

# Del Mar City Council Special Meeting Agenda

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## February 16, 2021 City Council Special Meeting

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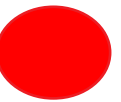
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Red Dot I was not going to write a red dot this evening until I read the comment from Joe Sullivan. A man who is extremely well respected in this community. He is exactly correct you have good staff currently employed by the City who would do a great job as City

Manager. People like the planning Director or Community Services Director. Unfortunately you are headed in the same negative propaganda that we have been faced with over the last few years with your current selection of Ashley Jones as your temporary City Manager. Take the time and go out and talk to City Staff before you endeavor in this direction. I have the benefit of walking the streets of Del Mar daily and find it very rewarding to speak with many residence. Today someone put it into perspective.

The council selected Ashely Jones because Kristan Crane was too aligned with the old City Manager Scott Huth. I am sorry Ashely Jones was not!!!! I would encourage you to think out the box and my words will be difficult to swallow. C.J. was a good fit but relied on the wrong people to navigate this town and Ashely Jones was one of those people. Good luck in your difficult decision.



**From:** Joe Sullivan <joe@privatejudge.com>  
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Ashley,  
 Please distribute the red dot attached as Word doc and embedded below.  
 Thanks & regards,  
 Joe Sullivan  
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February 12, 2021

TO: Del Mar City Council  
 FROM: Joe Sullivan  
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Reading the tea leaves it appears that Del Mar may be searching for a new city manager to replace C. J. Johnson. I have no opinion on whether or not you should take that action.

However, if you do decide to terminate Ms. Johnson then I urge you to seriously consider promoting someone from the current staff to the position of City Manager. Current staff members are familiar with the issues facing our City, the political dynamics at play, the budget constraints, and the traditional level of citizen participation. A new manager from outside the City would require a protracted learning period, especially during this time of remote meetings.

I do not have a particular staff person to recommend. From my many contacts with the City I have the impression there is more than one ready to step up to this important and challenging assignment.

Respectfully submitted,