

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 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, May 7, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Mayor Pro Tem Waronek led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Councilmember Segawa gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Gazeley

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Vialpando, City Attorney Rusin, Assistant City Manager Sugano, Public Works Director Dillon, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, Senior Management Analyst Hernandez, Administrative Analyst Gastelum, 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 Segawa, Waite, Mayor Pro Tem Waronek, and Mayor Uphoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Gazeley

3. PRESENTATIONS

The Council presented newly appointed City Manager Vialpando with a Team Lomita jersey to welcome him to the City.

Mayor Uphoff thanked the sponsors of the April 25 "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" Walk.

Certificates of recognition and prizes were presented to the winners of the "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" Walk poster contest.

Certificates of recognition were presented to the City's "Common Canvas" mural contest winners, whose collaboration was unveiled at the "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" Walk.

The Sunstone Management Economic Development Challenge Team, comprised of second year Price Master students at USC, in partnership with the City's Community and Economic Development Department, gave a presentation on how to attract more businesses to Lomita. They shared the executive summary, background, and evaluation criteria. Proposed solutions include:

- Encouraging development through place-based incentive programs and rezoning
- Enhancing marketing and communications strategies
- Exploring low-cost, high-benefit opportunities and relationships with public and private partners through the Lomita Chamber of Commerce

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Uphoff announced the time for oral communications.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, commented that he liked the Sunstone presentation. He encouraged residents to shop local, and he stated that teachers make a big impact on students' lives.

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 Segawa reported on the following:

- Recent Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Meeting with L.A. County Fire Department
- April 24 – Lomita Station BBQ Fundraiser Honoring Deputy Daniel Okamoto
- April 24 – St. Margaret Mary's Fifth Graders Tour of City Hall
- April 24 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer at BBQ Element
- April 25 – "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" Walk
- April 28 – Lomita Railroad Museum Foundation Tea with Friends
- April 30 – 60th Anniversary/Founders Day Committee Meeting
- May 3 – Funeral Service for Lomita Station Deputy Daniel Okamoto
- May 3 – Golden Apple Awards
- May 4 – Sound the Alarm/American Red Cross Free Smoke Detector Installation
- May 5 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Health Fair

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- May 6 – 60th Anniversary/Founders Day Committee Meeting
- May 7 – 60th Anniversary/Founders Day Committee Meeting

Councilmember Waite reported on the following:

- April 17-19 – Cal Cities City Leaders Summit
- April 25 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Economic Development Meeting
- April 25 – SBCCOG Board Meeting
- April 28 – Lomita Railroad Museum Foundation Tea with Friends
- April 30 – Toyota Mobility Program at Cal State Dominguez Hills
- May 7 – South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Waronek reported on the following:

- April 17 – California Contract Cities Association Board of Directors Meeting
- April 19 – Senior Scam Stopper Event
- Recent Lomita-Harbor City Kiwanis Club Meeting with L.A. County Fire Department
- April 24 – Lomita Station BBQ Fundraiser Honoring Deputy Daniel Okamoto
- April 24 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer at BBQ Element
- Recent California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Executive Committee Strategic Planning Session
- April 28 – Lomita Railroad Museum Foundation Tea with Friends
- May 2-3 – Southern California Association of Governments Regional Conference General Assembly
- May 3 – Golden Apple Awards
- May 3 – Funeral Service for Lomita Station Deputy Daniel Okamoto
- May 5 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Health Fair

Mayor Uphoff reported on the following:

- April 25 – “Follow Me, I’m Gang and Drug Free” Walk
- April 28 – Lomita Railroad Museum Tea with Friends

6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Vialpando introduced Montserrat “Montse” Gastelum, the City’s new Administrative Analyst, who will start work on April 22.

He remarked upon attending Deputy Okamoto’s funeral service and extended condolences to his colleagues at Lomita Station. He thanked City staff and the Council for the warm welcome in his first week.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Pro Tem Waronek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Segawa, to approve the consent agenda items a-c and e-f, with item d pulled for separate discussion by Councilmember Segawa.