



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/8/2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Location: [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 858 3376 3711

Closed Session ([Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 858 3376 3711)

A. Call To Order

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Combs, Mueller, Nash, Taylor, Wolosin

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Police Chief David Norris

C. Closed Session

- C1. Closed session conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 regarding labor negotiations with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 829 (AFSCME) and Confidential employees; Service Employees International Union Local 521 (SEIU); Menlo Park Police Sergeants Association (PSA); Menlo Park Police Officers' Association (POA) and Confidential employees; unrepresented management; City Attorney and; City Manager

Attendees: City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, Assistant City Manager Nick Pegueros, City Attorney Nira F. Doherty, Legal Counsel Charles Sakai, Interim Human Resources Manager Kristen Strubbe

No reportable actions.

- C2. Closed session conference pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1) regarding public employee performance evaluation of the City Attorney

No reportable actions.

- C3. Closed session conference pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1) regarding public employee performance evaluation of the City Manager

No reportable actions.

- C4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One potential cases)

No reportable actions.

D. Adjournment

Mayor Combs adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the City Council meeting of October 12, 2021.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, EMERGENCY ADVISORY NOTICE

On March 19, 2020, the Governor ordered a statewide stay-at-home order calling on all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or at their place of residence to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, the Governor has temporarily suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act. For the duration of the shelter in place order, the following public meeting protocols will apply.

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