

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Pezold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Hunt

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on the special meeting item.

CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS OF SELECTED CANDIDATE FIRMS FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATOR SERVICES REGARDING THE PROPOSED VILLAGE AT LAGUNA HILLS PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Conduct interviews of the selected Candidate firms for Development Agreement Negotiator Services for the proposed Village at Laguna Hills project, 2) Select the best qualified firm for this engagement; and 3) Direct Staff to return to the City Council with a proposed retainer agreement.

William F. Delvac, Partner, Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP, provided an oral presentation and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Damon Mamalakis, Partner, Armbruster Goldsmith and Delvac LLP, responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Thomas P. Clark, Jr., Shareholder, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, provided an oral presentation and responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

City Attorney Simonian responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Interim City Manager Rosenfield responded to Council Member requests for additional information.

Motion to select Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth to serve as special counsel to perform development agreement negotiator services for the proposed Village at Laguna Hills project and to direct Staff to work with the firm to prepare a retainer agreement to be brought before the City Council as soon as possible for review and approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Erica Pezold, Mayor
SECONDER:	Janine Heft, Council Member
AYES:	Erica Pezold, Mayor; Janine Heft, Council Member; Bill Hunt, Council Member; Dave Wheeler, Council Member
NAYS:	Don Sedgwick, Mayor Pro Tempore

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Pezold declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Melissa Au-Yeung, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Erica Pezold, Mayor

Approved at meeting of September 14, 2021