

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 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 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

b. Flag Salute

Councilmember Segawa led the salute to the flag.

c. Invocation

Mayor Uphoff gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers: Gazeley (*via teleconference from 25225 Doria Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717*), Segawa, Waite, and Mayor Uphoff

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Waronek

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Vialpando, City Attorney Rusin, Assistant City Manager Sugano, Public Works Director Dillon (*via Zoom*), Administrative Services Director Kamada, Associate Planner MacMorran, Parks and Recreation Director Kelley, Administrative Analyst Gastelum, Senior Management Analyst Hernandez, and City Clerk Gregory

e. Closed Session Report

City Attorney Rusin stated that the Council met in open session at 5:30 p.m. and recessed to closed session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss the following item:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) (one case): Letter from Denise Fellers regarding BKK Landfill

All Councilmembers except for Mayor Pro Tem Waronek were present (*Councilmember Gazeley participated via teleconference from 25224 Doria Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717*), and there was no reportable action.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Segawa made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gazeley, to approve the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Gazeley, Segawa, Waite, and Mayor Uphoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Waronek

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

Wells Fargo Bank representatives presented the City with a smaller, framed replica of a mural depicting the early days of Lomita that had been on display at the branch in the City until its recent closure. Mayor Uphoff's wife Karen and Senior Management Analyst Hernandez were instrumental in securing this piece of Lomita history.

The Council presented certificates of recognition to retiring local LAUSD teachers and school staff.

### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Uphoff announced the time for oral communications.

Andy Bangash, Lomita resident and Board Director for the Licensed Adult Residential Care Association (LARCA), spoke of difficulties he has endured with a proposed project in the City.

City Manager Vialpando stated that he would set up a meeting with Mr. Bangash to discuss the matter.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, thanked Councilmember Segawa and Mayor Uphoff for attending the South Bay Association of Realtors Mayors Breakfast on May 14. He added that City staff gave a presentation on what makes Lomita "the friendly city."

Lucas Simmons, Lomita resident, expressed support for the school loading zone study and the Metro C Line extension into Torrance.

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 had nothing to report.

Councilmember Segawa reported on the following:

- May 8 – Arbor Day Tree Planting Event
- May 14 – South Bay Association of Realtors Mayors Breakfast
- Recent Little League Meeting

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- May 16 – American Red Cross Hometown Heroes Event
- May 20 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Founders Day Committee Meeting

Councilmember Waite reported on the following:

- May 13-14 – South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce Sacramento Trip
- May 16 – American Red Cross Hometown Heroes Event
- May 16-19 – California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) Annual Municipal Seminar

Mayor Uphoff reported on the following:

- May 8 – Arbor Day Tree Planting Event
- Recent South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Transportation Committee Meeting
- Recent SBCCOG Steering Committee Meeting
- May 13 – Get Together Salon Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting
- May 16-19 – CCCA Annual Municipal Seminar

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

City Manager Vialpando announced the City’s Memorial Day celebration will take place on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Councilmember Segawa made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Waite, to approve the consent agenda items 7a-i and 7k-n, with item 7j pulled for separate discussion by Councilmember Segawa.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Gazeley, Segawa, Waite, and Mayor Uphoff

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Waronek

- 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 March 19, 2024

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve minutes.

- c. Warrants/Payroll Register

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

- d. Monthly Report for the Administrative Services Department

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the report.

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the report.

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the report.

- g. Monthly Report for the Recreation and Facilities Department

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the report.

- h. Monthly Report for the Public Works Department

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the report.

- i. April 2024 Treasury & Investment Report

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the report.

- k. Authorize Release of Bid Package and Approve CEQA Exemption for the Sidewalk Repair Program Project

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize staff to release the bid package for the Sidewalk Repair Program Project, and find the project categorically exempt from CEQA.

- l. Zone G Street Reconstruction Project: Authorize Release of Bid Package for Phase 1 and Approve CEQA Exemption for All Phases

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize staff to release the bid package for the Zone G Street Reconstruction (Phase 1) and find all phases of this project categorically exempt from CEQA (Phase 1 to 4).

- m. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Tripepi Smith to Conduct Public Outreach Regarding SB 1383 Organics Recycling

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to an Agreement with Tripepi Smith to conduct public outreach regarding SB 1383 organics recycling.

- n. Contract with Fun Services So-Cal for Founders Day 2024

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the City Manager to approve a contract with Fun Services So-Cal.