



# AGENDA

## REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA CITY COUNCIL

La Junta, Colorado

July 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

601 Colorado Avenue

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Pruyn)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mayor Pruyn)

INVOCATION (Council Member McIntyre)

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

Council Members

Supervisors

Others

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Mestas

Velasquez

McIntyre

Pruyn

Ochoa

Vela

Eckhart

PRESENTATION: Southern Colorado Economic Development District – Michael Yerman

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Mayor) (Action)

Regular Meeting July 6, 2021

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY **(5 minute time limit per person)**

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee/Board Reports

B. City Manager's Comments

C. Governing Body Comments

D. ADJOURN

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING, THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4) (e)

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 6, 2021**

STATE OF COLORADO )  
COUNTY OF OTERO ) SS  
CITY OF LA JUNTA )

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Jeffri Pruyn on Monday, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Council Member Vela gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** The following Council Members were present:

Eugene Mestas, Ward 1  
Paul Velasquez, Ward 1  
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor  
Chandra Ochoa, Ward 2  
Edward Vela, Ward 3

Absent: Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2  
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Also present: Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager  
Phil Malouff Jr., City Attorney  
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk  
Paula Mahoney, Admin. Asst.  
Betty Velasquez, La Junta  
James Bartolo, LJ Tribune  
Bette McFarren, RF Gazette

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 21, 2021. Hearing none, the Mayor declared the minutes approved as published.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):**

1. Council Member Vela: While passing posters promoting the Santa Fe Trail Symposium, I talked to a lot of employers, they volunteered to me, that it is hard to find employees that want to work. There's a lot of jobs out there
2. Council Member Velasquez: Vaccination update: On June 26<sup>th</sup>, there were nine people who received their shot at the La Junta Pool and on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, there were four people who received their shot at the City Park. There will be another vaccination site at the pool on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and it will be the Phizer and Johnson & Johnson shot available for ages 12 and up. Tomorrow there will be a Facebook Live at 6:00 p.m. for people having questions. This doctor speaks both English and Spanish.
3. Council Member Vela: I read that La Junta has a rate of 23% people having been vaccinated. We need to get the word out and have more publicity.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Committee/Board Reports**

1. Utilities Board (Council Member Vela):
  - We meet next Tuesday.
2. Tourism Board (Mayor Pruyn):
  - Next meeting is July 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Urban Renewal (Mayor Pruyn):
  - We meet this Thursday.
4. Senior Center (Council Member Velasquez):
  - They'll probably hold their first dance either September or October.
  - Fed up to 100 people at the covered dish.
  - Can still get Rockies tickets.
  - When the Senior Center took their trip to San Diego, their picture was taken at the ball field and is hanging up in the front office of the Colorado Rockies.
  - Senior Swim is held at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with 27 attending in the morning and 15-17 attending in the evening.
  - Virgil, Celeste and Dawn were very instrumental in getting the kids back home. It's an excellent representation of La Junta.

**B. Asst. City Manager's Comments**

1. On July 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>, during the nighttime, we will be shutting down Santa Fe, Colorado and Raton on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets for seal coating and striping.

**C. Governing Body Comments**

1. Council Member Velasquez:
  - There were 1,516 calls for the month of June for the Police Department. Most were domestic violence and restraining orders. I was able to attend some patrol rifle training. They take their training serious.
  - Getting together a group of citizens to gather participants regarding the proposed amphitheater.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF LA JUNTA**

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor