

Artesia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Lima called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Taj, Councilmembers Manalo, Ramoso, and Trevino.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Burke, Acting Deputy City Manager/Finance Manager Murguia, City Attorney Nguyen, City Clerk Alderete, Public Works Manager Sanchez, Community Development Director Dor, Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra, Special Projects Manager Lee, and Management Analyst Fajardo.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Juno Smalley from New Life Community Church delivered the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Artesia, Savanna Sousa led the pledge of allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5A. Public comments could be provided, in person or submitted by email to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us by 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Lorelei Bailey and Margaret Saito provided public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

6. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Taj, Councilmembers Trevino, Ramoso, and Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments.

7. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

7A. Congresswoman Michelle Steel's Seniors of Distinction Award
A Senior of Distinction Award was accepted by Betty Lou Ormande.

7B. National Preparedness Month
A proclamation for National Preparedness Month was accepted by Commissioners Lou Trerolola and Paul De Medeiros.

7C. National Hispanic American Heritage Month
A proclamation for National Hispanic Heritage Month was presented by the Council.

7D. Presentation of Portraits to the 2024 Miss Artesia Court
Portraits to the 2024 Miss Artesia Court were presented by Linda Gonzales to Miss Artesia Teen Princess Miranda Cadena, Miss Artesia Teen Princess Savanna Sousa, Miss Artesia Teen Princess Hannah L. Cadena, Miss Artesia Princess Jhanvi Karla, Miss Artesia Princess Ashley Hernandez, and Miss Artesia Candace Mitchell.

8. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

8A. International Street Fair & Diversity Festival Update
Parks & Recreation Manager Guerra provided updates. Mayor Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Taj, Councilmembers Trevino, Ramoso, and Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Taj moved, seconded by Trevino, to approve consent calendar items 9A-9J (excluding item 9K)
Motion carried, 5-0

9A. Reading of All Ordinance and Resolutions Adoptions on the Agenda and
Read by Title Only

Recommended Action: Waive reading, by title only, of all ordinances and resolutions. Said ordinances and resolutions which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

9B. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve minutes as presented for June 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting, July 1, 2024 - Special Meeting (open session), July 29, 2024 - Special Meeting (open session)

9C. Accounts Payable Check Register

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

9D. City Financial Report - July 2024

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

9E. Second Reading of Ordinance for Newly Paved Street Protections

Recommended Action: Conduct Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 24-950, Adding Chapters to the Artesia Municipal Code Relating to Protections for Newly Paved Streets, Encroachment Permits and Unauthorized Work in Public Right-of-Ways, and Making a Determination of Exemption from CEQA Pursuant to State Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5)

9F. Second Reading of Ordinance for Sidewalk Vending Regulations

Recommended Action: Conduct Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 24-958, Adding Article 9 ("Sidewalk Vending") to Chapter 2 ("Business Permits and Business Permit Fees") Title 3 ("Finance") of the Artesia Municipal Code, Imposing Regulations on Sidewalk Vending

9G. Resolution for Agreement for the Artesia Climate Ready: A Pathway to Climate Action and Adaptation Program

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3015, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements With the California Department of Transportation for the Artesia Climate Ready: A Pathway to Climate Action and Adaptation Program

9H. Resolution of Intention to Set and Hold a Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance Granting Franchise Rights to Golden State Water Company

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3012, Declaring its Intention to Adopt an Ordinance Granting to Golden State Water Company the Right, Privilege, and Franchise to Lay, Maintain, and Use Pipes and Appurtenances for Transmitting and Distributing Water for Any and All Purposes Under, Along, Across, or Upon the Public Streets and Places Within the City of Artesia and Setting the Public Hearing on the Adoption of this Ordinance for October 14, 2024

9I. Resolution for Highway Permit for Temporary Street Closure

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3011, Approving a Highway Permit for the Temporary Closure of a Portion of Ashworth Avenue Between Devlin Avenue and Clarkdale Avenue Pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 21101(e) in Connection with the Approval of the Artesia D.E.S. Portuguese Hall - Popular Saints Festival Procession to be Held on Saturday, September 21, 2024; and make a Determination of Exemption under CEQA Pursuant to Section 15301(c) Existing Facilities (Class 1) of the CEQA Guidelines.

9J. Resolution for Highway Permit for Temporary Street Closure

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3013, Approving a Highway Permit for the Temporary Closure of Various City Streets, Pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 21101(e) in Connection with the Artesia 65th Anniversary 5k Run/Walk to be Held on Saturday, November 16, 2024; and make a Determination of Exemption under CEQA Pursuant to Section 15301(c) Existing Facilities (Class 1) of the CEQA Guidelines.

ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (9K)

9K. Resolution to Amend Unrepresented Management Employees' Medical Benefits

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3014, Amending Resolution No. 22-2902, Regarding Unrepresented Management Employees' Medical Benefits
City Attorney Nguyen provided staff report. Councilmember Ramoso asked questions and/or provided comments.

Ramoso moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve agenda item 9K, as recommended.

Motion carried, 5-0

10. PUBLIC HEARING

10A. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance Amending Parking and Boundaries of Old Downtown

Recommended Action: Open and conduct a public hearing; conduct first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 24-959, amending regulations in article 11 (off-street parking and loading) of chapter 2 of title 9 (planning and zoning) of the Artesia Municipal Code Relating to Parking Spaces Required within the Boundaries of Old Downtown; and make a determination of exemption under CEQA pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

Community Development Director Dor provided staff report. Mayor Lima opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Lima closed the public hearing. Mayor Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Taj, and Councilmember Trevino asked questions and/or provided comments.

Taj moved, seconded by Trevino, to approve item 10A, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0

10B. Continued Public Hearing from August 12, 2024 City Council Meeting,
Planning Case 2024-17 - Request Dong Ah Development Inc.

Recommended Action: Continue public hearing from the August 12, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting; and adopt Resolution No. 24-3010, drive-through carwash with self-service vacuum stations, 2) Design review for a two story commercial retail building and an automated drive through carwash with electric vehicle charging stations, 3) Design review for a comprehensive sign program, and 4) Lot merger for the subject property located at 11701 South Street within the commercial general (C-G) zone and determining the project categorically exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA guideline section 15332, C32 in-fill development projects (Case No. 2024-17)

Community Development Dor provided staff report. Mayor Lima opened the public hearing. Lorelei Bailey provided public comment. Mayor Lima closed the public hearing. Mayor Lima asked questions and/ or provided comments.

Ramoso moved, seconded by Taj, to approve item 10B, as recommended.
Motion carried, 4-0-1 (Abstained: Trevino)

11. DISCUSSION

11A. Appointment of Abel Avalos as City Manager

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3016, appointing Abel Avalos as City Manager and approving an employment agreement

City Attorney Nguyen provided staff report. Mayor Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Taj, Councilmembers Trevino, Ramoso, and Manalo thanked Appointed City Manager Abel Avalos for joining the city. Appointed City Manager Abel Avalos thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Manalo moved, seconded by Taj, to approve item 11A, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0

12. CITY MANAGER INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

Interim City Manager Burke provided updates.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Taj, Councilmembers Manalo, Ramoso, and Trevino asked questions and/or provided comments.

Councilmember Ramoso did not attend any public meetings at public expense.

Councilmember Manalo did not attend public meetings at public expense. Councilmember Manalo attended the Conceptual Development Review Committee Meeting, and noted she will be attending the Contracts Cities Legislative Committee meeting.

Councilmember Trevino attended a conference on Catalina Island for the Council of Governments at public expense.

Mayor Pro Tem Taj traveled to Sacramento as part of an advocacy group with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn for the Southeast Gateway Line.

Mayor Lima did not attend the Council of Governments meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk