

Artesia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 14, 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 Ahir, Manalo, and Ramoso.

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

Nayan Mahraj from the Hindu faith delivered the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ananya Anand, Eagle Scout, Troop 693G 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. Lloyd Stevens, Lorelei Bailey, Adan De La Garza, and Andrew Perry provided public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

6. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

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

Councilmember Manalo attended the Gateway Cities COG meeting, and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's 67th District's Women of Distinction event.

Councilmember Ahir attended the Rotary Club meeting.

Councilmember Ramoso attended the Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's 67th District's Women of Distinction event, Greater Los Angeles Vector Control meeting, Neighborhood Watch meeting, and the League of California Cities Implementation Forum.

7. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

7A. Certificate of Recognition - Ananya Anand, Eagle Scout, Troop 693G

The certificate of recognition was accepted by Ananya Anand.

7B. Donate Life Month Proclamation

The proclamation was accepted by Elsa Garcia Chao.

7C. Autism Awareness Month Proclamation

The proclamation for Social Work Month was accepted by ABCUSD Boardmember Nishei and SELPA Program Specialist, Stephanie Peterson.

7D. Ramadan Month Proclamation

The proclamation was not presented.

7E. Arbor Day and Earth Day Proclamation

The proclamation was accepted by Parks and Recreation & Beautification Commissioners.

7F. National Volunteer Month Proclamation

The proclamation was accepted by AJ Padelford Park Teen Center Volunteers and Halo Club volunteers.

7G. Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day Proclamation

The proclamation was accepted by Natalie Bruton-Yenovkian.

8. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS - NONE

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trevino moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve consent calendar items 9A-9I.
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 – March 2025

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9C. City Financial Report - February 2025

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9D. AB 1234 Reporting

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9E. City Council Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes as Presented for March 5, 2025 - Special
Meeting, March 17, 2025 - Special Meeting, March 17, 2025 - Regular Meeting

9F. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Vacant Properties

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 25-966, an Ordinance Amending Chapter
24 (Vacant Buildings and Foreclosed Properties) of Title 5 (Public Welfare) of the
Artesia Municipal Code Relating to the Maintenance of Vacant Properties; and Find
that the proposed Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act
("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

9G. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Regarding Accessory
Dwelling Units

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. 25-963, An Ordinance of the City Council
of the City of Artesia, California, 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 CEQA Under Public Resources Code § 21080.17.

9H. Heritage Trees at the Botanical Garden

Recommended Action: Resolution No. 25-3031, Designating 10 Trees Identified by
Number as 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 at the Artesia Botanical Garden
Site Located at 11462 178 Street, Artesia, CA as Heritage Trees

9I. Third Amendment to the Transportation Services Agreement to Provide
Extended Electric Bus Service

Recommended Action: Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute on the City

Council's Behalf the Third Amendment to the Transportation Services Agreement with Pcam, LLC Dba Parking Company of America in the Not-to Exceed Amount of \$545,000 to Operate and Maintain the City's Electric Bus.

10. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

11. DISCUSSION - NONE

12. CITY MANAGER INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

City Manager Avalos provided updates.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk