

Artesia City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – 6:30p.m.
City Council Chambers
18747 Clarkdale Avenue Artesia, CA 90701

1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Taj called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Deputy City Attorney Papajohn, City Clerk Alderete, Finance Manager Murguia, Parks and Recreation Manager Guerra, Public Works Manager Sanchez, and Management Analyst Zambrano.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING 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. No public comments were provided.

4. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

4A. Posthumous Certificate of Recognition for Jesus "Jesse" Lujan
A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Mr. Lujan's family.

5. DISCUSSION

5A. Professional Services Agreement with New City America, Inc. for Business Improvement District (BID) Evaluation and Formation Services

City Manager Avalos introduced the item and provided input. Management Analyst Zambrano provided staff report. Mr. Li Mandri, New City America, Inc. provided presentation. Mayor Taj, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmember Ramoso, Manalo, and Ahir asked questions and/or provided comments

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino moved, seconded by Councilmember Ahir, to approve the recommended contract with New City of America, Inc. for the Improvement District (BID) Evaluation and Formation Services which are not to exceed \$131,000.
Motion carried, 5-0.

6. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to discuss the closed session items listed on the agenda at 8:10 p.m.

The City Council will recess to closed session to discuss the following items:

6A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager

7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened in open session.

8. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Deputy City Attorney Papajohn reported that there was no reportable action. He reported that at the next Regular City Council Meeting, there will be an item on the agenda for an amendment to the City Manager's contract to adjust the salary.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk