

DRAFT Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council City of Santa Ana, California



May 11, 2023

SPECIAL OPEN MEETING – 4:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

22 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana, CA 92701

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES: Mayor Amezcua called the Special City Council meeting to order at 4:16 P.M.

ATTENDANCE	Council Members	Phil Bacerra Johnathan Ryan Hernandez David Penaloza Thai Viet Phan Benjamin Vazquez
	Mayor Pro Tem Mayor	Jessie Lopez Valerie Amezcua
	City Manager City Attorney City Clerk	Kristine Ridge Sonia R. Carvalho Jennifer Hall

ROLL CALL

MINUTES: City Clerk Jennifer L. Hall conducted roll call.

Councilmembers Bacerra, Hernandez, Penaloza, Phan, and Vazquez, Mayor Pro Tem Lopez (arrived at 4:21 P.M.), and Mayor Amezcua were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lorena Vidaurre

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

MINUTES: *None.*

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comments will be held during the beginning of the meeting for ALL comments on agenda and non-agenda items, except for public hearings. Comments for public hearings will take place after the hearing is opened.

MINUTES:

The following speakers addressed Council via teleconference:

- 1. Karen Malley requested a spay and neuter program and spoke regarding the impacts to the community.*
- 2. Kevin Marlin, OC Animal Allies, spoke regarding the costs, resources and staffing for spay and neuter programs, and requested funding for the program.*
- 3. Ladan Davia requested a spay neuter program in the City.*
- 4. Romina Yamashiro requested a spay and neuter program and spoke regarding the impacts to the community.*
- 5. Tim Johnson expressed concern regarding the sunset of Measure X.*
- 6. John Ramirez requested funds for security/patrol at City Parks and additional PAAL centers and spoke regarding the OC Animal Shelter's pandemic measures.*
- 7. Erika Rasmussen requested a spay and neuter program in the City.*

The following speakers addressed Council in-person:

- 8. Azucena Soria requested funds for a PAAL program at French Park.*
- 9. Tina Davidson thanked the City Council for the security fence at Howe-Waffle House and requested funds for a painter.*
- 10. Dale Helvig spoke regarding allocating funds to acquiring additional land and PAAL programs.*
- 11. Jeff Katz spoke regarding the Santa Ana Triangle and requested allocation of*
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funds for PAAL.

12. Mia Verdin requested funding for a youth center and additional libraries.

13. Carl Benninger requested funds for a CERT program and spoke regarding converting the Flood Control Channel in Ward 4 in to a park.

14. Lorena Vidaurre requested a traffic light signal in her neighborhood.

City Clerk Jennifer L. Hall reported out the summary of email comments received: Eleven (11) comments regarding Agenda Item No. 1.

WORK STUDY SESSION

MINUTES: *At 4:54 P.M. the Work Study Session was considered.*

1. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Workshop

Department(s): Finance and Management Services

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff in preparation for the budget public hearing scheduled for June 6, 2023.

MINUTES: *Finance Director Kathryn Downs gave a presentation regarding the proposed budget, background, and best practices.*

Chief Assistant City Attorney Laura Rossini spoke regarding rules of decorum during City Council meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding additional and allocation of funds, grants, staffing, resources, and programs. City Council inquired regarding the 10-year outlook, fee increases, OC Street Car cost estimates, crossing guards, Police Department calls for services cost for the Santa Ana Unified School District, and Stadium reservation costs .

Finance Director Downs answered questions and provided clarification.

Discussion ensued regarding capital improvement projects, grant funds, housing, Lobbyist, Police staffing, pedestrian and traffic safety, partnerships and sponsorships, Winter Village, and restricted funds.

City Manager Kristine Ridge answered questions and provided clarification.

Public Works Director Nabil Saba spoke regarding capital improvement projects.

Discussion followed regarding the state of emergency order related to COVID, one-time spending, fee schedule, and capital improvement projects.

Finance Director Downs answered questions and provided clarification.

City Manager Ridge spoke regarding increased rates of materials and labor and funding. She spoke regarding the process of the proposed budget direction.

ADJOURNMENT – Adjourn the Special City Council meeting.

MINUTES: Mayor Amezcua adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer L. Hall, CMC
City Clerk