

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

City Council Minutes

Special Meeting – December 21, 2020

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.

A Special San Clemente City Council meeting was called to order on December 21, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. by Mayor Ward. The meeting was conducted via teleconference.

PRESENT DUNCAN, FERGUSON, JAMES, KNOBLOCK, MAYOR WARD

ABSENT NONE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Knoblock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (PART 1)**

City Clerk staff read the following communications, which are on file with the City Clerk:

Jenifer Massey, communication dated December 20, 2020 concerning e-Bikes.

Brad Malamud, communication dated December 21, 2020, concerning City Attorney Smith's participation in the censure of Councilmember Ferguson.

2. MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KNOBLOCK, CARRIED 5-0, to waive reading in full of all Resolutions and Ordinances.

3. **Amicus Curiae in Support of Sheriff Don Barnes' Challenge to an Order Releasing 1,800 Inmates from the Orange County Jail**

City Clerk staff read the following communications, which are on file with the City Clerk:

Anonymous, communication dated December 20, 2020.

E. Scott Menter, communication dated December 20, 2020.

Diane Gale, communication dated December 20, 2020.

Jim Dahl, communication dated December 20, 2020.

OC Criminals, communication dated December 20, 2020.

Zhen Wu, communication dated December 21, 2020.

City Attorney Smith reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report and responded to Council inquiries.

Following discussion, MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KNOBLOCK, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Authorize the City Attorney to join in a brief filed by another city, supporting Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes' challenge to the order issued on December 11, 2020 (in the case entitled Cynthia Campbell et al. v. Don Barnes, in his official capacity as Sheriff of Orange County, California, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2020-01141117-CU-WM-CXC), ordering the reduction of the Orange County Jail inmate population by fifty percent (50%) in all congregated living areas.
2. Appropriate \$1,000 to fund the City's participation in the amicus brief.
3. Authorize a letter to be sent to the State Court of Appeals, Fourth District, Division 3, supporting the appeal of the case entitled Cynthia Campbell v. Don Barnes.

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

None.

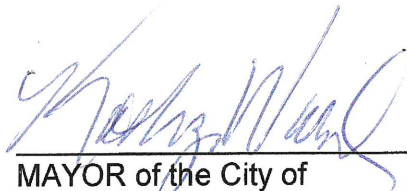
Request to Agendize - Consideration of Opening City Council Meetings to the Public

Councilmember Ferguson proposed, and Mayor Pro Tem James supported, agendizing for the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021, the possibility of opening City Council meetings to the public.

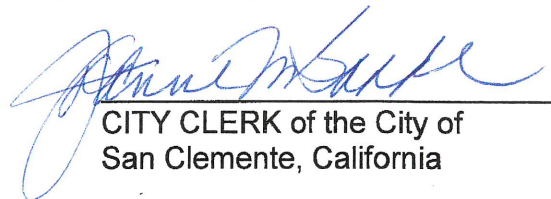
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KNOBLOCK, CARRIED 5-0, to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on **January 19, 2021**. Closed Session items will be considered at 5:00 p.m. and the Regular Business Meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting of January 5, 2021 was previously cancelled.



MAYOR of the City of
San Clemente, California



CITY CLERK of the City of
San Clemente, California