

# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

November 21st, 2023 7:01 PM - 8:50 PM

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER 7:01pm

1.1 Flag Salute by U.S. Air Force Veteran Howard Smith

1.2 Councilmember Wong called role.

Attending – Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Veronica Jones, Pat Sutherlen, Alan Peck, Connor Cipolla, Doug Colliflower, Reginald Wilkins, and Diane Marcussen.

Councilmembers Victoria Knapp, Sylvia Vega, Billy Malone, Chris O'Malley, and Rod Bryce, were excused.

Moved forward with a quorum.

1.3 Councilmember Nic Arnzen on behalf of Vice Chair Victoria Knapp made motion to approve November 21st, 2023 meeting agenda with following changes- There will be a Vice Chair report as submitted by Vice Chair Knapp, Land Use Action item 5.1.3 moved to 5.1.1 and the other two were moved down accordingly. Treasurer's Report cancelled. Approved Unanimously with said changes.

## 2.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair Veronica Jones thanked Council for contributing to the Union Station Pie donation. She also reminded of the Holiday Party in December, details on ATC website.

2.2 On behalf of Vice Chair Knapp Councilmember Arnzen reported on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday party and made note of Native American month and mentioned the sacrifice of Native American Veterans.

2.3 Recording Secretary Nic Arnzen motioned to approve October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes with one minor correction. No objections. 2 Abstentions – Diane Marcussen and Alan Peck

2.4 Treasurer Report – REMOVED, will report in December. Donation can was distributed.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary Wong made special announcements that can be seen on the ATC website. They included upcoming ACONA meeting on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, sidewalk vending community discussion on Nov 30 at the library, Jan 23 will be Homeless count in Altadena, and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> sanitation community meeting at Community center.

## 3.0 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Williams reported aggravated assaults down 6%. 3 shootings; 1 accidental discharge in a home and is now in custody. The other 2 are being investigated by the gang unit- 1 possible road rage incident on 200 block of Calaveras with no injuries reported, and 1 shooting at McDonald's parking lot at Woodbury and Lincoln with 1 victim in stable condition. Property crimes up 2%, residential burglaries down 24%, and vehicle thefts down 4%. Grand Theft Autos down 4%. Petty thefts up 50% mainly out of yards and landscaping equipment. Trying to get a dedicated Altadena etching machine for equipment like this. Upcoming catalytic converter etching event and citizens academy, details on Sheriff Station site.

Chair Jones thanked station for tracking her down to make her aware of a family needing Thanksgiving dinner. Also asked about Charles White Park concerns and patrol requests especially on Sundays.

Councilmember Arnzen asked about any Charles Townes DOJ investigation updates, there were none.

Councilmember Wong asked about how to stop neighbor in the Meadows who is setting off sticks of dynamite.

3.2 California Highway Patrol Report by Officer Keller. September had 29 reported traffic incidents that included; 8 collisions with injury (one was vehicle vs. bicycle), 1 DUI, and 5 hit and run incidents. 1 was vehicle vs. pedestrian, 1 vs. bicyclist, and 1 vs. animal. Councilmember Sutherlen asked for info on New York and El Molino accident. They will follow up. Councilmember Wilkins asked about Pepper and New York vehicle vs. pedestrian accident. Councilmember Wong noted the large number of collisions this month and mentioned there has been concern that bicyclists are running stop signs which would highlight the need for dedicated bike lanes. She also noted we are near the one year mark of the two pedestrian deaths of 2022. Councilmember Marcussen presented retirement certificates for Captain Derek Moulten and Lieutenant Shamel Jones as well as a baby gift for Officer Bay.

3.3 LA County Fire Spokesperson Maria Grycan reported 385 responses in September, 316 medical calls, 254 patients transported. 7 fires reported. Most significant was structure fire on Palm street on Oct 20, no one hurt, fire confined to kitchen and estimated \$20,000 in damage. Other fires were; 2 vehicles, 1 trash, 1 cooking, 1 on Woodbury on a patio from electrical malfunction, and 1 power pole fire. 14 traffic accidents responded to.

#### **4.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS**

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

4.2 Nikki Winslow reported on activities at the Altadena Libraries.

4.3 Judy Matthews reported on Altadena Chamber of Commerce upcoming meeting and events.

#### **5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

5.1 Land Use Chair introduced three Action Items.

5.1.1 Review of Bob Lucas expansion and subsequent zoning conflict. Discovery that building was built within a setback and they were asking for continuation of that non-conforming setback. LUC approved without conditions. Council vote was taken and was approved unanimously.

5.2.2 Review of 2311 Wine Bar. No vote was taken at LUC meeting. Conditions were created and reviewed over the past two weeks and project was brought to Town Council without LUC recommendation vote. Project was reviewed and questions were asked. 32 conditions were attached. Vote was taken and recommended approval unanimous.

5.2.3 Review of Everson Royce Wine Store. No vote was taken at LUC meeting. Conditions were created and reviewed over the past two weeks and project was brought to Town Council without LUC recommendation vote. Project was reviewed and questions were asked. 27 conditions were attached. Vote was taken and recommended approval was unanimous.

5.2 Election Committee Chair Veronica Jones gave 2023 election report and motioned to approve election results. Approved unanimously.

5.3 Communication Committee Chair Nic Arnzen noted the new survey will be going live and begin distribution. Ave final opportunity for Council edits and suggestions.

5.4 Safe Streets report by Chair Dorothy Wong. Meetings are always 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Highlighted upcoming ACONA meeting focused on street safety, and Nov 30 County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan is being reviewed and adjusted with upcoming listening sessions. Info for both are on the ATC website.

## **6.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

George McGruder spoke about blockage at his cul de sac on Thurin and Pentagon due to morning school drop off at Aveson. Info given to Councilmembers Marona and Wong. Also concerned about illegal street vendor pop-ups. Additionally concerned about overnight and long term truck parking on Fair Oaks and other areas.

## **7.0 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS**

7.1 **4610** Chair Jones reported on the new stop signs at Figueroa and Windsor. Also noted that Supervisors meeting approved and released money for Charles White Park improvements to begin.

7.2 **4612** Councilmember Wilkins reported on recent vehicle vs. pedestrian injury and noted there is a lack of lighting and it's quite dark. Read into record a resident's letter.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT 8:50pm**