

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

a. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Lomita City Council was called to order by Mayor Uphoff at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Council Member Waite led the flag salute.

c. Invocation

Council Member Waite gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Gazeley (*teleconferenced from 25225 Doria Avenue, Lomita CA, 90717*), Segawa, Waite, Mayor Pro Tem Waronek, and Mayor Uphoff

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Hoefgen, City Attorney Rusin, Assistant City Manager Sugano, Public Works Director Dillon, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, 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 Waronek, to approve the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED by the following roll call vote:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

Council Member Segawa presented former Lomita STEAM Magnet School crossing guard Teresa Millage a certificate of recognition.

### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Uphoff announced the time for oral communications.

Angel Gonzalez, Lomita resident, spoke regarding a recent fire at his parents' home. They cannot rebuild because the area has is zoned commercial. He asked to be allowed to rebuild the home on the property, and noted that the insurance company is allowing just seven more months to rebuild. Interim City Manager Hoefgen stated that staff will set up a meeting to discuss options with Mr. Gonzalez.

Lydia Gutierrez introduced herself as a candidate for LAUSD School Board, and shared her background and experience.

Heidi Butzine, President/CEO of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, spoke of the Annual Chamber Installation and Awards taking place on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

There being no further requests from the public to speak, Mayor Uphoff closed oral communications.

### **5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Segawa reported on the following:

- Recent Navy Baseball Fields Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Council Member Waite reported on the following:

- January 25 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Meeting; he suggested that Council discuss at a future meeting taking a position on the Green Line Metro extension to Torrance Transit Center.
- January 30 – Metropolitan Water District tour of the pipeline repair project along Western Avenue
- Suggested future Council discussion relative to non-conforming residential uses in commercial areas; it was the consensus of the Council to bring discussion back at a future meeting.

Community & Economic Development Director Rindge stated that a comprehensive zoning code update is one aspect of the General Plan update, and it will be discussed by the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) soon.

Council Member Gazeley reported on the following:

- Recent Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Meeting

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Mayor Pro Tem Waronek reported on the following:

- Recent SCAG Policy Committee Meeting
- February 7 – California Contract Cities Association Meeting

Mayor Uphoff reported on the following:

- January 17 – County Sanitation District Meeting
- January 18 – Cal Cities Community Services Policy Committee Meeting
- January 31 – State Briefing on Recent and Upcoming Storms

**6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** (information only)

Interim City Manager Hoefgen thanked Public Works staff for their work during the recent storms.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Mayor Uphoff requested to pull Item 7d for separate consideration.

Council Member Segawa made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waronek to approve the consent agenda items 7a-c and 7e-f, with the exception of item 7d.

**MOTION CARRIED by the following roll call vote:**

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- 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 December 5, 2023, December 19, 2023, and January 16, 2024

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve minutes.

- c. Warrants/Payroll Register

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve and file Warrants/Payroll Register.