

Artesia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Taj called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Manager Avalos, Deputy City Manager Burke, Finance Manager Murguia, City Attorney Nguyen, City Clerk Alderete, Public Works Manager Sanchez, Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra.

3. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino delivered the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Manalo led the pledge of allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5A. 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. Lorelie Bailey and Margaret Saito provided public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

6. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

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

7. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

8. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

None

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trevino moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve consent calendar items 9A-9H (excluding items 9G and 9H)
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. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes as Presented for November 18, 2024 - Regular Meeting.

9C. Accounts Payable Check Register - December 2024

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9D. City Financial Report - October and November 2024

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9E. Second Reading of an Ordinance Regarding Smoke Shops
Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 24-961, 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).

9F. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Requirements for Fireworks Stand Permits
Recommended Action: Adopt 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 (9G & 9H)

9G. Mayor’s 2024 Appointments to Internal and External Committees
Recommended Action: Receive and File.

Mayor Taj stated that a Legislative Committee would be formed. Mayor Taj appointed Mayor Pro Tem Trevino and Councilmember Ramoso to the Legislative Affairs Committee. City Manager Avalos provided input. City Manager Avalos informed the Council that there was an error in placing Councilmember Ahir as an alternate to the Los Angeles County Vector Control Board and that the alternate would be removed. Councilmember Ramoso asked questions and/or provided comments.

Ahir moved, seconded by Trevino, to approve agenda item 9G, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

9H. Appointments for Beautification and Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Public Safety Commissions, and Measure M Citizens’ Oversight Committee.
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Councilmembers Ahir and Manalo made the following appointments and Councilmember Manalo informed staff she would be appointing a new Planning Commissioner at a future meeting.

	Beautification	Public Safety	Parks & Rec.	Planning	Measure M
Councilmember Manalo	Rameshor Bhandari	Aracelly Rodriguez	Stephanie Rodriguez	--	Skip Vega
Councilmember Ahir	Ron Phan	Pat Pacheco	Maurice Pantoja	Chirag Patel	Ashika Patel

City Clerk Alderete swore in the new commissioners.

Ahir moved, seconded by Ramoso, to approve agenda item 9H, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

10. PUBLIC HEARING
None

11. DISCUSSION

11A. Resolution Approving Revised Fiscal Year 2024-25 Citywide Salary Schedule
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 25-3027, Repealing Resolution No. 24-2894, and Approving and Adopting a City-Wide Salary Schedule as Required by the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) For, Respectively, Unrepresented Management Employees, Employees of the Managers and Supervisors Unit, and Employees of the General Unit

Finance Manager Murguia provided staff report. Councilmember Ramoso asked questions and/or provided comments.

Trevino moved, seconded by Ramoso, to approve agenda item 11A, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

11B. Resolution to Amend Unrepresented Management Employees Deferred Compensation Benefit

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 25-3023, Amending Resolution No. 22-2902, Regarding Unrepresented Management Employees Deferred Compensation Benefits.

City Manager Avalos provided staff report.

Manalo moved, seconded by Ahir, to approve agenda item 11B, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

12. CITY MANAGER INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

City Manager Avalos provided updates.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Manalo attended the California Contract Cities Association Legislative tour at public expense. Councilmember Manalo attended the Council of Governments meeting.

Councilmember Ahir attended the California Contract Cities Association Legislative tour at public expense.

Councilmember Ramoso attended the California Contract Cities Association Legislative tour at public expense. Councilmember Ramoso attended the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino attended the California Contract Cities Association Legislative tour at public expense. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino attended the SELACO meeting, the City Selection meeting.

Mayor Taj attended the California Contract Cities Association Legislative tour at public expense. Mayor Taj requested the city look into having a lobbyist for Sacramento and Washington D.C.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. in memory of Commissioner Albert Sosa.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk