

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

City Council Minutes

Special Meeting – May 2, 2023

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 Meeting of the San Clemente City Council was called to order by Mayor Duncan on May 2, 2023 at 5:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 910 Calle Negocio, 2nd Floor, San Clemente.

PRESENT CABRAL, ENMEIER, KNOBLOCK, MAYOR DUNCAN

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT Andy Hall, City Manager; Elizabeth Mitchell, City Attorney; Laura Campagnolo, City Clerk; Janet Batchelor, Acting Assistant to the City Manager

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Building Official Holden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CABRAL, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM KNOBLOCK, CARRIED 4-0 to recess to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Number of Cases: 2

Case Name: City of San Clemente v. Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, et al.
Riverside Superior Court Consolidated Case No.: RIC 1800232

CA Court of Appeal Case No.: E078045 (Fourth Appellate District, Division 2)

2. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Mitchell announced that Council gave direction; no reportable action.

3. **FILLING OF COUNCILMEMBER VACANCY**

AQ, narrated a PowerPoint presentation recognizing former Councilmember James for his efforts on the San Clemente City Council. A hard copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

Linda More, San Clemente, urged Council to appoint Donna Vidrine to the recently vacated seat on the City Council.

Aaron Washington, urged Council to appoint a Councilmember rather than expend the cost of a Special Election.

Zhen Wu, San Clemente, urged Council to appoint a member of the City Council rather than go through a Special Election; suggested Council consider ranked-choice voting to select its candidate.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM KNOBLOCK, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ENMEIER, CARRIED 4-0, to:

1. Direct the City Clerk to solicit applications to fill the vacancy on the City Council for a term to expire November 2024; applications will be due at noon on May 15, 2023.
2. Staff is to return to Council at its May 16, 2023 meeting with a report for Council to consider processes for interviewing and appointing a candidate.

4. **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SLOPE FAILURE AT CASA ROMANTICA**

Public Works Director/City Engineer Koger provided an update on the landslide at Casa Romantica; displayed photographs taken at the site and responded to Council inquiries.

AQ, narrated a PowerPoint presentation concerning the landslide at Casa Romantica. A hard copy of the presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

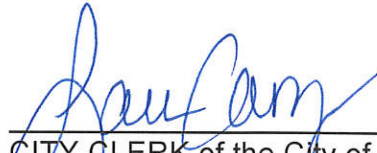
Councilmember Cabral thanked City Staff, Police Services, Orange County Fire Authority Personnel, Orange County Transportation Authority and Metrolink for their continued efforts related to their efforts at Casa Romantica.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM KNOBLOCK, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ENMEIER, CARRIED 4-0 to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers, located at 910 Calle Negocio, 2nd Floor, San Clemente.



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San Clemente, California



CITY CLERK of the City of
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