

Artesia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10, 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 7:01 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, and Special Projects Manager Lee.

3. INVOCATION

Bishop Lary Carlton from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints delivered the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sergeant Ramos 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. Veronica Bloomfield, Margaret Saito, and Bill Zylstra provided public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

6. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

6A. Certificate of Recognition - Los Angeles County Fire Department, Station 30
A Certificate of Recognition was accepted by Los Angeles County Fire Department Acting Assistant Fire Chief Dao.

6B. Certificate of Recognition - Los Angeles County Sheriff Artesia Special Assignment Officers
A Certificate of Recognition was accepted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff Lakewood Station Deputies and Sergeant Ramos.

6C. Certificate of Recognition - California Highway Patrol
A Certificate of Recognition was accepted by California Highway Patrol Officer Captain Mellissa Hammond.

6D. Gateway Cities Energy Action Award Presentation
Executive Director of the Gateway City Council of Governments, Hector De La Torre, presented the Council with a gold award.

6E. Black History Month Proclamation
A proclamation for Black History Month was presented by the Council

7. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

7A. Distinguished Young Women
Monica Manni, Erin Cho, Ann Huong, and Gabby provided updates regarding the Cerritos - Artesia Distinguished Young Women Program and thanked the Council.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS (Mayor Taj moved Item 12, Councilmember Comments, before the Consent Calendar)

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

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trevino moved, seconded by Ahir, to approve consent calendar items 8A-8N, (excluding items 8G, 8K, 8L, and 8N)

Motion carried, 5-0

8A. 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.

8B. Accounts Payable Check Register - January 2025

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

8C. City Financial Report - December 2024

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

8D. AB 1234 Reporting

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

8E. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes as Presented for December 9, 2024 - Regular Meeting, December 9, 2024 - Special Meeting, December 16, 2024 - Regular Meeting, December 16, 2024 - Special Meeting.

8F. Addition and Cancellation of Regular March Council Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the Addition of March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. and Cancel the March 10, 2025 Meeting.

8H. Title VI Plan

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 25-3029, Approving an Update to the City of Artesia Title VI Program, Which Provides for Non-discriminatory Public Transportation Services.

8I. Event Facility Use Permit For Ajit Dudheker to Hold a Holi Festival on Saturday, March 16, 2025 at Artesia Park

Recommended Action: Approve the Issuance of a Large Event Facility Use Permit.

8J. Contract for Public Health Services Provided by County of Los Angeles

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution No. 25-3028, Approving the Public Health Services Contract between the City of Artesia and the County of Los Angeles, and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Contract on the City Council's Behalf.

8M. Creation of Artesia Botanical Garden Ad-Hoc Committee

Recommended Action: Staff recommends the City Council Appoint Mayor Pro Tem Trevino and Councilmember Ramoso to an Ad-Hoc Committee Regarding the Development of the Artesia Botanical Garden.

ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (8G, 8K, 8L, and 8N)

8G. Removal and Appointments for Beautification and Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, and Planning Commission

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

City Clerk Alderete swore in Commissioners Bhandari and Pantoja.

Manalo moved, seconded by Trevino, to approve agenda item 8G, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

8K. Agreement with City of Cerritos for a Joint Street Rehabilitation Project on Portions of 195th Street and Flora Vista Street

Approve the Agreement between the City of Artesia and the City of Cerritos for a Proposed Joint Street Rehabilitation Project on 195th Street, between Flora Vista Street and Ely Avenue, and Flora Vista Street, between Norwalk Boulevard and 195th Street and Make a Determination of Exemption from CEQA.

Public Works Manager Sanchez provided staff report. Councilmember Ramoso asked questions and/or provided comments.

Ramoso moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve agenda item 8K, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

8L. Community Benefit Grant Fund Reallocation for Calendar Year 2025

Recommended Action: Reallocate Grant Funds from the Community Benefit Grant Program from the Chamber of Commerce to the installation of cameras and security measures at Artesia Park.

Deputy City Manager Burke provided staff report. Mayor Trevino asked questions and/or provided comments.

Trevino moved, seconded by Ahir, to approve agenda item 8L, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

8N. Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Legislative Platform for Calendar Year 2025.

Deputy City Manager Burke provided staff report. Councilmember Ramoso asked questions and/or provided comments.

Ramoso moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve agenda item 8N, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9A. Introduction of an Ordinance Regarding Dwelling Units

Recommended Action: Waive Full Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 25-963, Amending Title 9, Chapter 2, Article 45 of the Artesia Municipal Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units to Comply with Recent Changes in State Law, and Finding the Action to Be Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code § 21080.17.

Acting Planning Manager Art Bashmakian provided staff report. Mayor Taj opened the public hearing. No public comments were provided. Mayor Taj closed the public hearing.

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

10. DISCUSSION

10A. Transmittal of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24
Recommended Action: Receive and file.

Finance Manager Murguia provided staff report. Mayor Taj, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Ramoso, and Manalo asked questions and/or provided comments.

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

10B. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget
Recommended Action: Staff Recommends That the City Council, Adopt Resolution No. 25- 3030, Approving a Statement of Investment Policy, and Repealing Resolution No. 24-2995; and Approve the Proposed Mid-Year Budget Adjustments.

Finance Manager Murguia provided staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino asked questions and/or provided comments.

Ahir moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve agenda item 10B, as recommended.
Motion carried, 5-0.

10C. League of California Cities 2025 Advocacy Priorities
Recommended Action: Discuss the League of California Cities Advocacy Priorities and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Further Action.

Deputy City Manager Burke provided staff report. City Manager Avalos provided input. 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 10C, to write a letter advocating and supporting the January 23rd Public Safety Committee Letter advocating for public safety to be one of the four priorities this year.
Motion carried, 4-0-1-0-0. Taj abstained.

11. CITY MANAGER INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

City Manager Avalos provided updates.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers Ramoso and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. in memory of former Parks and Recreation Manager David Coleman.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk