

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 – 2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Mayor Pezold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Heft

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Erica Pezold	Mayor	Present	
Don Sedgwick	Mayor Pro Tempore	Absent	
Janine Heft	Council Member	Present	
Bill Hunt	Council Member	Remote	
Dave Wheeler	Council Member	Remote	

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S)

There were no public comments on closed session item(s).

ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM OR COUNCIL CHAMBER

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened into Closed Session to consider the matter(s) listed above.

RECONVENE TO CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

The City Council reconvened the City Council Meeting at 2:42 p.m. Mayor Pezold and Council Member Heft were present. Council Members Hunt and Wheeler were present via teleconference.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

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City Attorney Simonian stated that the City Council convened into closed session this afternoon pursuant to the authorities listed on the Agenda. He further stated that as a result of today's closed session the City Council voted 4-0-1 (Mayor Pro Tempore Sedgwick absent) authorizing the City Attorney to join in the amicus brief to be filed by the City of Newport Beach in support of Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes' challenge to the adverse trial court ruling. The facts, circumstances and the nature of the brief, once prepared will be available to interested members of the public by request through the City Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Pezold declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Melissa Au-Yeung, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Erica Pezold, Mayor

Approved at meeting of January 12, 2021