

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Mayor Waite led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Mayor Waite 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, Associate City Attorney Ornelas, Assistant City Manager Sugano, Public Works Director Dillon, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Recreation Manager Kelley, 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 Pro Tem Uphoff presented Mayor Waite with a plaque honoring his year as Mayor. Mayor Waite spoke of his pride in both the Council and City staff, and thanked his wife for her support.

His fellow Council Members gave brief comments honoring him for his service.

Jennifer LaMarque, South Bay Deputy, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District, presented Mayor Waite with a certificate of recognition.

4. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM (No Staff Report)

Mayor Waite called for nominations for Mayor. Council Member Segawa nominated Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff, and noted that she had spoken with Council Member Gazeley prior to the meeting and that he was supportive of this nomination. Council Member Waronek seconded the nomination.

As there were no additional nominations, Mayor Waite closed the nominations and asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Mayor Uphoff called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Segawa nominated Council Member Waronek, and Council Member Waite seconded the nomination.

As there were no additional nominations, Mayor Uphoff closed the nominations and asked for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Gregory presented bouquets to Mrs. Uphoff and Mrs. Waronek. Council Member Waite noted that his wife had received a Handel's ice cream gift card in lieu of flowers.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Uphoff announced the time for oral communications.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, expressed concerns about City Council meeting video recordings being posted to the City's website in a timely manner.

As there were no further requests to speak, Mayor Uphoff closed oral communications.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Waite reported on the following:

- December 4 – Employee Appreciation & Holiday Party

Council Member Segawa reported on the following:

- December 1 – Holiday Tree Lighting
- December 1 – Kiwanis Club's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- Announced Santa at the Lomita Railroad Museum on December 9

Mayor Pro Tem Waronek reported on the following:

- November 29 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer
- December 1 – Holiday Tree Lighting
- December 2 – Kiwanis Club's Breakfast with Santa
- December 4 – Employee Appreciation & Holiday Party
- December 5 – Annual Holiday Open House
- Announced Lomita Chamber of Commerce Toy Drive/Mixer on December 13
- Recent Southern California Association of Governments Economic Development Summit

Mayor Uphoff reported on the following:

- November 27 – League of California Cities New Laws Seminar
- November 30 – South Bay Aerospace Alliance Meeting
- December 1 – Kiwanis Club's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- December 1 – Holiday Tree Lighting
- December 4 – Employee Appreciation & Holiday Party

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Smoot had nothing to report. Lieutenant Mike White introduced the new Lomita Station CORE Deputy, Daniel Okamoto.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waronek to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Gazeley

- a. Motion to Waive Full Reading of Ordinances and that They be Read in Title Only

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve motion.