

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes

July 18th, 2023 7:02 PM – 9:02 PM

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER 7:02pm

1.1 Flag Salute by Altadena Station Captain Jabari Williams

1.2 Councilmember Wong called role.

Attending – Victoria Knapp, Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Veronica Jones, Pat Sutherlen, Doug Colliflower, Connor Cipolla, Sylvia Vega, Chris O'Malley, and Sandra Thomas. Councilmembers Billy Malone, Rod Bryce, Reginald Wilkins, Diane Marcussen, and Alan Peck were excused. Moved forward with a quorum.

1.3 Vice Chair Knapp made motion to approve July 18th, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. Change noted- Removal of item 3.1.1.

2.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair Veronica Jones noted upcoming Town Council elections and encouraged residents to consider running.

2.2 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp reminded Covid is still spreading. Also reminded that school will be resuming soon and urged residents to be mindful of schools and students around them.

2.3 Recording Secretary Nic Arnzen moved to approve June 20th, 2023 minutes by unanimous consent. Chair approved.

2.4 Treasurer Chris O'Malley gave June report. Started with \$2184.75 no deposits or withdrawals 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

Off Agenda, Councilmember Arnzen brought up Chris Sheppard from Public Works who announced bear cart rollout beginning at end of the month and was present outside to answer questions.

3.1 Rotary Rep Mark Mariscal presented Sheriff Williams with a check to support upcoming National Night Out.

Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Williams introduced Deputies Eglesias, Zamora, and Batee.

The Captain spoke to hiking issues and recent death of hiker and one missing. Gave tips to stay hydrated, hike with partner, and stay on trails. Added that you should not keep valuables in your vehicles when hiking. Noted mail theft on the rise. Still looking for Explorers and Volunteers.

Station has partnered with state pilot program called SAFE. They target liquor stores to make sure they follow rules and create a proper community environment.

Councilmember Arnzen asked for any Charles Townes update, there were none.

3.2 California Highway Patrol Report by Officer Keller. June had 26 traffic collisions, of those - 8 involved injuries, 4 hit and run, 1 DUI. 1 Vehicle vs. Pedestrian collision.

Investigating multiple traffic complaints and have been writing increased violation tickets.

Councilmember Arnzen requested follow up on death of Edward Bronstein in CHP custody and providing updates on training.

Councilmember Wong inquired who best to call when vehicles doing "donuts" and tire marks from activity not observed. CHP suggested 911.

3.3 LA County Fire spokesperson Maria Grycan reported 353 responses in June, 292 medical calls, 223 patients transported. 4 fires responded to. 7 incidents of power lines down/hazardous conditions.

4.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.1 James Dragan of LA County Public Health spoke about unpermitted street vendors.

4.2 Melissa Farwell of Raw Inspiration, the new management company for Altadena Neighborhood's Farmers Market, spoke.

5.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Parks and Rec representative Guillermo Portillo reported on upcoming events.

5.2 Nikki Winslow reported on activities at the Altadena Libraries.

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

5.4 ACCAB rep Pat Sutherland reported on the upcoming Celebration for the Community Center.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Communication Committee Chair Nic Arnzen reported on the updated resident survey that has been distributed to council for review.

6.2 Safe Streets report by Chair Dorothy Wong. Meetings are always 4th Thursday of each month.

7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bobby and Jeanie Thompson spoke out against the illegal taco stand on Lincoln.

Claire Robinson asked the council to look into the county providing a mental health team to deal with folks on the street having issues.

8.0 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1 4601 Councilmember Cipolla reported delay on upcoming repairs of Altadena Drive in tract 4601.

8.2 4602 Reminded of upcoming Community Center anniversary.

8.3 4603.01 Mentioned residents in 4603.01/4602/and 4603.02 will be seeing more road marking improvements. Also thanked continuing Farmer's Markets, both in person and on line.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair approved motion for adjournment at 9:02pm