

Artesia City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 12, 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, Acting Planning Manager Valdez, Interim Community Development Director Lopez, Management Analyst Fajardo, and Management Analyst Flores.

3. INVOCATION

Rob Golding, from First Christian Reformed Church 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. Matthew Church, Yvette Hernandez, and Margaret Saito 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 Council of Governments Board meeting.

Councilmember Ahir attended the Contract Law Workshop hosted by the City of Cerritos, the Cal Cities Conference, and SCAG regional conference.

Councilmember Ramoso attended the public works ad-hoc committee meeting, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting, the California Contract Cities meeting at Norwalk, and Congressman Derek Tran's Town Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff Public Safety informational session, a SELACO meeting at Julio's Pizza, the neighborhood watch meeting on Summer's St.

Mayor Taj attended a SCAG meeting.

7. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

7A. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation

A proclamation for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month was accepted by South Asian Network Representative Belvinder Kaur.

7B. Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

A proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month was accepted by Sahas Representative.

7C. Law Enforcement Appreciation Month

A proclamation for Law Enforcement Appreciation Month was accepted by Los Angeles County Sheriff Sergeant Ramos.

7D. Staff Introduction

Deputy City Manager Burke introduced new Management Analyst Mario Flores.

8. BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS

8A. Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Update

Acting Scientific Technical Manager Tania Posey provided updates.

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

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trevino moved, seconded by Manalo, to approve consent calendar items 9A-9L, (excluding 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 – April 2025

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

9C. City Financial Report –March 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 April 17, 2025 Special Meeting, April 14, 2025, Special Meeting, and April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting

9F. Agreement With Human Services Association To Provide a Senior Nutrition Program

Recommended Action: Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Proposed Agreement for Senior Nutrition Program Services With Human Services Association.

9G. Professional Services Agreement for Information Technology Services with BrealT Solutions

Recommended Action: Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Proposed Agreement the Professional Services Agreement With BrealT Solutions for an Amount Not-To- Exceed \$95,000.

9H. Rejection of Bids for the Electric Vehicle Charging Facility Expansion Project and of a Resolution to Dispense with Competitive Bidding.

Recommended Action: Reject All Bids for the Electric Vehicle Charging Facility Expansion Project in Accordance with Section 3-4.14 of the Artesia Municipal Code; Authorize Staff to either Rebid This Project at a Future Date or Negotiate a Contract Directly with a Contractor in Accordance with Resolution No. 25-3033; and Adopt Resolution No. 25-3033, Dispensing with Competitive Bidding for the Electrical Vehicle Charging Facility Expansion Project.

9J. 2025 City of Artesia Pavement Management Program

Recommended Action: Consider and find That the Pavement Management System Is

Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301; Approve the Proposed 2025 City of Artesia Pavement Management System; Authorize the City Manager to Sign and Submit a Pavement Management System Certification to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and Authorize Staff to File a Notice of Exemption With the Los Angeles County Clerk Within Five (5) Days.

- 9K. Request to Display the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall in Recognition of Pride Month

Recommended Action: Approve the Display of the Progress Pride Flag on the Flag Pole in Front of City Hall from June 2, 2025 to June 30, 2025 per the City's Flag Display Policy.

- 9L. Resolutions for Street Lighting Maintenance District Initiating Proceedings, Approving the Engineer's Report, Declaring the City's Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments, and Setting the Date of the Public Hearing

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 25-3036, Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Assessments Within the City of Artesia Street Lighting Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Ordering the Preparation of an Engineer's Report Pursuant to the Provisions of Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets; and Highways Code; Adopt Resolution No. 25-3034, Approving the Report of the Engineer for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in Connection With the City of Artesia Street Lighting Maintenance District; and Adopt Resolution No. 25-3035, Declaring Its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments Within the City of Artesia Street Lighting Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Pursuant to the Provisions of Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code, and Appointing a Time and Place for Hearing Protests.

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

- 9I. Award of Contract for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sidewalk and ADA Compliant Improvements Project

Recommended Action: 1. Consider and Find That the Proposed Project Is Categorically Exempt Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (C) - Existing Facilities (Class 1); Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Sidewalk And ADA Compliant Improvements Project (PW 2025-003); Award a Construction Contract for Construction of the Sidewalk and ADA Compliant Improvements Project to CJ Concrete Construction Inc. In the Amount of \$125,819.00 and Authorize a 15% Contingency in the Amount of \$18,872.85, for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$144,691.85; and 4. Authorize the City Manager To Execute the Construction Contract, Along With Making Non- Substantive Revisions to the Construction Contract That Do Not Change the Contract Price for the Project.

Management Analyst Fajardo provided staff report. City Manager Avalos provided input. Councilmember Ramoso asked questions and/or provided comments.

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

10. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

11. DISCUSSION

11A. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Process for the Abatement of Public Nuisances

Recommended Action: Consider and Find That This Ordinance Is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to Section 15061(B)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and introduce Ordinance 25-267, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 (Administrative Citations) of Title 1 (General Provisions) and Chapter 1 (Public Nuisances) of Title 5 (Public Welfare) of the Artesia Municipal Code Relating to the Abatement of Public Nuisances.

Management Analyst Flores provided staff report. Deputy City Manager Burke, City Attorney Nguyen, and City Manager Avalos provided input. Councilmember Ramoso, Manalo, and Mayor Pro Tem Trevino asked questions and/or provided comments

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

12. CITY MANAGER INFORMATIONAL REPORTING

City Manager Avalos provided updates.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk