

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 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, Administrative Analyst Ibarra, Senior Management Analyst Hernandez, and City Clerk Gregory

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Major Tim Smith with the Salvation Army of Torrance introduced himself and outlined various programs and services the organization provides to the community. More information can be found at salvationarmy/torrance.org.

Council Member Waronek stated that he volunteers as a Salvation Army bellringer every year. Unfortunately, the organization has difficulty finding enough volunteers and must resort to paying people to ring the bells for donations. He asked his fellow Council Members and City staff to volunteer for a two-hour shift.

Joey Apodaca, field representative with Congressman Ted Lieu's Office, shared Mr. Lieu's background and achievements, and gave updates on legislation Mr. Lieu is working on in Washington; he is also working to secure funding for the downtown Lomita stormwater project. Mr. Apodaca also outlined the various constituent services provided by Mr. Lieu's local office.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Sara Leimbach-Hollingsworth, an Assistant Principal at Narbonne High School, spoke of inequities at the school in terms of its sports facilities; fortunately, a \$200,000 grant was recently received toward remedying this issue. She also addressed Narbonne's efforts in terms of gang remediation. She invited the Council to the Friday, October 6 event at which another \$80,000 will be donated by alumnus Uchenna Nwosu, a linebacker for the Seattle Seahawks, toward improving the sports facilities.

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 Gazeley reported on the following:

- Spoke of his opposition to touch-and-go operations originating from Torrance Airport. Analyst Ibarra stated that the Torrance City Council met on September 12, 2023, to consider banning the practice, and Lomita staff will continue to monitor their actions. It was Council consensus to direct the City's Legislative Subcommittee to draft a letter to the Torrance City Council in favor of restricting such activities.

Council Member Waronek reported on the following:

- September 20-22 – League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo
- September 23 – Coastal Cleanup at Torrance Beach
- September 23 – Lomita Railroad Museum Family Fun Day
- September 23 – Community's Child Annual Fundraiser
- September 25 – 5k Run Meeting
- September 28 – Independent Cities Association Installation Ceremony

- Announced the 74th Annual Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on November 5

Council Member Segawa reported on the following:

- September 20 – Founders Day Subcommittee Meeting
- September 23 – Lomita Railroad Museum Family Fun Day
- September 25 – 5k Run Meeting
- September 27 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer
- September 30 – Stephen Dever’s Funeral Service

Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff reported on the following:

- September 20-22 – League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo
- September 23 – Lomita Railroad Museum Family Fun Day

Mayor Waite reported on the following:

- September 23 – Lomita Railroad Museum Family Fun Day
- September 28 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board Meeting

6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot announced the Halloween Event at Lomita Park on October 28 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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: Gazeley, Waronek, Segawa, 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 September 19, 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.