

CITY OF ALISO VIEJO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
December 21, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 12 Journey
Aliso Viejo, California

City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Munzing called the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Aliso Viejo to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: MAYOR MIKE MUNZING *(via teleconference)*
MAYOR PRO TEM TIFFANY ACKLEY *(via teleconference)*
COUNCILMEMBER ROSS CHUN *(via teleconference)*
COUNCILMEMBER DAVID C. HARRINGTON *(via teleconference)*
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD W. HURT *(via teleconference)*

ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: DAVID A. DOYLE, CITY MANAGER
SCOTT C. SMITH, CITY ATTORNEY
MITZI ORTIZ, CITY CLERK
GINA THARANI, FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
SHAUN PELLETIER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
OMAR DADABHOY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
STEPHANIE PHILLIPS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES
MANAGER
SEA SHELTON, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER
ISAAC AZIZ, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER
LT. CHAD KAJFASZ, CHIEF OF POLICE SERVICES
SARAH LIMONES, SENIOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
COORDINATOR

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ray Grangoff, Sheriff's Chief of Staff, led the pledge of allegiance.

1. **COMMUNITY INPUT:**

None.

2. DISCUSSION:

2.1. AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF SHERIFF DON BARNES' CHALLENGE TO AN ORDER RELEASING 1,800 INMATES FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY JAIL

Mayor Munzing opened for public comment. City Clerk Mitzi Ortiz entered the following communication into the record:

1. Stephanie Hammerwold expressed opposition to the matter.
2. Trina Mangione expressed opposition to the matter.
3. Hanna V. expressed opposition to the matter.
4. Felicity Figueroa expressed opposition to the matter.
5. Michelle Antenesse expressed opposition to the matter.
6. Karen Hernandez expressed opposition to the matter.
7. S. Hultquist expressed opposition to the matter.
8. William Wall expressed opposition to the matter.

There were no other public comments. City Manager David Doyle provided an overview. City Attorney Scott Smith and Sheriff's Chief of Staff Ray Grangoff provided additional information. Staff and Mr. Grangoff responded to questions regarding release of inmates since March, convictions, medically vulnerable inmates, participating cities, Council's options, court order, electronic monitoring, housing, resources, COVID-19 testing, medical treatment, transfers, Assembly Bill 109 Public Safety Realignment Act, pandemic protocols, and City's liability. Councilmembers commented on the matter. Mayor Munzing opened for additional public comments. Ms. Ortiz entered the following communication into the record:

9. Courtney Valentine expressed opposition to the matter.
10. Lola Ramirez urged the City Council to address the matter as a medical issue.

There were no other public comments.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Attorney to file a brief, or join in a brief filed by another city, supporting Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes' challenge to the order issued on December 11, 2020 (in the case entitled Cynthia Campbell et al. vs. Don Barnes, in his official capacity as Sheriff of Orange County, California, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2020-01141117-CU-WM-CXC), ordering the reduction of the Orange County Jail inmate population by fifty percent (50%) in all congregated living areas.

Motion: Councilmember Harrington moved and Mayor Munzing seconded to approve the recommended action and draft a letter expressing the City's stance.

Substitute Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Ackley moved and Councilmember Hurt seconded to direct the City Attorney to draft a letter with limited objections to the court order.

Motion to Bifurcate: Councilmember Harrington moved and Mayor Munzing seconded to bifurcate original motion. Motion failed 2-3, with Councilmember Chun, Councilmember Hurt, and Mayor Pro Tem Ackley dissenting.

Substitute Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Ackley moved and Councilmember Hurt seconded to direct the City Attorney to draft a letter with limited objections to the court order. Motion carried 3-2, with Councilmember Harrington and Mayor Munzing dissenting.

MAYOR MUNZING RECESSED THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M. AND RECONVENED AT 8:55 P.M.

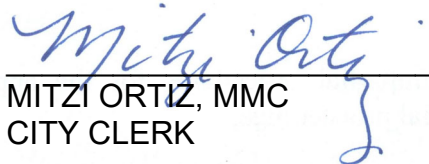
City Attorney Scott Smith presented a draft letter for City Council consideration. Councilmembers commented on the matter.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Ackley moved and Councilmember Chun seconded to approve the letter as amended. Motion carried 4-1, with Councilmember Harrington dissenting.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Munzing adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the regularly scheduled meeting of January 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:


MITZI ORTIZ, MMC
CITY CLERK


MIKE MUNZING
MAYOR