

**MINUTES OF THE  
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 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

Councilmember Waite gave the invocation.

d. Roll Call

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

**ABSENT:** None

**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, Parks and Recreation Director Kelley, 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 roll call vote:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

City Manager Vialpando introduced the video presentation for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It will soon be placed on the City's website and on social media.

The Council presented a certificate of recognition to Narbonne High School teacher Jennifer Morris Barbee for being named an LAUSD Teacher of the year. Narbonne Principal Dr. Heather Karuza spoke of Ms. Morris Barbee's accomplishments.

Ms. Morris Barbee expressed her appreciation for the honor.

### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Uphoff announced the time for oral communications.

Heidi Butzine, President/CEO, Lomita Chamber of Commerce, introduced Chris Chartier, Grocery Outlet owner/operator, and his wife, Stephanie Rose.

Mr. Chartier spoke of the warm reception from Lomita residents and business owners, and invited everyone to the June 13 grand opening which will feature gift card giveaways and special offers.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, thanked staff for the opportunity to interview for the Parks & Recreation Commission, and thanked Director Dillon for her service (notably on streets and the water system) as she is leaving the City soon. He also commented on Los Angeles Fleet Week and a VIP tour of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson that he attended.

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 Waite reported on the following:

- May 23 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board Meeting
- May 27 – Memorial Day Event
- Recent Meeting with Supervisor Janice Hahn's Office Regarding the 2028 Summer Olympics
- May 29 – Lemonade Day Interview with Two Participants
- May 29 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Still Got It Fitness

Councilmember Segawa reported on the following:

- May 27 – Memorial Day Event
- May 29 – Lomita Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Still Got It Fitness
- May 29 – Lemonade Day Interview with Two Participants
- Recent Founder's Day/60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meetings

Councilmember Gazeley reported on the following:

- May 27 – Memorial Day Event

Mayor Pro Tem Waronek reported on the following:

- May 13-14 – South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce Sacramento Trip
- May 16-19 – California Contract Cities Association Annual Municipal Seminar
- May 27 – Memorial Day Event
- Commented on his recent trip to Rome where he met Pope Francis

Mayor Uphoff reported on the following:

- May 23 – L.A. Metro Board Meeting

## 6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Vialpando reported that Congressman Ted Lieu and Congresswoman Nanette Barragan submitted legislation to convey the Little League baseball fields on the Navy's Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) property situated within the City of Lomita boundaries to the City.

He invited residents to the Night at the Railroad Museum on June 14 and to the Grocery Outlet ribbon cutting at 10 a.m., June 13. He introduced Savannah Baca, the City's new Planning Intern, and announced that Public Works Director Dillon will soon be leaving the City to take a position with another agency.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call 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. Minutes of the Special City Council Meetings of March 28, 2024, and March 29, 2024

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve minutes.

- c. Warrants/Payroll Register

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