



4:30 p.m. - Special Meeting

Mayor Duncan  
Mayor Pro Tem Knoblock  
Councilmember Cabral  
Councilmember Enmeier  
Councilmember Loeffler

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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 November 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the San Clemente Community Center, located at 100 Calle Seville, Fireside Room, San Clemente.

**PRESENT:** Cabral, Enmeier, Knoblock, Loeffler and Mayor Duncan

\*Arrived at 4:34 p.m.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Andy Hall, City Manager; Elizabeth Mitchell, City Attorney; Megan Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk; Maile Stivers, Acting Executive Assistant

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Knoblock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. New Business**

#### **A. MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT - SAN GORGONIO PARK AND FINDING THE AMENDMENT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

A continued public hearing to consider an amendment to the San Gorgonio Park Master Plan to discontinue the use of the pickleball courts and reestablish the use for tennis at the park property, located at 2916 Via San Gorgonio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

Resident San G 1, San Clemente, commented on the nuisance noise of pickleball in a residential neighborhood.

Amanda Q commented on previous action taken by the City Council as it relates to pickleball.

Richard Findlay, San Clemente, commented on the nuisance noise of pickleball at San Gorgonio Park; spoke in support of closing the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park.

Susan Brewer, San Clemente, spoke in support of the closure of the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park.

Steve Bates, San Clemente, spoke on a hand out that he distributed concerning potential solutions regarding pickleball play at San Gorgonio Park. A hard copy of the hand out is on file with the City Clerk.

Susan Ambrose, San Clemente, spoke in support of the closure of pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park.

Kristy Pittman spoke in support of the closure of pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park.

There being no others desiring to speak, Mayor Duncan closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Enmeier, second by Councilmember Cabral, CARRIED 3-2 (Councilmember Loeffler and Mayor Pro Tem Knoblock voting NOE) to:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-132, which will:

1. Find that converting one court to tennis use only and amending the San Gorgonio Park Site-Specific Master Plan to discontinue pickleball upon Court #1 is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), 14 CCR Section 15302 (Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction) and 14 CCR Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA guidelines.
2. Approve an amendment to the San Gorgonio Park Master Plan that will eliminate the use of the pickleball courts at Court #1 and return those courts to tennis use only.
3. Approve staff proceeding with the resurfacing project for the tennis court identified as Court #1.

**AYE:** Cabral, Enmeier and Mayor Duncan

**NOE:** Knoblock and Loeffler



**B. CONSIDERATION OF TRANSITIONAL USE OF PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SAN GORGONIO PARK AND DESIGNATION OF LIMITED-USE GUIDELINES AND FINDING THE ACTIONS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director Wylie reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report and responded to Council inquiries.

Olga Reznik, San Clemente, spoke in opposition of reopening the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park.

Kristy Pittman, San Clemente, spoke in opposition to reopening the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park; opined on the City's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; suggested that a sound barrier should be installed between tennis courts and pickleball courts.

John Tilton, San Clemente, commented on the park conditions at San Gorgonio Park prior to pickleball installation.

Richard Findlay, San Clemente, commented on the incompatibility of tennis and pickleball being played in the same area.

Susan Brewer, San Clemente, spoke in opposition to reopening the pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park.

Marty Weinberg, commented on the closure of pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park as it relates to compromise with the neighbors.

Heather Brown, San Clemente, spoke in support of the courts remaining open at San Gorgonio Park.

Resident San G opined on home values as it relates to pickleball.

Judy Bethe, San Clemente, commented on the challenges of having tennis and pickleball courts adjacent to one another; opined on the impacts on the San Gorgonio Park neighborhood.

Kevin, San Clemente, commented on pickleball courts in San Clemente as it relates to impacts on the San Gorgonio Park neighborhood.

Motion by Councilmember Enmeier, second by Councilmember Cabral, to:

Adopt Resolution No. 23-133, which will:

1. Direct staff to re-open four pickleball courts at San Gorgonio Park, located on Court #2, on a transitional basis with limited use parameters.

2. Find that establishing parameters and rules for pickleball court use is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), 14 CCR Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA guidelines.

3. Limit the court operations to weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with no Challenge Court established within the four-court setup.

4. Direct the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission to consider options for expediting the future expansion of pickleball facilities and opportunities to establish revenue through the existing court system.

5. Review pickleball at San Geronio Park in six months.

Substitute motion by Mayor Pro Tem Knoblock, second by Councilmember Loeffler, FAILED 2-3 (Councilmember Cabral, Councilmember Enmeier and Mayor Duncan voting NOE), to:

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4. Direct the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission to consider options for expediting the future expansion of pickleball facilities and opportunities to establish revenue through the existing court system.

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**AYE:** Knoblock and Loeffler

**NOE:** Cabral, Enmeier and Mayor Duncan

The original motion by Councilmember Enmeier, second by Councilmember Cabral, was considered and CARRIED 3-2 (Councilmember Loeffler and Mayor Pro Tem Knoblock voting NOE), to:

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**AYE:** Cabral, Enmeier, Knoblock, Loeffler and Mayor Duncan

**NOE:** None

**2. Adjournment**

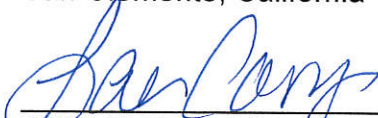
Motion by Councilmember Enmeier, second by Councilmember Loeffler, CARRIED 5-0, to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on December 5, 2023. Closed Session will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Business Meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall Council Chambers, located at 910 Calle Negocio, 2nd Floor, San Clemente.

**AYE:** Cabral, Enmeier, Knoblock, Loeffler and Mayor Duncan

**NOE:** None



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MAYOR of the City of  
San Clemente, California



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CITY CLERK of the City of  
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