

**City of Laguna Hills
City Council
Special Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

Roll Call of City Council Members

Present:

Mayor Dave Wheeler
Mayor Pro Tempore Joshua Sweeney
Council Member Don Caskey
Council Member Janine Heft
Council Member Erica Pezold

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Heft

Public Comments

There were no public comments prior to the staff report and presentation of the special meeting item.

City Council Workshop Items

**1 Consideration of Design Proposals for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
Darkhorse Memorial Bronze Sculpture**

Recommendation: The 3/5 Battalion Memorial Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the “Five Figures on Patrol Design
- 2) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Amended and Restated Agreement with the Artist; and
- 3) Authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget by allocating \$307,000 of Public Art Funds towards the 3/5 Memorial Sculpture project.

City Manager Hildenbrand reviewed the information provided in the staff report.

Council Member Heft provided information on the item, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the twenty-five 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Darkhorse fallen soldiers, and read into the record a letter from Cpl Travis Haggerty in support of the item.

Council Member Caskey provided information on the item.

Artist Brittany Ryan provided information on the item, provided a presentation of the maquettes of the proposed sculptures, read a letter of support of the item, and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

The following individual(s) provided public comments in support of the item:

Karen Robbins, Board Member, Laguna Hills Team Darkhorse Support Committee
Evan Gost, Board Member, Laguna Hills Team Darkhorse Support Committee
Laura Dickson, Board Member, Laguna Hills Team Darkhorse Support Committee

A motion to approve the "Five Figures on Patrol Design" with flexibility on the final location placement was moved by Council Member Heft, seconded by Council Member Caskey.

A substitute motion to approve the "Single Arch Design" with flexibility on the final location placement was moved by Mayor Wheeler, seconded by Council Member Pezold.

Roll Call Vote Result: Failed

Yes 2, No 3, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Council Member Pezold

Nays: Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, Council Member Heft

Abstain: None

Mayor Wheeler called for a vote on the main motion.

A motion to approve the "Five Figures on Patrol Design" with flexibility on the final location placement was moved by Council Member Heft, seconded by Council Member Caskey.

Roll Call Vote Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 1, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, Council Member Heft

Nays: Council Member Pezold

Abstain: None

A motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Amended and Restated Agreement with the Artist and Authorize the Finance Director to amend the budget by allocating \$307,000 of Public Art Funds towards the 3/5 Memorial Sculpture project was moved by Council Member Heft, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney.

Roll Call Vote Result: Passed

Yes 4, No 1, Abstained 0

Ayes: Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tempore Sweeney, Council Member Caskey, Council Member Heft

Nays: Council Member Pezold

Abstain: None

Adjournment

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Jennifer Lee, City Clerk

ATTEST:

, Mayor

Approved at meeting of December 10, 2024.