

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Luna called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Donald L. Johnson, Vice Mayor Laura Flores Espinosa, and Mayor Ray C. Luna responded to roll call. Interim City Manager Paul L. Skeels, City Clerk Steven J. Salas, and Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera were also present. Councilmember John T. Procter arrived shortly after roll call. City Attorney Phillip H. Romney and Legal Counsel Karl H. Berger arrived at 12:35 p.m. for the Closed Session Item for the Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Baudizzon, 15202 Santa Paula Street, spoke against the recent conflicts amongst the City Councilmembers during City Council Meetings.

Gloria Garcia, 666 W. Main Street, noted that the City has an opportunity for growth, and asked that she be allowed to vote on the Adams Canyon initiative.

Earline Randall, 250 Via Del Prado, spoke against the City Council keeping the Adams Canyon initiative from the ballot to allow people to vote on the issue, and stated that the proponents have the right to seek a lawsuit to have the measure placed on the ballot.

Ken Chapman, 15119 Todd Lane, stated that it would be an opportune time for the judge to make a determination on the legal questions regarding the Adams Canyon initiative during the upcoming court hearing, and questioned whether Councilmember Johnson and the proponent's attorneys would be included during the Closed Session. Councilmember Johnson noted that he would declare a conflict of interest on this issue.

Interim City Manager Paul L. Skeels responded to a question regarding which attorneys would be present during the Closed Session by responding that the City Attorneys would be present at 12:30 p.m. to discuss anticipated litigation, and no other attorneys would be present.

Richard Garcia, 852 Main Street, owner of Video Arcade, expressed his support of the Adams Canyon initiative, and urged the City Council to place the measure on the ballot.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented.

Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

A. Closed Session – Approved a Closed Session to discuss: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation. Number of Potential Cases: One. Facts and Circumstances, if known to Potential Plaintiffs: Circumstances arising from Adams Canyon CURB Initiative. Identification of Claims, if any: Adams Canyon CURB Initiative. Identification of Public Threat of Litigation, if any: Unknown. Pursuant to *Government Code §54956.9(b)*; and 2) Public Employee Appointment or Employment. Positions to be filled: City Manager and Finance Director. Pursuant to Government Code §54957. (118).

CITY COMMUNICATIONS

There were no City Communications.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Vice Mayor Espinosa, seconded by Councilmember Procter, for a report with policies and guidelines for teleconferencing.

Under roll call vote, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Procter, Vice Mayor Espinosa, and Mayor Luna were in favor. Councilmember Johnson was opposed. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:21 a.m. to discuss: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation. Number of Potential Cases: One. Facts and Circumstances, if known to Potential Plaintiffs: Circumstances arising from Adams Canyon CURB Initiative. Identification of Claims, if any: Adams Canyon CURB Initiative. Identification of Public Threat of Litigation, if any: Unknown. Pursuant to *Government Code §54956.9(b)*; and 2) Public Employee Appointment or Employment. Positions to be filled: City Manager and Finance Director. Pursuant to Government Code §54957. (118).

City Attorney Phillip H. Romney and Legal Counsel Karl H. Berger arrived at 12:35 p.m. for the Closed Session Item for the Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation. Councilmember Johnson declared a conflict of interest and stepped out of the Council Chambers during the discussion of this item.

Mayor Luna reconvened into Open Session at 1:15 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Espinosa, seconded by Councilmember Procter, to direct legal counsel to contact the stakeholders of this initiative to attempt to resolve this issue without litigation.

Under roll call vote, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Procter, Vice Mayor Espinosa and Mayor Luna were in favor. The motion carried.

Councilmember Johnson returned to the Council Chambers.

After a break, the City Council recessed into Closed Session at 1:45 p.m., and reconvened into Open Session at 5:25 p.m. No action was taken on the Closed Session Item for Public Employee Appointment or Employment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Luna adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steven J. Salas
City Clerk