



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: 2/5/2021**

**Time: 3:00 p.m.**

**Closed Session Location: Teleconference**

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**A. Call To Order**

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Combs, Mueller, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Interim City Attorney Cara Silver, Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros, Interim Police Chief Dave Spiller

**C. Roll Call**

**D. Closed Session**

- C1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b) Number of cases – 1

Mayor Combs was recused and exited the meeting.

No reportable actions.

The City Council took a recess at 3:13 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

Mayor Combs rejoined the meeting.

- C2. Public employment (Gov. Code section 54957) city attorney recruitment

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Nash/ Wolosin), to approve a city attorney contract with Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP, passed 3-2 (Combs and Mueller dissenting).

- C3. Government Code Section 54957(b)

Public Employee Performance Check-In

Title: City Manager

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Mueller/Combs), to extend City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson's contract for an additional year, passed unanimously.

**E. Adjournment**

Mayor Combs adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of February 23, 2021.

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