

**JOINT MEETING OF THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING & THE SPECIAL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ARTESIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE
ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taj called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Avalos, Deputy City Manager Burke, City Clerk Alderete, City Attorney Nguyen, Finance Manager Murguia, Community Development Director Dor, Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra, and Special Projects Manager Lee.

3. INVOCATION

Councilmember Ahir delivered the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sergeant Ramos led the pledge of allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 provided public comments.

6. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

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

7. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

7A. Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Social Hour Run Club.

7B. Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Optimum Care Therapy.

8. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS – NONE

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trevino moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve consent calendar items 9A-9L (excluding item 9L)

Motion carried, 5-0

9A. Waive 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. Accounts Payable Check Register - November 2024

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9C. Second Reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 24-960, An Ordinance of the City of Artesia, California Adding Article 46 to the Artesia Municipal Code to Prohibit Short-Term Rentals Throughout the City and Finding the Action Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to State CEQA guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3).

9D. Second Reading of an Ordinance Granting Golden State Water Company a Franchise Agreement

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 24-957, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Artesia, California, Granting to Golden State Water Company, A California Corporation, the Right, Privilege and Franchise to Lay and Use Pipes and Appurtenances for Transmitting and Distributing Water For Any and All Purposes Under, Along, Across, or Upon the Public Streets, Ways, Alleys, and Places as the Same or Now or May Hereafter Exist, Within Said Municipality

9E. Second Reading of An Ordinance Relating to Time, Date, and Location of the Placement of Solid Waste Collection Containers

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 24-964, an Ordinance of the City Council of

the City of Artesia, California, Amending Section 6-2.114 of Chapter 2 (Solid Waste and Recycling) of Article 1 (Garbage, Rubbish, and Waste Materials) of Title 6 (Sanitation and Health) of the City of Artesia Municipal Code Relating to the Time, Date, and Location of the Placement of Containers for Waste Collection and Finding the Action Exempt from CEQA under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations § 15061(B)(3).

9F. Annual and Five-Year Development Impact Fee Report
Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9G. Amendment No. 1 with Shaw Industries, Inc. for Flooring Replacement Project at the Albert O. Little Community Center
Recommended Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the construction contract between the City of Artesia and Shaw Industries, Inc. for flooring services at the Albert O. Little Community Center, increasing the total contract amount by \$74,842.98 for a revised not-to-exceed total of \$273,444.93, and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the Council; and make a Determination of Exemption under CEQA Pursuant to Section 15301(d).

9H. Resolution Approving Plans for the Electric Vehicle Charging Facility Expansion Project
Recommended Action: 24-3024, Approving Plans for the Electric Vehicle Charging Facility Expansion Project; and Make a Determination of Exemption Under CEQA Guideline 15301.

9I. Resolutions for Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) and Administrative Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025-26
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. ASA 24-48, Approving a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Fiscal Period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and Taking Related Actions; and Adopt Resolution No. ASA 24-49, Approving Proposed Administrative Budgets for the Six-Month Fiscal Periods from July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, and Taking Related Actions

9J. Resolutions Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and Updating Personnel Authorized to Examine Confidential Records
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3025, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for Implementation of a Local Transactions and Use Tax; and Resolution No. 24-3026, Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Tax Records

9K. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Requirements for Fireworks Stand Permits
Recommended Action: Waive full reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 24-965, Amending Sections 103 and 104 of Chapter 2 of Title 4 of the Artesia Municipal Code Regarding Permits for Fireworks Stands; and Make a Determination of Exemption from CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060, subd. (c)(2), (3) and Section 15378.

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

9L. Retention Employee Bonus Policy
Recommended Action: Approve the Retention Bonus Policy with the corrected amounts of \$3,500 for full-time employees and \$2,000 for part-time employees.

City Manager Avalos provided staff report and recommended the approval of a one-time retention bonus for all current employees, excluding himself. City Manager Avalos clarified the recommended amounts at Councils' recommendation in closed session were \$3,500 for full-time employees and \$2,000 for part-time employees. Mayor Taj, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Ramoso, Manalo, and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments.

Trevino moved, seconded by Ramoso, to approve agenda item 9L, as recommended. Motion carried, 4-1, with Councilmember Ahir opposed.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

10A. Continuation of Introduction of an Ordinance Regarding Smoke Shops
Recommended Action: Waive Full Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 24-961, An Ordinance of the City of Artesia Recommending that the City Council Adopt a Zoning Ordinance, Adding Article 47 to Chapter 2 to Title 9 Regarding Smoke Shops, and Finding the Ordinance to be Exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines

Sections 15301, 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15061(b)(3).

Mayor Lima opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Lima closed the public hearing.

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

11. DISCUSSION

11A. Community Benefit Grant Awards for Calendar Year 2025
Recommended Action: Grant funds from the Community Benefit Grant Program, contingent of execution of a Community Benefit Agreement, for the following amounts to each group:

Artesia Chamber of Commerce for \$18,000;
Friends of Artesia Library for \$25,000;
Artesia Historical Society for \$37,500;
Saahas for Cause for \$13,000;
South Asian Network for \$11,500; and
Artesia-Cerritos Lions Club for \$12,000.

Deputy City Manager Burke provided a staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Ramoso, Manalo, and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments.

Manalo moved, seconded by Ramoso, to approve Grant funds for the Community Benefit Grant Program for all organizations except Saahas for a Cause to accommodate Councilmember Ahir's recusal.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Trevino moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve Grant funds for the Community Benefit Grant Program for Saahas for a Cause.
Motion carried, 4-1 with Councilmember Ahir recused.

11B. Resolution Designating Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Surplus as Assigned Fund Balances
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3022, Designating Certain Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Funds as Assigned Fund Balance

Finance Manager Murguia provided staff report. City Attorney Nguyen making note that the resolution would be corrected to reflect the amounts as approved by Council on item 9L. Councilmembers Ramoso, Manalo, and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments.

12. CITY MANAGER INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

City Manager Avalos provided updates.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Ahir did not attend public meetings at public expense

Councilmember Manalo did not attend public meetings at public expense. Councilmember Manalo attended the California Contract Cities Board meeting at SoCalGas in Downey, and the California Contract Cities Legislative meeting.

Councilmember Ramoso attended The Department of U.S. Labor Hall of Heros event, honoring Filipino farm workers in Washington DC, Chamber of Commerce Installation at public expense. Councilmember Ramoso attended the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Meeting and the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc meeting.

Councilmember Trevino did not attend public meetings at public expense. Councilmember Trevino attended the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Taj attended the League Leaders event at public expense.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taj adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk