



LARKSPUR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

Larkspur City Council Chambers  
400 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur CA  
And Via Videoconference Per AB 361 (2021)

October 19, 2022

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## SPECIAL MEETING

Vice Mayor Paulson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### 1. ROLL CALL

COUNCIL PRESENT: Scot Candell, Kevin Haroff, Catherine Way, and Vice Mayor Gabe Paulson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Hillmer

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Alison Foulis and City Manager Dan Schwarz

### 2. BUSINESS ITEM

#### 2.1 INTERVIEW FOR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (1 VACANCY)

The Council interviewed Elizabeth Lee and Reide Baxter for the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

### 3. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

At 6:28 P.M., the Council adjourned to the regular meeting.

## REGULAR MEETING

### ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:30 P.M., Vice Mayor Paulson called the regular meeting to order and adjourned to closed session. Mayor Hillmer joined the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

#### 1A. CLOSED SESSION

1A.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): One potential case

1A.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)  
Title: City Manager

1A.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency designated representatives: Mayor Dan Hillmer and Councilmember Kevin Haroff  
Unrepresented employee: City Manager

### RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUNCE ANY REPORTABLE ACTION

At 7:45 P.M., Vice Mayor Paulson reconvened the meeting in open session and announced that there was no reportable action taken in the closed session, however the Council will need to return to this item at the end of the meeting. Mayor Hillmer left the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

## 1. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL PRESENT: Scot Candell, Kevin Haroff, Catherine Way, and Vice Mayor Gabe Paulson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Dan Hillmer

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Alison Foulis, City Manager Dan Schwarz, and City Attorney Sky Woodruff

Vice Mayor Paulson led the pledge of allegiance.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received public comment from:

- David Moller

## 3. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None

## 4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council received public comment from James Holmes regarding Item 4.5.

Upon motion by Councilmember Way, and seconded by Councilmember Candell, the City Council approved the consent calendar in one motion. The vote was unanimously in favor (Mayor Hillmer absent). The approved consent calendar consisted of the following items:

- 4.1 Approve warrants.
- 4.2 Approve minutes of the October 5, 2022, regular meeting.
- 4.3 Approve minutes of the October 10, 2022, special meeting.
- 4.4 Adopt Ordinance 1060 amending Section 9.24.070 of the Larkspur Municipal Code to adopt fines for violations of the City's Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
- 4.5 Adopt Resolution 75/22 authorizing application to and participation in the State's Prohousing Designation Program.

## 5. CITY MANAGER'S ORAL REPORT

City Manager Schwarz gave his oral report.

## 6. COUNCILMEMBERS' ORAL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Paulson reported on the following items:

1. 10/20/2022 Great Shakeout Earthquake Preparedness Drill
2. 11/6/2022 Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) Drills

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

## 8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 8.1 OPTIONS TO REGULATE RESIDENTIAL RENT INCREASES  
*Council to provide direction to staff regarding whether to construct an ordinance, conduct additional research, or schedule additional meetings.*

City Manager Schwarz provided a report.

The Council received public comment from:

- Joan Weinberg
- Kevin Carroll
- Abby Leport
- Anonymous Speaker
- Judith Shiner
- Nadja Floyd
- Elaine Hausman

- Njoki
- Keith
- Tristan Meyer
- Meg
- Chance Cutrano
- James Holmes
- Dorothy O’Leary
- Stephanie Hellman
- Heather Stoeckley
- Curt Reis
- Scott Jones
- Betsy Russel
- Leslie W

The Rent Stabilization Ad-Hoc Committee (Councilmember Haroff and Vice Mayor Paulson) reported on their recent activities and the Council discussed rent stabilization considerations. Vice Mayor Paulson appointed Mayor Hillmer and Councilmember Candell (with Councilmember Way to serve in Mayor Hillmer’s place if he does not wish to hold the position) to an ad-hoc committee to research rental assistance programs. City Attorney Woodruff clarified that the Rental Assistance Programs Ad-Hoc Committee will act separately from the Rent Stabilization Ad-Hoc Committee.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Vice Mayor Paulson adjourned the meeting to continue the closed session.

**1A. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED)**

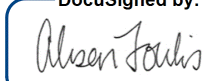
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**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUNCE ANY REPORTABLE ACTION**

At 9:32 P.M., Vice Mayor Paulson reconvened the meeting in open session and announced that there was no reportable action taken in the closed session.

**9. ADJOURN**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Attested  
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Alison Foulis, City Clerk