

**MINUTES OF THE
LOMITA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 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, July 2, 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 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, Administrative Services Director Kamada, Community and Economic Development Director Rindge, Interim Public Works Director Hernandez, Parks and Recreation Director Kelley, and City Clerk Gregory

e. Closed Session Report

City Attorney Rusin stated that the Council met in open session at 5:12 p.m. and shortly thereafter recessed to closed session 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 with the exception of Councilmember Waite were present and there was no reportable action taken.

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

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

Lomita Legends, nominated by community members, were honored by the Council. Each honoree in attendance was presented with a certificate of recognition. Legends Duane DeArman and Gertrude Carpenter-Jury were honored posthumously.

A brief break in the meeting took place from 6:36 p.m. to 6:42 p.m. to allow time for those audience members in attendance for the presentations to exit the Chambers.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Uphoff announced the time for oral communications.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, thanked Director Rindge for her service, particularly in regard to her work on the General Plan and with the General Plan Advisory Commission (GPAC). He praised the Living Legends presentation.

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:

- June 21 – Rancho Palos Verdes State of the City Event
- June 22 – ALADS (Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs) Dinner Meeting
- June 24 – Founders Day/60th Anniversary Committee Meeting
- June 27 – Circle of Honor Event
- Thanked staff for a successful Founders Day/60th Anniversary Celebration

Councilmember Gazeley reported on the following:

- Thanked staff for a successful Founders Day/60th Anniversary Celebration

Councilmember Waite reported on the following:

- Thanked staff for a successful Founders Day/60th Anniversary Celebration

- June 27 – South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting where Mayor Uphoff was elected 2nd Vice-Chair
- June 28 – Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal Meet and Greet

Mayor Pro Tem Waronek reported on the following:

- Thanked staff for a successful Founders Day/60th Anniversary Celebration and acknowledged various elected officials who attended or sent well wishes
- July 1 – Mixer for the Lomita Sheriff Station Foundation; announced that they are seeking board members
- July 17 – California Contract Cities Association Meeting with L.A. County Fire Department

Mayor Uphoff reported on the following:

- Thanked staff for a successful Founders Day/60th Anniversary Celebration

After brief Council discussion, staff were directed to work with the City Attorney's Office and Lomita Sheriff's Station to consider whether the City should create its own anti-encampment ordinance in light of the recent Supreme Court decision on the issue. Staff were also directed to look into the feasibility of bringing back to Council discussion and consideration of an ordinance that would hold parents responsible for minors who engage in graffiti in the City.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (information only)

City Manager Vialpando gave kudos to Councilmember Segawa and Mayor Pro Tem Waronek for their hard work on the Founders Day/60th Anniversary Committee and recognized City staff for putting on a great event. He also noted that tonight is the final Council meeting for Director Rindge, whose last day at City Hall will be July 16, and stated that she will be missed.

Director Rindge stated that Lomita is the best of the five jurisdictions for which she has worked, and that it truly is "the friendly city."

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

City Manager Vialpando remarked on item 7d, stating that it is a request to appropriate monies, as this project was merely conceptual back in July of 2023, prior to current budget approval. Since then, the Circle of Honor subcommittee has provided input to staff, and this agreement is for conceptual design services for a redesign.

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