

**ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**  
**ALBERT O. LITTLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 18750 CLARKDALE AVENUE,**  
**ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lima called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Lima, Mayor Pro Tem Taj, Councilmembers Manalo, Ramoso, and Trevino. Councilmember Ahir joined the meeting during the reorganization program.

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, Special Projects Manager Lee, Management Analysts Tafoya-Nacionales, Laquian, Stewart, and Zambrano, and Administrative Secretary Nieto-Linares

**3. INVOCATION**

Father Matthew Fernandez from Holy Family delivered the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Miss Artesia, Savanna Sousa led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Leilani Joy Tom sang the National Anthem.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments could be provided, in person or submitted by email to [publiccomments@cityofartesia.us](mailto:publiccomments@cityofartesia.us) by 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Margaret Saito and Lety Mendoza provided public comments.

**7. REORGANIZATION PROGRAM**

7A. November 5, 2024 Election Results

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 24-3021, Reciting the Facts of the General Municipal Election Held on November 5, 2024, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

Trevino moved, seconded by Taj, to approve agenda item 7A, as recommended.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Lima handed the gavel over to Mayor Pro Tem Taj to lead the meeting.

7B. Presentation of Certificate Election to Elected and Re-Elected Councilmembers  
City Clerk Alderete presented Councilmembers Manalo and Ahir with Certificates of Election.

7C. Oath of Office

Mayor Tony Lima administered the oath of office to Councilmember Zeel Ahir  
Amanda Manalo, Esq., Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles County administered the oath of office to Councilmember Monica Manalo.

7D. Comments from Elected and Re-Elected Councilmembers

Councilmember Zeel Ahir provided comments.

Councilmember Monica Manalo provided comments.

7E. Selection of Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Taj opened the nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Manalo nominated Mayor Pro Tem Taj; Council affirmed the nomination with a unanimous vote.

7F. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Taj opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Ramoso nominated Mayor Pro Tem Trevino; Council affirmed the nomination with a unanimous vote.

7G. Incoming Mayor's Comments

Mayor Taj provided comments.

**8. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Taj adjourned the special meeting at 8:46 p.m.



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Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk