

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



December 13, 2022

**SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers

Johnathan Ryan Hernandez

Jessie Lopez

Nelida Mendoza

David Penaloza

Thai Viet Phan

Mayor Pro Tem

Phil Bacerra

Mayor

Vicente Sarmiento

City Manager

Kristine Ridge

City Attorney

Sonia R. Carvalho

Acting Clerk of the

Norma Orozco

Council

MINUTES: Mayor Sarmiento called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:15 P.M., welcomed special guests, and provided opening remarks.

2020-2022 CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL

MINUTES: Acting Clerk of the Council Norma Orozco conducted roll call. Councilmembers Hernandez, Lopez, Mendoza, Penalzoza, and Phan, Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra, and Mayor Sarmiento were all present in person.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Honor Guard, Santa Ana Police Department

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kaiya Gonzales
Olivia Langford

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Pastor Nati Alvarado

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agendized items only.

MINUTES: Fernando Delgado spoke of his love for the City of Santa Ana, the positive change the current Council has made in the City, and wished the outgoing councilmembers a bright future.

Theodora Mendez (translation: Spanish) wished incoming Councilmember Vazquez and Mayor Amezcua a warm welcome and expressed interest in working together to strive for a more equitable and just City of Santa Ana.

Adelaida Mateo (translation: Spanish) spoke about her experience learning of the tenant's' rights in the City of Santa Ana and thanked Councilmember Lopez for her advocacy.

Senator Tom Umberg thanked Councilmember Mendoza and Mayor Sarmiento for their leadership and hard work while serving on the Council. He welcomed Mayor-Elect Amezcua and expressed excitement for their future partnership in ensuring the community continues to grow and thrive.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Resolution Declaring the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election Results - Measures W and X and the Election of Certain Officers

Department(s): Clerk of the Council Office

Recommended Action: 1. **Resolution No. 2022-096** - Adopt a resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held in the City on November 8, 2022.

2. Execute Ordinance No. NS-3031 approved by the voters amending Articles IV, IX, and X of Chapter 21 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code to restructure non-cannabis business license tax rates and adding Article XIV to Chapter 21 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code to provide a Flexible Tax Holiday for unlicensed, past due, or underassessed businesses (Measure W).

3. Authorize submission to the Secretary of State, for acceptance and filing, Amendments to the Santa Ana City Charter approved by the voters imposing a lifetime ban for the Mayor after 4 terms and a lifetime ban for Councilmembers after completion of 3 terms, requiring approval of 2/3 of the City Council to adopt a budget, expanding the application of the Code of Ethics, utilizing gender neutral language throughout the Charter, changing references to the "Clerk of Council" to "City Clerk" and making other minor updates (Measure X).

Moved by Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Phan to approve.

YES: 7 - Councilmember Hernandez, - Councilmember Lopez, - Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Penaloza, - Councilmember Phan, - Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra, - Mayor Sarmiento

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Status: 7- 0- 0 - 0 - **Pass**

PRESENTATION

City Tiles presented to Mayor Vicente Sarmiento and Councilmember Nelida Mendoza for their exceptional service to the residents of the City of Santa Ana during their tenure.

MINUTES: *Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra presented Councilmember Mendoza a City Tile in honor of her service to residents of the City of Santa Ana.*

*Councilmember Mendoza spoke of her experience serving on the Council, thanked staff for all of their hard work, and expressed **gratitude** to the residents of Santa Ana who elected her. She expressed support for labor and downtown businesses.*

Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra presented Mayor Sarmiento a City Tile in honor of his service to the residents of the City of Santa Ana.

Mayor Sarmiento provided outgoing remarks, acknowledged his family, and thanked staff for all of their help. He noted the historic aspect of this transition and welcomed Mayor-elect Amezcua and Councilmember-elect Vazquez.

A video was shown highlighting Mayor Sarmiento's years of service.

Mayor Sarmiento passed the gavel to Acting Clerk of the Council Norma Orozco.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO OFFICERS ELECTED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Benjamin Vazquez	Councilmember, Ward 2

The oath of office was administered by Alexia Hernandez.

Phil Bacerra	Councilmember, Ward 4
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The oath of office was administered by Acting Clerk of the Council Norma Orozco.

David Penaloza	Councilmember, Ward 6
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The oath of office was administered by Assemblymember Avelino Valencia.

Valerie Amezcua	Mayor
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The oath of office was administered by Alfredo M. Amezcua Esq.

2022-2024 CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Clerk of the Council Norma Orozco introduced and convened the 2022 – 2024 City Council at 6:39 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers	Johnathan Ryan Hernandez
	Jessie Lopez
	David Penaloza
	Thai Viet Phan
	Benjamin Vazquez
Mayor Pro Tem	Phil Bacerra
Mayor	Valerie Amezcua
City Manager	Kristine Ridge
City Attorney	Sonia R. Carvalho
Acting Clerk of the Council	Norma Orozco

ROLL CALL

MINUTES: Acting Clerk of the Council Norma Orozco conducted roll call. All councilmembers were present in person.

<u>BUSINESS CALENDAR</u>

2. Election of Mayor Pro Tem for 2023

Department(s): Clerk of the Council Office

Recommended Action: It is recommended that:

1. The Mayor calls for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem Position.
2. The Mayor closes nominations for position.
3. The Mayor declares the result of the election.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra nominated Councilmember Jessie Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Penalosa. Councilmember Lopez accepted the nomination.

YES: 7 - Councilmember Hernandez, - Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember Penalosa, - Councilmember Phan, - Councilmember Vazquez, - Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra, - Mayor Amezcua

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Status: 7- 0- 0 - 0 - **Pass**

****END OF BUSINESS CALENDAR****

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Bacerra provided closing remarks.

Councilmember Hernandez provided closing remarks.

Councilmember Phan provided closing comments.

Councilmember Lopez provided closing remarks.

Councilmember Penaloza provided closing remarks.

Councilmember Vazquez provided closing remarks.

Mayor Amezcua provided closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT – Adjourn the special city council meeting.

MINUTES: Mayor Amezcua adjourned the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Hall, CMC
City Clerk