

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

City Council Minutes

Special Meeting – March 23, 2021

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.

MEETING RECESSED DUE TO CANCELLATION OF CLOSED SESSION

City Clerk Baade announced that the Closed Session portion of the Special Meeting of March 23, 2021, which was scheduled to commence at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering Public Employee Appointment of a City Manager and Conference with Labor Negotiators, has been cancelled; recessed the meeting to 6:00 p.m., at which time the Business Meeting portion of the meeting will commence.

MEETING CONVENED

A Special Meeting of the San Clemente City Council was called to order on March 23, 2021 at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Ward. Members of the City Council met via teleconference and/or in person at the Community Center Auditorium, located at 100 N. Seville, San Clemente.

PRESENT DUNCAN, JAMES, KNOBLOCK, MAYOR WARD

ABSENT FERGUSON

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem James led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. **Report on the Outcome of the Toll Road Stakeholder Meeting and Discussion of Next Steps**

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

Michelle (no last name provided), communication dated March 23, 2021.

Thor Johnson, communication dated March 23, 2021.

Amanda Quintanilla, communication dated March 23, 2021.

Anonymous, communication dated March 23, 2021.

A video, that was prepared by City staff, was played that summarized the history of the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) and its unwillingness to rule out the possibility of building a toll road through San Clemente; noted the TCA Board voted to take an “oppose unless amended” position on Senate Bill 760 (Bates), which would stop the toll road at Oso Parkway, and Senate Bill 761 (Bates), which would protect San Clemente’s open space.

Mayor Ward reported that the Toll Road Stakeholders meeting did not take place this week, but is scheduled to take place on April 6, 2021; stated that the stakeholders meeting, which will include representatives of the County of Orange, Rancho Mission Viejo, OCTA, San Clemente, and hopefully the TCA, will seek to find solutions for regional transportation in South Orange County; stated the TCA proffered to meet with the City, but that meeting did not occur because the TCA declined to allow the City’s Toll Road Subcommittee (which consists of Mayor Ward and Mayor Pro Tem James) to attend. A report on the outcome of the stakeholders meeting will be agendized for the Council meeting of April 6, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem James proposed, and Councilmember Duncan and Mayor Ward supported, agendizing for the April 6, 2021 Council meeting, the possibility of immediately directing the City Manager to withhold Development Impact Fees from the Transportation Corridor Agency and to impound the fees. Council directed that Staff prepare a staff report on this issue for its April 6, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem James proposed, and Councilmembers Duncan and Knoblock and Mayor Ward supported, agendizing for the April 6, 2021 Council meeting, the possibility of directing the City Attorney to immediately begin exploring the process for the City of San Clemente to withdraw from the Joint Powers Authority of the TCA to prevent a toll road from extending through San Clemente. Council directed that Staff prepare a staff report on this issue for its April 6, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Ward narrated PowerPoint charts entitled “Development Fees Collected from Inception Through December 31, 2020”, which are on file with the City Clerk. The charts depicted the amount of development fees collected from member agencies for both the Foothill/Eastern and San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridors. Mayor Ward pointed out that San Clemente was charged a disproportionate share of the fees because it was to receive a higher benefit from a toll road.

B. Initiation of a General Plan Amendment for the Removal of Los Patrones Parkway from the Roadway System Map

Report from the Community Development Director concerning initiation of a General Plan Amendment for the removal of Los Patrones Parkway from the Roadway System Map.

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

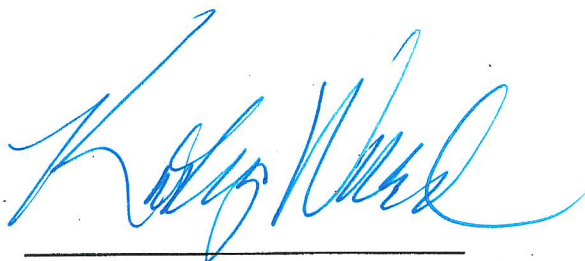
Thor Johnson, communication dated March 23, 2021.

Laura Smith, communication dated March 23, 2021.


MOTION BY MAYOR WARD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KNOBLOCK, CARRIED 4-0 (COUNCILMEMBER FERGUSON ABSENT), to continue consideration of initiating a General Plan Amendment for the removal of Los Patrones Parkway from the Roadway System Map to the Council meeting of April 6, 2021.

C. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KNOBLOCK, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES, CARRIED 4-0 (COUNCILMEMBER FERGUSON ABSENT), to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on April 6, 2021. Closed Session items will be considered at 5:00 p.m. and the Regular Business Meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. Members of the City Council will meet via teleconference and/or in person at the Community Center Auditorium, located at 100 N. Seville, San Clemente.



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San Clemente, California


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