

**SUSANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Mayor Stafford.

Roll Call: Joe Franco, Brian Moore, Mendy Schuster and Mayor Kevin Stafford. Absent: Brian Wilson.

Staff Present: Mike Wilson, City Administrator; Jessica Ryan, Attorney; Kevin Jones, Police Chief; James Moore, Fire Chief and Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk.

1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Moore, to approve the agenda as submitted; motion carried. Ayes: Franco, Moore, Schuster and Stafford. Absent: Wilson.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

3 CLOSED SESSION: No business.

4 SCHEDULED MATTERS:

4A Discussion regarding Resolution No. 19-5720 authorizing a Sales and Transactions Use Tax of one percent (1%) to be used for Public Safety Services by review and final City Council approval of modifications to Ordinance 19-1018 imposing a Transactions and Use Tax of one percent (1%) to be used for Public Safety subject to approval of a 2/3 majority of the Electors voting on the Tax Measure at the election held March 3, 2020 Ms. Ryan explained that the City Council had conducted a public hearing on October 16, 2019 regarding the proposed sales tax measure. Based upon the discussion and feedback at the public hearing, there were a number of corrections/modifications to the document at the meeting. The purpose of the special meeting is to review the corrections that were made, and to confirm that it accurately reflects the intent and feedback provided at the hearing. She clarified that the resolution and first reading of the ordinance had been approved at the October 16th regular meeting and reviewed the timeline for ensuring that the Measure is submitted for the March 3, 2020 election.

There was a discussion regarding the language to hire additional personnel within the City and balancing the need for accountability and transparency while ensuring that the City was not promising increased services that may not be met, based upon the reality that CalPers could arbitrarily increase the costs for its unfunded liability.

Councilmember Schuster provided clarifying language suggestions to sections 3.16.050 and 3.16.060 as well as noting various typographical corrections. There was a general discussion regarding the challenge of passing the Measure.

At 10:12 a.m. the Mayor called for a brief recess; Ms. Ryan exited the chambers to make final corrections to the document.

At 10:22 p.m., Ms. Ryan returned to the Chambers and the meeting was resumed. The final documents were reviewed and it was the consensus of the Council that the documents accurately reflected the corrections that were made and approved at the October 16, 2019 regular meeting.

5 ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mayor pro tem Franco, second by Councilmember Schuster, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried. Ayes: Franco, Schuster, Moore and Stafford. Absent: Wilson.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kevin Stafford, Mayor

Gwenna MacDonald, City Clerk

Approved on: December 18, 2019