

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, September 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Council Member Gazeley 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, Public Works Director Dillon, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Senior Management Analyst Hernandez, Administrative Analyst Ibarra, and City Clerk Gregory

e. Closed Session Report

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

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1)**

Name of Case: Original Thai Massage. v. The City of Lomita *et al.* United States District Court, Case Number: 2:23-cv-06884-DMG-AS

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

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

None.

## 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 the many Lomitians who volunteer for various boards and commissions. He reminded residents to "never forget" 9/11 and to continue to commemorate the anniversary. He commended Cream Pan for attracting customers to Lomita from surrounding cities.

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:

- August 17 – Lemonade Day Meeting
- August 19 – Lomita Sheriff's Station BBQ Fundraiser
- August 25 – 9th Annual Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Fire and Sheriff's Departments Spaghetti Dinner
- August 26 – Lemmy Awards
- August 30 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Community's Child

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- August 16 – California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Board Meeting
- August 19 – Lomita Sheriff's Station BBQ Fundraiser

Council Member Waronek reported on the following:

- Recent meeting with Harbor Church leaders, who would like to partner with the City at its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
- August 16 – CCCA Board Meeting

- August 19 – CCCA Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) Meeting
- August 25 – 9th Annual Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Fire and Sheriff's Departments Spaghetti Dinner
- August 26 – Lemmy Awards
- August 30-September 1 – Joint Powers Insurance Authority Risk Management Conference
- Announced free concerts at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church September 22-23

Council Member Gazeley reported on the following:

- Acknowledged Council Member Waronek for organizing the Annual Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Fire & Sheriff's Departments Spaghetti Dinner

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- August 23 – Meeting with Red Cross
- August 24 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Meeting
- August 26 – Lemmy Awards
- August 29 – Visited Eshelman Avenue Elementary School with City Staff to discuss a sinkhole onsite
- August 30 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Community's Child
- September 2 – Visited Bixby Marsh, Part of the Sanitation District Facility
- September 5 – Local Governmental Services Commission Meeting
- Announced September 23 Community's Child Annual Fundraiser
- Announced September 23 Family Fun Day at the Lomita Railroad Museum

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

City Manager Smoot reported that there are no resolutions to review for this year's League of California Cities Conference, but the presence of a voting member is still requested in the event any resolutions should come up.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Council Member Waronek to approve the recommended action. Council Member Gazeley abstained from voting on Item 7b.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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