



**DEL MAR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Via Teleconference
1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, California

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gaasterland called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Terry Gaasterland; Deputy Mayor Dwight Worden; Councilmembers Dave Druker, Tracy Martinez and Dan Quirk

CITY COUNCIL OTHER BUSINESS

**ITEM 1: PROPOSAL TO CREATE A CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
(CLERK'S FILE NO. 401-1)**

A brief presentation was provided by Councilmember Druker.

Council questions and discussion focused on continuity for coordinating with regional elected officials; Council support to change the appointment term from four years to two years; and the continued ability for any Councilmember to respond to elected officials or other third parties on topics of importance for the City.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GAASTERLAND, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DRUKER TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE AMENDMENT TO BULLET A(III) IN THE AGENDA REPORT AMENDING THE TERM TO TWO YEARS INSTEAD OF A FOUR-YEAR TERM. (VOTE 5-0)

Deputy Mayor Worden confirmed that the new subcommittee would be in addition to the City's current legislative efforts.

Ayes: Mayor Gaasterland Deputy Mayor Worden, and Councilmembers Druker, Martinez and Quirk; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 0.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GAASTERLAND, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER QUIRK, TO APPOINT MAYOR GAASTERLAND AND COUNCILMEMBER DRUKER AS THE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE. (VOTE 5-0)

Ayes: Mayor Gaasterland Deputy Mayor Worden, and Councilmembers Druker, Martinez and Quirk; Noes: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 0.

ITEM 2: CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES RELATED TO ORDINANCE 973 (CLERK'S FILE NO. 304-7, 401-1, 402-11)

City Attorney Leslie Devaney provided a conflict analysis for the item and identified Councilmembers Martinez and Quirk as being conflicted from participation on this agenda item.

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A presentation was provided by Interim City Manager Ashley Jones.

Council questions focused on the timing allowed for the proponents to withdraw the referendum, the timing options and considerations for holding a special election, and how both relate to the City's Housing Element Update.

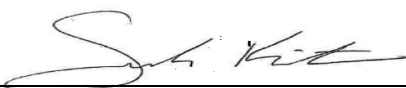
Mayor Gaasterland provided the City Council with a detailed update from referendum proponents including their concerns and requested additional protections related to the North Commercial zone. The proponents' concerns included certainty on the calculation of height from the current grade; prohibition of short term rentals in the area; possible amendments to the condo conversion code to prevent housing created through by-right development from converting to condos in the future; and confirmation that current Design Review Ordinances (DROs) and processes will apply to rooftop structures and decks, use of floor area ratios to limit structure size, noise and light restrictions, sufficient onsite parking requirements, and the façade of structures being consistent with the surrounding area. The proponents' requested additional protections including that the City establish and publish a wildfire emergency evacuation plan for neighbors along Oribia, San Dieguito Way, David Way, Heather Lane, Christy Lane and Jimmy Durante Boulevard that accommodates higher density in the area; confirmation of what it will take for the private portion of San Dieguito Road to be improved and turned over to the City to be maintained as a public road; City approval of the right to add a gate to the entrance of Heather Lane, Christy Lane, and David Way to mitigate traffic and parking overflows; and the City Council adopting an overlay with design standards for all higher density structures with residential zones early in the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update process.

City Attorney Leslie Devaney stated that the Mayor's report out was appropriate under this item as noticed. However, any substantive Council discussion of the proposal from the proponents should wait until a future noticed meeting. City Attorney Devaney added that the City Attorney's Office will conduct a conflict analysis for Councilmembers Quirk and Martinez related to the proponents' proposal to determine if they may be able to participate in any portion of the discussion.

The Council consensus was as follows: 1) Mayor Gaasterland and Councilmember Druker will take the lead to work with staff and the City Attorney's Office to negotiate with the Referendum proponent and return to the City Council with an update on March 15, 2021; 2) Staff was directed to notice and plan to move forward with 2E housing programs for the City Council Meeting on March 15, 2021; 3) Staff was directed to go to the Planning Commission on March 9, 2021, with the 2G program, and return to the City Council at a special meeting to be held on March 25, 2021, that will also include the draft 6th Cycle housing element.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gaasterland adjourned the meeting at 5:51 P.M.



Sarah Krietor, Acting City Clerk