

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes

June 20th, 2023 7:06 PM – 8:44 PM

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER 7:06pm

1.1 Flag Salute by Oliver Brake and Lichen Hartigan which included a Pride Month message and introduction by Councilmember Arnzen.

1.2 Councilmember Wong called role.

Attending – Victoria Knapp, Billy Malone, Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Veronica Jones, Diane Marcussen, Reginald Wilkins, Pat Sutherlen and Doug Colliflower. Councilmembers Chris O'Malley, Alan Peck, Rod Bryce, Connor Cippola, Sylvia Vega, and Sandra Thomas, Reginald Wilkins, were excused. Moved forward without a quorum. Councilmember Malone arrived later and we held off on the one vote item (agenda approval) until then.

1.3 Vice Chair Knapp made motion to approve June 20th, 2023 meeting with following changes- deleted CT Tract 4603.01. Approved by proclamation until Councilmember Malone's arrival.

2.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair Veronica Jones mentioned Juneteenth celebrations.

2.2 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp yielded her report to for Pride month's earlier message.

2.3 Recording Secretary Nic Arnzen moved to approve May16th, 2023 Minutes by unanimous consent. Chair approved.

2.4 Treasurer Chris O'Malley gave January report. Started \$1975.75, one deposit of \$209.00, and ended with balance of \$2184.75.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary Wong made special announcements that can be seen on the ATC website.

3.0 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 California Highway Patrol Report by Officer Keller. April had 22 traffic collisions, of those - 7 involved injuries, 3 hit and run, 3 DUI. 1 injury was bicycle/vehicle.

Councilmember Marcussen asked if CHP helps with firework enforcement. Answer was no unless it involved road safety.

Councilmember Arnzen requested follow up on death of Edward Bronstein in CHP custody and specifically updated policies availability to public for review and is new training happening and will it include current officers. New guidelines are available and will be sent to Council. Training is currently happening and will include new and current officers on an annual basis.

Councilmember Knapp read a proclamation of appreciation of office technician Stacey Morning who is leaving the station.

- Councilmember Malone arrived -

3.2 Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Williams introduced Deputy Abrahimi who was present to hear local issues and concerns. The Captain reported aggravated assaults increased by 10%. There was a shooting on June 3rd at 11:55pm at Fair Oaks and Calaveras. There was a party and an argument ensued and a young man was shot in the back. The victim survived. Property crimes were down 35%, theft from vehicles were down 17%. He also spoke on the return of the VITA program and Explorer program. More info available at Sheriff's station.

Councilmember Knapp asked if residents should report Fireworks directly to station, answer was yes.

Councilmember Arnzen asked if there is any training in response to Charles Townes incident prior to the DOJ investigation results. Answer was yes and the training is also expanded to full county officer pool. Councilmember Sutherlen asked for any insight of the high number of aggravated assaults concentrated in her census tract.

3.3 LA County Fire Acting Assistant Chief Sprengel reported 360 responses in May, 283 medical calls, 212 patients transported. 2 fires responded to- 1 vehicle, 1 trash fire. 6 Hazardous condition calls. 11 traffic accidents reported. Reminder that all fireworks are illegal in Unincorporated LA County except for professional presentations.

-Out of order- Agenda vote was held by Vice Chair Knapp and approved unanimously by Councilmembers present.

4.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(Presentations switched order as 4.1 Presentation had not yet been downloaded)

4.1 Angeles National Forest Ranger Butler gave a presentation introducing the work of the Forest Rangers and the organization.

4.2 Chris Shepperd with Public Works gave update on bear carts. There will be an education outreach in the form of a flyer and a sign-up list created. Organic/composting pail deliveries should have happened and if no delivery has happened by the end of the June contact 1-888-CLEAN LA

5.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Parks and Rec representative Guillermo Portilla reported on upcoming events. Samuel Estrada was also in attendance and gave additional info.

5.2 Nikki Winslow reported on activities at the Altadena Libraries.

5.3 Judy Matthews of the Chamber of Commerce presented June and July events..

5.4 ACCAB rep Pat Sutherlen reported on the Community Centers updates and events.. Saturday, July 8 2-4pm will be 20th celebration of Community Center, public is invited.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use Chair Diane Marcussen reported Land Use did not meet in June but a couple projects will be coming later this summer.

6.2 Communication Committee Chair Nic Arnzen reported on ongoing and new projects including updated community survey being created. Requested Council input.

6.3 Safe Streets report by Chair Dorothy Wong. Meetings are always 4th Thursday of each month. Highlighted Bicycle Master Plan.

7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Colomes spoke about the illegal bbq food trucks that continue to take over the streets. Asking how these are continuing and what can we do to stop them. Health and safety issues. What happened to the Lincoln corridor ideas from years ago?

Jeanie Thompson spoke of suffering from illegally operating taco stands. Disruption to the neighborhood. Feels like the neighborhood is being ignored. Asking council to take action.

Eric Fischer. Frustrated about the illegal food stands issue. Asked what can we do to give Sheriff power to do something. Commented that ticketing isn't working, and these illegal stands need to be shut down. Noted that neighbors are angry and frustrated.

8.0 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1 4601 Councilmember Knapp reported on upcoming repairs of Altadena Drive in tract 4601. Will disrupt traffic for two weeks in July 17th-31st. This will affect upper Altadena Drive and lower Altadena Drive will be done in January 2024.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones called for adjournment at 8:44pm