

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2020
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Miller called the virtual Special Meeting to order at 6:02 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.

REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA

City Clerk Debbie Bretschneider reported that the agenda for this meeting was properly posted on July 9, 2020.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Howard A. Miller, Vice Mayor Mary-Lynne Bernald,
Council Members Yan Zhao, Rishi Kumar.
(All Council members appearing via teleconference.)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James Lindsay, City Manager
Richard Taylor, City Attorney
Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
Debbie Bretschneider, City Clerk
Mary Furey, Finance & Administrative Services Director
(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

City Council Vacancy

Recommended Action:

In response to the vacancy on the City Council, staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution providing that the seat be filled at the November 3, 2020 election. Alternatively, the City Council could appoint a registered Saratoga voter to fill the

vacant seat for the remainder of the term or provide direction to staff on the process for appointment.

Richard Taylor, City Attorney, presented the staff report.

Mayor Miller invited public comment on the item.

The following people requested to speak:

Mohini Balakrishnan spoke

Lakhinder Walia spoke

JoAnne Birmingham spoke

Nancy Lietzke spoke

No one else requested to speak.

RESOLUTION 20-054

KUMAR/MILLER MOVED TO **ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT TO BE FILLED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: MILLER, BERNALD, ZHAO, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

BERNALD/ZHAO MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:21 P.M.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: MILLER, BERNALD, ZHAO, KUMAR. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.