

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

Council Members

Phil Bacerra
Johnathan Ryan Hernandez
David Penaloza
Thai Viet Phan
Benjamin Vazquez
Jessie Lopez
Valerie Amezcua

Mayor Pro Tem
Mayor

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk

Kristine Ridge
Sonia R. Carvalho
Jennifer L. Hall

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:

Jennifer L. Hall, CMC
City Clerk