

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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, April 16, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Councilmember Waite led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Mayor Uphoff gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Gazeley, Segawa, Waite, Mayor Pro Tem Waronek, and Mayor Uphoff

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Hoefgen, City Attorney Rusin, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Public Works Director Dillon, Parks and Recreation Director Kelley, Senior Management Analyst Hernandez, and City Clerk Gregory

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

The Council recognized the 2024 Lomita Park Youth Sports Basketball Champions. Each participant and coach in attendance was presented with a certificate.

#### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Uphoff announced the time for oral communications.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, made comments relative to the City of Lomita being the friendly City, stated that he met the incoming city manager and thinks that Council made a good choice; mentioned the CERT Program, and encouraged residents and local businesses to become donors to the Lomita Library.

Terry Winn, Lomita Parks and Recreation Commissioner, spoke regarding the poor condition of parts of Walnut Street.

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**

Councilmember Gazeley reported on the following:

- April 4 – Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council Meeting

Councilmember Segawa reported on the following:

- Recent Certificate Presentation to Lomita Feed for Installing the First Mural in Lomita
- Recent Tour of the Site of the Fire on Palos Verdes Drive North
- April 9 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Founders Day Committee Meeting

Councilmember Waite reported on the following:

- April 8-9 – Geodesign Summit

Mayor Pro Tem Waronek reported on the following:

- Recent California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Executive Board Meeting
- Recent SCAG Housing and Community Development Meeting
- Recent Visit to Sacramento with Leadership Torrance
- April 17 – CCCA Board of Directors Meeting
- Announced April 19 Senior Scam Stopper Event at South Coast Botanic Garden
- Thanked the Red Cross for assistance to those impacted by the recent fire
- Announced the Lomita Railroad Museum Tea with Friends on April 28
- Announced the Golden Apple Awards on May 3

Mayor Uphoff reported on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the Red Cross and other agencies that helped those impacted by the recent fire
- April 8 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Transportation Committee Meeting
- April 8 – SBCCOG Steering Committee Meeting
- April 10 – League of California Cities Mayors and Councilmembers Roundtable
- April 11 – SBCCOG Legislative Briefing

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

Interim City Manager Hoefgen expressed condolences to the family and co-workers of Deputy Daniel Okamoto and stated that he was a valued member of our team and he would be greatly missed. He gave a brief update on the Vista Verde fire. Of the twenty-five residential units, eighteen were a complete loss. Seven units were inspected, by LA County Building and Safety, are in process of more inspections in consideration for residents to return, and staff would be on standby for any additional needs.

The Council expressed appreciation for Interim City Manager Hoefgen’s leadership and wished him well on his future endeavors, as tonight is his last Council meeting.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers 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. Proclamation Recognizing April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Proclamation.

- c. Warrant & Payroll Register

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file.

- d. Monthly Report for the Administrative Services Department

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- e. Monthly Report for the City Manager’s Department

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- f. Monthly Report for the Community & Economic Development Department