

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

City Council Minutes

Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting – July 31, 2018

These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were actually considered.

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the San Clemente City Council was called to order on July 31, 2018 at 4:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California, by Mayor Brown.

PRESENT DONCHAK, HAMM, SWARTZ, WARD, MAYOR BROWN

ABSENT NONE

STAFF PRESENT Erik Sund, Assistant City Manager; Scott Smith, City Attorney; Joanne Baade, City Clerk; Laura Campagnolo, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Introduction of Juan Gonzales, Public Affairs Manager with SoCal Gas

Juan Gonzales introduced himself as the new local Public Affairs Manager with SoCal Gas; urged the public to call SoCal Gas before digging to ensure that gas lines are avoided.

Condition of the San Clemente Police Facility

Gene James, San Clemente, voiced concern with the condition of the Police facility at 100 Avenida Presidio.

3. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER DONCHAK, CARRIED 5-0, to waive reading in full of all Resolutions and Ordinances.

MEETING RECESSED

Council recessed at 4:37 p.m. to enable Staff to provide live cable television coverage of this meeting; reconvened at 4:47 p.m. with all members present.

Cable Television Coverage of Council Meetings

Council requested that a discussion be agendized for a future meeting relative to the types of City Council meetings that are aired live on cable television.

For the benefit of the television audience, Council repeated actions taken prior to this point in the meeting.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDIZING ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION**

None.

5. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT - CITY ATTORNEY**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Consideration/Execution of City Council Argument, and Possible Rebuttal, as Drafted by a Subcommittee of the City Council, in Favor of a Measure on the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election Ballot Relating to Increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and Clarifying the Definition of "Hotels" that are Subject to the Tax**

Dan Bane, San Clemente, opined that the transient occupancy tax (TOT) measure, and the measure relating to Councilmember term limits that appears later on this agenda, seem to be rushed; suggested that the effect of the proposed TOT increase, and term limit proposal, should be studied.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HAMM, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WARD, CARRIED 4-1 (COUNCILMEMBER SWARTZ VOTING NOE), to approve the Argument in Favor of the TOT increase measure as drafted by the Council Subcommittee, with the following revisions: 1) The word "Or" at the top of the statement is to be eliminated; 2) A hyphen is to be inserted between the words "short" and "term" in Paragraph 1; and 3) the word "unanimously" is to be deleted from Paragraph 3.

All Councilmembers, with the exception of Councilmember Swartz who opposed the TOT increase as a general tax, signed the Form of Statement that will accompany the Argument in Favor that is submitted to the City Clerk.

B. **Consideration of Possible Ballot Measure for the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election or, Alternatively, Calling the General Municipal Election of November 3, 2020, for Measure Relating to Term Limits for Members of the City Council**

Report from the City Clerk concerning a possible ballot measure for the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election or, alternatively, calling the General Municipal Election of November 3, 2020, for a measure relating to term limits for Members of the City Council.

City Clerk Baade reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report and responded to Council inquiries.

Dan Bane, San Clemente, expressed a preference that a term limit measure be placed on the 2020 General Municipal Election ballot, as opposed to the 2018 General Municipal Election ballot, to allow time for the effects of the measure to be evaluated.

Following discussion, Council determined to not call an election for the term limit issue at this time.

Council requested that the City Clerk agendize in approximately three months the possibility of adopting an ordinance to impose term limits on City Commission and/or Committee members.

Moreover, Council requested that the following issues be agendized in approximately three months for Council consideration: 1) Possibility of directing that measures be added to the Resolution that Council will consider adopting in May 2020 to call the General Municipal Election of November 3, 2020 relating to transitioning the offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer to appointive positions, rather than elected; and 2) Possibility of directing that a measure be added to the Resolution that Council will consider adopting in May 2020 to call the General Municipal Election of November 3, 2020 to propose that consecutive years of service by members of the City Council be generally limited to a combined total of two four-year terms, with the ability to again serve as a member of the City Council after a lapse of service of no less than two years.

C. **Consideration of Nominating Subregional Representatives to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Policy Committees**

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HAMM, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SWARTZ, CARRIED 5-0, to nominate Councilmember Ward to serve on the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee.

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (PART 2)**

None.

11. **REPORTS**

A. **Commissions and Committees**

None.

B. City Manager

None.

C. City Attorney

None.

D. Council Members

Del Rio Traffic Study

Mayor Pro Tem Hamm requested, and Council agreed, to direct Staff to agendaize the Del Rio Traffic Study for a future Council meeting for discussion.

Police Facility Review/Public Safety Update

Mayor Brown announced that he will tour the Police facility with Chief Peters; requested that Chief Peters provide a public safety update at a future Council meeting.

12. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

None.

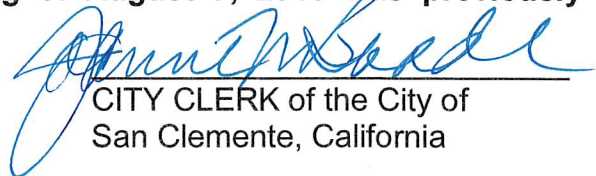
13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DONCHAK, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SWARTZ, CARRIED 5-0, to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Council Meeting to be held on August 21, 2018 in the Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California. Closed Session items will be considered at 5:00 p.m. The Regular Business Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Regular Council Meeting of August 7, 2018 was previously cancelled.



MAYOR of the City of
San Clemente, California



CITY CLERK of the City of
San Clemente, California