

ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

September 19th, 2023 7:00 PM - 9:18 PM

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

1.1 Flag Salute by John Muir ASB President EllaRyley Fortich

1.2 Councilmember Wong called role.

Chair Jones informed the Council Dr. Thomas has officially resigned from her Council seat.

There will be no special election as the regular scheduled election is in seven weeks.

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

Moved forward with a quorum.

1.3 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp made motion to approve September 19th, 2023 meeting agenda as submitted. Approved Unanimously.

2.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair Veronica Jones presented a letter penned to Supervisor Barger expressing concern and frustration with unpermitted pop-up vendors in our region. There were no changes suggested. Council voted unanimously to send the letter.

2.2 Vice Chair Victoria Knapp announced that Dr. Scheckel will be moving on to a new job in Hacienda Heights.

2.3 Recording Secretary Nic Arnzen motioned to approve August 15th, 2023 minutes as submitted. No objections

2.4 In the absence of Treasurer Chris O'Malley, Councilmember Arnzen gave July report. Started with \$2159.00 one deposit of \$162.85 and withdrawals totaling \$510.42. Ended month with balance of \$1811.43.

2.5 Corresponding Secretary Wong made special announcements that can be seen on the ATC website. They included reminders of Sept 30 Altadena Community Garden Picnic, ongoing Altadena Neighbors Farmers Market on Fridays at Loma Alta Park and ongoing online Altadena Farmers market on Wednesdays with pick up at the Pizza of Venice parking lot.

3.0 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff's Station Captain Williams reported aggravated assaults down 4% property crimes down 10%. Vehicle thefts are down 26% but continuing big issues at Eaton Canyon parking lot. Petty thefts are up significantly. Many incidents at 24 Hour Fitness in locker rooms and in parking lot.

Still working on parking enforcement operations.

Councilmember Malone asked about RV larger vehicle ordinance, wondered who will enforce during weekends and evenings. Sheriff Williams noted this is part of the operation that was

started last month and to report these residents should call the station during those hours. The station is employing a unit that will be coming to deal with this. Councilmember Arnzen asked for any updates to the DOJ Charles Townes investigation. There were no updates. Chair Jones offered condolences to the department for their recent loss of Officer Ryan Lincoln-Bloomer.

3.2 California Highway Patrol Report by Officer Keller. July had 19 traffic collisions, of those – 7 involved injuries, 1 DUI. Councilmember Marcussen asked about patrolling of Webster of Elementary and noted parents have been doing U-turns.

3.3 LA County Fire spokesperson Maria Grycan reported 398 responses in July, 314 medical calls, 238 patients transported. 6 fires responded to- 2 vehicle, 3 trash, 1 yard. 3 incidents of power lines down/hazardous conditions. 10 traffic calls 1 involved 2 pedestrians. Reminded of Genasys Protect is place which is an evacuation plan. Go to website to find your zone and more info - Protect.Genasys.com. You can also download the app “Genasys Protect”. Will be having a CERT sponsored meeting in October.

4.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Short Term Rental Ordinance presentation by Caroline Cheng and Monica Allen, Treasure and Tax Collectors office.

4.2 Monte Cedro Development Update by Keith Mayfield.

5.0 COMMUNITY REPORTS

5.1 Parks and Rec representative Guillermo Portillo reported on upcoming events. Introduced new Parks and Rec local Supervisor Charles Carter who will be assigned to Loma Alta and Farnsworth Parks.

5.2 Nikki Winslow reported on activities at the Altadena Libraries.

5.3 Judy Matthews with Altadena Chamber of Commerce gave report.

5.4 Rotary Club international Altadena Chapter report by Doug Colliflower.

5.5 Pat Sutherlen gave a report for ACCAB

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Land Use Committee Chair Diane Marcussen introduced a project to vote on.

6.1.1 Councilmember Arnzen introduced Action item - Nancy's Greek Café Project RPPL2022007398. Applying to serve a full line of alcohol. Presentation was given and it was reported that Land Use voted in favor to recommend with conditions. Prior public comment and due diligence was reviewed.

6.1.2 There was no new public comment. Full council vote was taken to recommend approval with conditions and passed unanimously.

6.2 Election Committee Chair Veronica Jones gave dates for upcoming Town Council Election: Councilmember Application deadline October 13, early voting on Saturday November 4th and regular voting on Tuesday November 7. Voting locations at both libraries and Prime Pizza. Applications can be found on Altadena Town Council website.

6.3 Communication Committee Chair Nic Arnzen introduced resident lead for the Internship program, Isis Moulden. Isis reported on restructuring of Internship intake and transfer to student leadership. She also reported on the PUSD summer internship program that Altadena Town Council took part in and presented a certificate of appreciation to the council from PUSD.

6.4 Safe Streets report by Chair Dorothy Wong. Meetings are always 4th Thursday of each month. Next one is September 28th 7pm. Upcoming walk to school day on October 4th with 8-9 local schools participating.

7.0 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was a large number of public comments and they can be viewed on the YouTube channel found on our website.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT 9:18pm

Motion for adjournment in honor of Officer Ryan Lincoln-Bloomer at 9:18pm was approved unanimously.