

**MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zhao called the virtual Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom.

Prior to Roll Call, the Mayor and City Clerk explained that the City Council meeting was conducted pursuant to provisions of the Brown Act and a recent Executive Order issued by the Governor to facilitate teleconferencing to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at public meetings. Ordinarily the Brown Act sets strict rules for teleconferencing. The Governor's Executive Order has suspended those rules. The Executive Order does require that public agencies continue to notice meetings in advance and provide members of the public an opportunity to observe the meeting and offer public comment. The City Council met all of the applicable notice requirements and the public is welcome to participate in this meeting. Information on how the public can observe the meeting and provide public comment was also shared. Additionally, the Mayor explained that votes would be taken through roll call.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Yan Zhao, Vice Mayor Tina Walia, Council Members Rishi Kumar, Kookie Fitzsimmons, Mary-Lynne Bernald. (All Council Members appearing via teleconference)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
Debbie Bretschneider, City Clerk
Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst
(All staff members appearing via teleconference)

City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider confirmed all City Council members could hear the meeting proceedings and no doubts were expressed regarding the identities of the individuals representing themselves as City Council Members.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Youth Commission Interviews

Recommended Action:

Interview Youth Commission applicants and select five for the terms ending on June 30, 2023.

Mayor Zhao announced a break at 6:00 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Zhao announced a break at 7:00 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

BERNALD/FITZSIMMONS MOVED TO **SELECT NICOLE HAO, SAKET KELKAR, ANIKET SINGH, ALEX XIA, AND ASHLY HENRY TO TERMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION AND DIRECT STAFF TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR OATH OF OFFICE.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, KUMAR, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

FITZSIMMONS/WALIA MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:16 P.M.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: ZHAO, WALIA, FITZSIMMONS, BERNALD. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KUMAR.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Debbie Bretschneider, City Clerk
City of Saratoga