of 255th Street; post bus loading signage; and install 30 feet of red curb on the east side of Eshelman Avenue, at its intersection with 255th Street as shown on attached drawings.

- n. Professional Services Agreement with Onward Engineering for the Design of Water Main Replacements in Zone G

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Onward Engineering for engineering design services for water main replacements in Zone G in the amount of \$175,755 plus a 15% contingency amount of \$26,363; reappropriate \$1,156,000 from FY22-23 to FY23-24; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

ITEM PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

- o. Los Angeles City Permit Fee for 247th Area Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize payment for Los Angeles City Permit Fee for the 247th Area Project for approximately \$320,000; and appropriate \$260,000 from the Water Capital Fund to the 247th Area Project

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff asked the total cost of the project in relation to the cost of the permit fee.

Director Dillon stated that the entire project is budgeted at \$1.5 million. Efforts to have the fee reduced have been unsuccessful thus far, and any further delays to the project could increase overall costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff made a motion, seconded by Council Member Segawa to approve item 7o.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A 60th ANNIVERSARY AD HOC COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss the possibility of establishing an ad hoc committee for Lomita's 60-year Anniversary celebration.

Senior Management Analyst Hernandez presented the staff report per the agenda material.

It was the consensus of the Council to combine this ad hoc committee with the Founder's Day Committee, and to appoint Council Members Segawa and Waronek as members, as they are both already members of the Founder's Day Committee.

It was also Council consensus to allow the current committee members to nominate other members (increasing the number of committee members), including from the public, the Chamber of Commerce, and other local non-profits, to the committee, for the Council to approve at a future meeting.

b. DISCUSSION OF LANE STRIPING ON NARBONNE AVENUE SOUTH OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion only.

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material. Narbonne Avenue north of PCH is currently one lane in both directions, with a center turn lane, bicycle lanes, and street parking, while south of PCH is now two lanes in each direction with street parking. The City is presently in the design phase for street reconstruction south of PCH, as well as water main replacement in that area, so staff must determine whether to reconfigure the striping before that work begins. She outlined the benefits of reconfiguration, including traffic calming.

Brief discussion was held relative to traffic data north of Narbonne Avenue since the decrease to one lane in either direction, gathering input from the public, outreach to the public and neighboring cities who might be impacted, traffic impacts while the area is under construction, and the timeline for completion of all proposed work.

City Manager Smoot stated that Narbonne Avenue south of PCH has worsened in condition due to the City's wait for funding from several agencies for the water line, which has now been received.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, spoke in favor of one lane in each direction south of PCH.

Nayeem Khan, Lomita business owner, expressed concerns about the possible reduction or elimination of parking south of PCH if changed to one lane in each direction.

Mayor Waite clarified that parking would not be eliminated; it would be the same parking configuration as on Narbonne Avenue north of PCH.

Director Dillon agreed to notify staff at both Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates of the work schedule.

c. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOMITA CIRCLE OF HONOR PROGRAM AND CONSIDERATION OF THE NOMINATION OF BEN TRAINA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and provide direction regarding options for relocation and improvements to the Circle of Honor monument and discuss and consider the nomination of Ben Traina for the Circle of Honor.

Senior Management Analyst presented the staff report per the agenda material. She outlined the current policy for nominations, and highlighted Mr. Traina's accomplishments per the nomination papers. One consideration with regard to relocating the monument is that the City's time capsule is located at the current site. It is to be unearthed in 2026 and it is unknown whether its removal will damage the plaques. In addition, the City might be required to remove the turf at the current site in the future and rework the landscape to address drought conditions. She presented some options for relocation adjacent to the current site, and for wall art either inside or outside.

Brief discussion was held relative to locations other than City Hall including Teuchert Park, what the monument might look like in 50 years, and whether a wall could accommodate its growth. Concerns were expressed that community members (non-elected officials) and less-recent accomplishments are not represented. Revisiting policy and purpose was also discussed.

Mayor Waite invited a motion with regard to Mr. Traina's nomination.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Waite, to approve the nomination of Ben Traina for the Circle of Honor.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Gazeley

Additional discussion was held relative to seeking the advice of an architect.

It was the consensus of the Council to continue to look into the options for "who, what, when, and where" relative to policy, purpose, design, and location.

Council Member Waronek made a motion, seconded by Mayor Waite to create an Ad Hoc Circle of Honor Committee, and to appoint Council Member Segawa and Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff as members.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

d. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CANCELLING THE AUGUST 1, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING (No staff report)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Cancel the meeting due to National Night Out.

City Manager Smoot explained that the August 1, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting falls on the same night as National Night Out which makes attendance difficult for Council Members.

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 78233 (26016 OAK STREET)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution approving Final Tract Map No. 78233 and find the request exempt from the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA).

Associate Planner MacMorran presented the staff report per the agenda material. She stated that the lot size in the title of the resolution is incorrect, and that it should be 23,417 square feet. The Council approved the Vesting Tentative Tract Map in 2021, the demolition permit and grading permits have been issued, and construction should begin shortly after Labor Day. There will be a five-foot dedication which will change from the curb to the property line, creating a parkway. The City's Public Works Department has reviewed the dedication and has worked with the property owner; it will improve ADA access, particularly around the driveway apron.

As there were no questions for staff, Mayor Waite opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, commented on his familiarity with the property as the listing broker, calling it a unique property with a very generous dedication. He supported approval of the Final Tract Map.

As there were no further requests from the public to speak on this item, Mayor Waite closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. and brought the item back to the Council for discussion or a motion.

Director Rindge stated that the draft resolution in the staff report is a different version from the actual final draft resolution, which refers to the Planning Commission resolution conditions.

City Attorney Rusin noted a few typographical (non-substantive) errors to be corrected in the final version of the resolution:

1. The resolution title should specify that it is a 23,417 square foot lot rather than 7,500 square feet;
2. The resolution title should include the following at the end: "...and finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act"; and
3. The conditions of approval within Planning Commission Resolution No. 2021-13 should be under Section 3, GENERAL PROJECT CONDITIONS, followed by Sections 4 and 5.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff to approve the recommended action, with the corrections to be made as noted by the City Attorney above.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

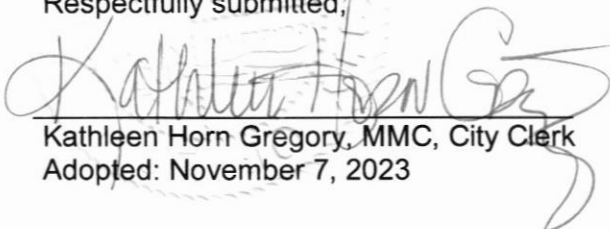
Adopted the following titled resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CA, APPROVING TRACT MAP NO. 78233 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NINE CONDOMINIUM RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON A 23,417-SQUARE-FOOT LOT, LOCATED AT 26016 OAK STREET IN THE RESIDENTIAL VARIABLE DENSITY 2500 ZONE (RVD-2500) FILED BY GRANVIA INVESTMENTS INC., 1981 ARTESIA BLVD. #8, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Waite adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Horn Gregory, MMC, City Clerk
Adopted: November 7, 2023