

# **Mira Mesa Town Council Minutes**

**May 1, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Mira Mesa Branch Library community room**

**(with planned virtual broadcast via MMTTC Facebook Live)**

- 1) Call to order by Vice President Pam Stevens [MMTC President Bari Vaz absent]**
- 2) Flag Ceremony with National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance led by Scouts BSA Troop 1212 Honor Guard, Scoutmaster Alex Bedoya**
- 3) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD if present)**
  - a) SDPD Northeastern Division – Officer Christina Santos – not present
  - b) SD Fire Department Station 38 – Captain Joe Raymundo – not present
- 4) Approval by MMTTC members of March 6 meeting Minutes (posted online) – approved.**
- 5) President’s Report – Pam Stevens for Bari Vaz**
  - a) Tomorrow is the deadline for scholarship applications.  
MMTC is organizing a community picnic on July 2 at Hourglass Park prior to Fireworks.
- 6) Main Program: Michael Spencer, President, Scripps Mesa Fireworks – Fireworks Return!**

**Fireworks will be Sunday, July 2, 2023, at 9pm.** Prime viewing area is Hourglass Field Park east of Black Mountain Road, since display will be set off from new Wangenheim joint use fields. Would have cost \$35,000 to have it on July 4. We will have about 500 fireworks going up. Will cost ~\$18,000. 4” shells. About \$4,000 short, so need to raise that much for this year. We are among the last in San Diego to have Fireworks. We are community supported – no public money. Will be talking to Miramar College about parking. Need to get the word out. Bari has been trying to get Hourglass Park for a Community Picnic.
- 7) Government and Community Resources**
  - a) Meet the Mira Mesa Women’s Club – expanded community group report by Susan Sragovicz, with an overview of the club and its community projects, including the recent “Little Free Library” Celebration April 23 in Sandburg Park and upcoming events such as a craft fair in June.
    - i) Lived in Mira Mesa since 1974. Small organization that does a lot of projects. First Little Free Library in City Park in San Diego. Two parts – one for kids, one for adults. Overall Women’s Club programs include focus on education, women’s health and well being. Comfort pillows for women undergoing breast cancer treatment. Resident nerd – does newsletter. Adopted Walker Elementary. 70% of children are low income – highest percentage of any school north of I-8.
  - b) Mira Mesa Library – Ina Gibson, Branch Manager
    - i) Now open on Sunday. 1-5.
    - ii) Two book clubs. Bibliomaniacs. Banned Book Club. BB often reads the one book, one San Diego book. Using Zoom. Pam is the coordinator. 3D Printer is working.
  - c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – Jeff Stevens, Chair emeritus.
    - i) At the last meeting former City Councilman Chris Cate was elected as the new Chair of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group.
  - d) Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group – Joe Frichtel, Chair
    - i) Three projects. Wangenheim is 65% done. Salk is 50% done. Phase 2 Community Park has been approved by a City Council Committee, now goes to City Council.
    - ii) La Jolla Garden Club just spent ~\$50k to put 25 trees plus irrigation at Mesa Verde Park.
    - iii) Next meeting Tuesday 7 PM Lopez Ridge Park.
  - e) Miramar College – P. Wesley Lundburg, President [absent tonight].
- 8) Elected Officials – standing reports**
  - a) City Councilmember Kent Lee – Sheldon Zemen
    - i) City Budget Town Hall on May 8, 6 PM, Miramar College.
    - ii) Active Transportation and Infrastructure committee approved construction of Mira Mesa Community Park Phase 2.

- iii) Last meeting for Sheldon. New Mira Mesa rep is Jermaine Rocacorba.
- iv) Q: schedule for Gold Coast. Sheldon will find out.
- b) San Diego Unified School Board – Sabrina Bazzo
  - i) President of School Board. Area is Mira Mesa, Clairemont, Kearny cluster, Scripps Ranch.
  - ii) Cluster meeting – all principals and many parents. Good place to announce fireworks. Joe will do it.
  - iii) Thank Susan for money for teachers – means a lot to them. Students choose the teacher.
  - iv) Taste of Mira Mesa was a great event, raised \$20,000.
  - v) Have additional funding for summer school. Focused on low income students.
  - vi) Jo Ann Schmidt – volunteer for many years. Classified employee of the year.
  - vii) Tutoring programs this summer. High school students helping elementary school students. 40 or 50 high school students tutoring this summer. May 22, 5:30 PM.
  - viii) Thanks for people who supported husband following his brain tumor diagnosis and surgery. Continuing to do well.
- c) Mayor Todd Gloria – Michaela Valk
  - i) See attached report.
- d) County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, District 3 – Rachel Beck. Not present.
- e) State Senator Brian Jones – Mark Schaeffer
  - i) Sent letter regarding SDG&E fixed charge proposal based on household income. Hoping this one will be reconsidered. Based on AB 205. Will get more details.
  - ii) SB14 will make human traffic of minors a serious felony.
  - iii) SB74 ban on TikTok and similar apps to be downloaded onto State owned devices.
  - iv) SB31 homeless encampment bill died in committee. Also reduction in gasoline tax.
  - v) Senior scam stopper program Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>. 20 minute presentations each on various tools available.
- f) State Assemblyman Chris Ward – Miki Holmes.
  - i) May is small business month.
  - ii) AB275 would allow school districts to pay school board members.
  - iii) AB205 goal was to equalize playing field and make it easier for low income to pay their bills. Second goal is to encourage electric use.
- g) US Congressperson Sara Jacobs - Kathleen Dang. Had to leave for emergency, but submitted a report by email, which is attached.
- h) San Diego Community College District Board Member Bernie Rhinerson (not present).

## 9) Open Forum, 2 minutes each, non-agenda items

- a) Joe Frichtel –Need to build Carroll Canyon Road. When 3Roots and Stone Creek are completed, it must be finished. Planning group deals with issues.

## 10) Other MMTC Committee Reports [8:40 pm]

- a) Street Fair – Jeff Stevens. Street Fair will be on October 7, 2023. Planning has started. Vendor, Performer and Sponsor applications have been posted on the MMTC website.
- b) Scholarships – Eric Kolbeck. Have a few applications already. Last day is tomorrow. Link on MMTC website. Giving three \$1000 scholarships.
- c) Treasurer’s Report – Jonathan Lea. Little activity this month.
- d) Banner District – Jennifer Kvalvik. Not present.
- e) Membership – Yvonne Negron. We have 97 current members. Have membership applications. Please sign up.

## 11) Adjournment by 9pm

***Next meeting: Monday, June 5, 7pm at Mira Mesa Branch Library***

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## Report from Kathleen Dang for US Congressperson Sara Jacobs:

In Washington D.C.

- **Team member positions are opening in DC and SD. Please contact me for more information.**

In the District

- Our new office is located in Kearny Mesa. We are open by appointment only.
  - Phone: (619) 280-5353
- Our office is available to help you with any federal agency issues. Please reach out if you need support regarding the IRS, VA, USCIS, US Postal Service, and more.
  - <https://sarajacobs.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency.htm>
- The U.S. Department of State has reported delays in passport processing for all services to take as long as **11 weeks**.
  - <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/processing-times.html>
  - Our office may be able to help you if you have life or death international travel very soon.

Kathleen Dang, Community Representative

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## Report from Michaela Valk for Mayor Todd Gloria:

### Mayor Gloria's "Getting It Done" Budget

As mentioned in my report last month, Mayor Gloria released his ["Getting It Done" Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget](#) a \$5.12 billion spending plan focused on delivering on the major investments included in the last two budgets, while adding strategic new expenditures to address homelessness, repave streets and enhance public safety.

Calling it his "Getting It Done" budget for its emphasis on execution, Mayor Gloria's goal is to sustain all funding from the prior budget year, maintaining service levels while adding expenditures needed to make progress in key priority areas.

### **ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS**

The FY24 Proposed Budget expands general fund support for homelessness, adding \$24.5 million to maintain and operate the nearly 70 percent in additional shelter bed capacity the City has achieved to date under Mayor Gloria's leadership.

The FY24 budget adds \$5 million to further expand shelter capacity in FY24, including funding for a Safe Sleeping program; \$2.3 million for rental assistance for San Diegans who are at risk of losing their housing; and \$1.4 million in funding to support new positions and vehicles to remove waste from the public right-of-way in areas most heavily affected by encampments.

The total budget of \$81.7 million for homelessness services includes considerable state and federal funding, the largest source of which is the State of California's Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention program, which provides \$30.8 million of the total budget.

### **DELIVERING ON INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS**

The Fiscal Year 2023 "Ready to Rebuild" budget marked the City's largest-ever investment in infrastructure and significantly expanded the capacity of the City's workforce to deliver critical capital projects that benefit San Diego communities.

This year's budget is focused on delivering on the promise of those investments and additional investments in road repair, stormwater and facilities like parks.

The proposed budget allocates nearly \$140 million to street repair/resurfacing – the most the City has invested in any given year. The funding is expected to enable the City to resurface 157 miles of streets, including both full overlay and slurry seal.

The budget adds \$21.5 million to the Infrastructure Fund to continue making necessary improvements to city facilities, parks and stormwater infrastructure.

The budget includes \$38.6 million in Capital Improvement Program funding for parks and playgrounds, as well as the development of new green spaces throughout the city. **This includes the outstanding funding for Salk Joint Use for Mira Mesa.**

## **KEEPING SAN DIEGO SAFE**

The FY24 Proposed Budget fully funds the City's Police and Fire-Rescue departments for the third straight year, with strategic investments that will help first responders be more effective in their life-saving operations.

The budget adds \$2.2 million to fund 10 Police Investigative Service Officers (PISOs) and 11 other civilian positions to support administrative functions more cost-effectively for the Police Department, freeing up sworn police officers for patrol and responding to calls for service.

It also allocates of \$4 million to deploy smart streetlights, which will be placed throughout the city to help solve crime and investigate collisions involving fatal and serious injuries.

Critical new positions are being added to the Fire-Rescue Department, including four positions that will be focused on fire safety inspections and the hazardous-materials management and two new lifeguard positions for La Jolla Shores beach, with one of those positions for the winter months for year-round coverage.

The budget also funds the Lifeguard Division's biannual Advanced Lifeguard Academy, a 10-week lifeguard academy that provides advanced training in law enforcement, cliff rescue and water rescue and other advanced disciplines.

Funds from the settlement of litigation with opioid manufacturers totaling \$4.4 million will be deployed across homelessness, medical services and law enforcement, with \$2.7 million going to fund harm-reduction and safe-haven shelters and the balance split between funding the PLEADS restorative justice program (\$762,000); new vehicles for the Resource Access Program, which aids high-needs 911 callers who typically struggle with chronic mental health or substance use issues (\$775,000); and equipment to help law enforcement detect fentanyl (\$196,000).

## **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND EQUITY**

While the FY24 budget is balanced for a single year, its development considers future years and accounts for the likelihood of a revenue dip in the next few years that could necessitate cuts.

The spending plan was developed to avoid creating new programs that will later need to be cut, and also adds \$6.8 million to General Fund reserves, bringing the City's total reserves to a responsible level.

It also keeps in reserve for future years the \$52 million balance of the \$120 million excess equity fund – funds created when expenditures are lower than projected, revenues are higher than expected, or both.

The budget is also the first developed under a Budget Equity Framework designed to ensure department-level budget requests and proposals were evaluated with an equity lens to identify disparities and begin the process of eliminating them, so that ultimately, no neighborhood will be left behind.

Mayor Gloria will formally present his proposed budget to the City Council on April 24, [followed by several weeks of department-level public hearings leading up to the release of a revised budget on May 18](#) that incorporates City Council and community feedback. Final consideration by the City Council will take place in mid-June, with adoption of an appropriation ordinance due no later than June 30.

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