

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CANYON LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

SPECIAL NOTICE – COVID-19 RELATED PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), this regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Canyon Lake will allow Councilmembers to attend the City Council meeting telephonically from remote locations without requiring notice of or public access to those locations. The City Council Chamber will be closed to the public. Members of the public may observe the City Council meeting by selecting the Live Stream icon on the main page: www.canyonlakeca.gov, the City's Facebook page, Time Warner/Spectrum Channel 29, or on FIOS/Frontier Channel 39.

In a further effort to allow for social distancing, members of the public may comment electronically by sending an email with their comment to PublicComment@canyonlakeca.gov. The City Clerk will read these public comment submissions into the record during the "Public Comments" portion of the agenda.

If any member of the public has a disability and desires to request a modification or accommodation of the above procedures, please contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 951-244-8547 or by email at asauseda@canyonlakeca.gov.

**Closed Session – 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Administration Office
31526 Railroad Canyon Road, Suite 5
Canyon Lake, CA 92587**

CALL CLOSED SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Castillo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Greene, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Councilmember Welty, and Mayor Castillo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION –
Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Richard Beck v. City of Canyon Lake, Riverside Superior Court Case No.:
RIC2003025

The City Council entered Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

CALL OPEN SESSION TO ORDER

Mayor Castillo called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Smith gave the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Greene led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Greene, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Councilmember Welty, and Mayor Castillo.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Attorney Steven Graham stated that direction was given on the case listed on the Closed Session Agenda by a vote of 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Motion and second by Councilmember Greene/Mayor Pro Tem Smith to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0, with Councilmember Greene, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Councilmember Welty, and Mayor Castillo voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- (1) Appointment to Fill City Council Vacancy
 - Applicant Interviews - Interview the Applicants recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee

The City Council interviewed all 5 applicants in the following order:

1. Jeanne O'Dell
2. Sonja Kehnt
3. Travis Montgomery
4. Jennifer Dain
5. James Randle

Councilmember Greene stepped away from the dais at 6:51 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.

- Public Comment - Members of the Public will be allowed no more than 3 minutes to comment on this item only

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith stepped away from the dais at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.

- Appointment to Fill City Council Vacancy - Select a Qualified Applicant to fill the City Council Vacancy for the term expiring in December 2022

The Council discussed all 5 applicants.

After discussion of all applicants, there was not a majority vote on any one candidate. Mayor Pro Tem Smith suggested that they move forward in the process and have each councilmember write down the name of their top choice. Those names would be given to the City Clerk who would then read them aloud. Only applicants whose name was chosen by at least one councilmember would move forward in the process.

Motion and second by Mayor Pro Tem Smith/Councilmember Welty to move to the next step in the City Council Vacancy Policy.

Motion carried 4-0, with Councilmember Greene, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Councilmember Welty, and Mayor Castillo voting aye.

City Clerk announced the following results:

- ❖ Councilmember Larry Greene's top choice was Jeanne O'Dell
- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Smith's top choice was Jennifer Dain
- ❖ Councilmember Dale Welty's top choice was Jeanne O'Dell
- ❖ Mayor Kasey Castillo's top choice was Sonja Kehnt

City Clerk Sauseda asked Jeanne O'Dell, Jennifer Dain, and Sonja Kehnt to remain in the room as they would be moving forward in the process. She thanked all the other applicants for participating in the process.

Mayor Castillo requested that they move on to Step 5 of the City Council Vacancy Policy which was the second round of questions of the remaining 3 applicants.

After the second round of questions had concluded, City Clerk Sauseda stated that the Council would have to vote and continue voting until a decision was made.

Motion and second by Councilmembers Greene/Welty to appoint Jeanne O'Dell

Motion failed 2-2, with Councilmember Greene and Councilmember Welty voting aye and Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Mayor Castillo voting nay.

Motion and second by Mayor Pro Tem Smith/Councilmember Greene to appoint Jennifer Dain.

Motion carried 3-1, with Councilmember Greene, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Castillo voting aye and Councilmember Welty voting nay.

- Oath of Office - Swear in Newly Appointed Councilmember

Newly appointed Councilmember Jennifer Dain was sworn in by City Clerk Ana Sauseda.

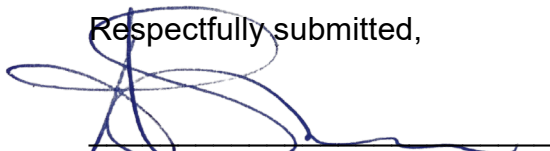
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Castillo announced that the next regular City Council meeting would be on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. for closed session and 6:30 p.m. for open session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ana V. Sauseda, CMC
City Clerk