

# **DRAFT** Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council

## **City of Santa Ana, California**



October 9, 2023

**CLOSED SESSION MEETING – 5:30 P.M.**

### **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

22 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana, CA 92701

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**MINUTES:** *Mayor Amezcua called the Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:36 P.M.*

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

## **ROLL CALL**

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

*Councilmembers Bacerra, Penaloza, Phan, Vazquez, Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, and Mayor Amezcua were present. Councilmember Hernandez joined the meeting during Closed Session.*

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**      **Mayor Amezcua**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Members of the public may address the City Council on Closed Session items.

**MINUTES:** *No public comments were received regarding Closed Session Agenda items.*

**RECESS** – City Council will recess to Closed Session for the purpose of conducting regular City business.

**MINUTES:** *Mayor Amezcua recessed to consider the Closed Session items at 5:38 P.M.*

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** – The Brown Act permits legislative bodies to discuss certain matters without members of the public present. The City Council finds, based on advice from the City Attorney, that discussion in open session of the following matters will prejudice the position of the City in existing and anticipated litigation:

1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SEPARATION/RELEASE pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)**
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2):**
  - **One (1) matter [personnel claim]**

**RECONVENE** – City Council will reconvene to continue regular City business.

**MINUTES:** *Mayor Amezcua reconvened the City Council to order at 6:26 P.M.*

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT** – The City Attorney will report on any action(s) from Closed Session.

**MINUTES:** *City Attorney Sonia Carvalho stated that the City Council took action on Closed Session Agenda Item No. 1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SEPARATION/RELEASE pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1), by a vote of 6-1 (Mayor Pro Tem Lopez voting 'No') that the City Council has agreed to accept the resignation of City Manager Kristine Ridge effective October 9, 2023 and approved a severance and release agreement (**Agreement No. 2023-172**).*

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

***MINUTES:*** *None.*

**ADJOURNMENT** – Adjourn the Special City Council meeting.

***MINUTES:*** *Mayor Amezcua adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:27 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted:

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Jennifer L. Hall, CMC  
City Clerk