City of Yucaipa
City Council
Special Meeting of January 21, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
34272 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa, CA 92399

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thorp called the Closed Session meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jon Thorp, Mayor
Chris Venable, Mayor Pro Tem
Justin Beaver, Councilmember
Bob Miller, Councilmember
Judy Woolsey, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 PM

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Yucaipa Preservation Society v. City of Yucaipa, et al. San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVSB2308052

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Ana Sauseda v. Kathleen Elizabeth Sellers, Court of Appeal (Fourth District) Case No. E083932

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)

Councilmember Miller recused himself from Closed Session Item A as his property is within 500 ft. of the agendized item.

The City Council entered Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thorp called to order the Special Meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Walker.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jon Thorp, Mayor
Chris Venable, Mayor Pro Tem
Justin Beaver, Councilmember
Bob Miller, Councilmember
Judy Woolsey, Councilmember

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Mann, City Manager
Jennifer Crawford, Assistant City Manager
Steven Pacifico, City Attorney
Ana Sauseda, Director of General Services/City Clerk

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **SUBJECT**: CITIZEN SERVICE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

   RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review the applications received by the City Clerk's Office and nominate citizens for membership to the various commissions and committees.

   DISCUSSION: Director of General Services/City Clerk Sauseda presented the Agenda Report.

   The following members of the public spoke:
   - Ross McGinnis
   - Holly Warner
   - Heather Leon
   - Carla McCorkle
   - Kelly Tully
   - Cary Clark
   - David Higginson

- Donna Snodgrass
- Dr. Hansen Wang

Healthy Yucaipa Committee

Dr. Hansen Wang was nominated by Councilmember Beaver and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Robin Jensen was nominated by Councilmember Miller and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Ross McGinnis was nominated by Councilmember Woolsey and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Meredith Sherwin was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable and appointed by a majority vote of the Council with Councilmember Woolsey voting no.

Heather O'Bier was nominated by Mayor Thorp and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Dr. Matthew Underwood was nominated by Councilmember Beaver for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Rebecca Haynes was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Venable and Mayor Thorp were nominated for the non-voting councilmember positions and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Public Finance Authority Board

Dusteen Nevatt was nominated by Councilmember Beaver for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Ro Randolph was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable for the at-large position but failed due to a lack of a second.

Heather Leon was nominated by Councilmember Miller for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Councilmembers Beaver, Miller, and Woolsey were nominated for the councilmember positions and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Trails and Open Space Committee

Kandie Cansler was nominated by Councilmember Beaver and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Miguel Placencia was nominated by Councilmember Miller and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Dan Whitehead was nominated by Councilmember Woolsey and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Kellie LaRocco was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Douglas Leach was nominated by Mayor Thorp and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Lenny LaRocco was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council with Councilmember Beaver voting no.

Kathy Utley was nominated by Councilmember Beaver for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Kristine Mohler was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Shawn Burdine was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Vector Control Committee

Staff requested direction from the City Council as to how to proceed with this committee as the City received no applications for membership.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BEAVER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER, TO MOVE THE VECTOR CONTROL COMMITTEE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

COUNCILMEMBER BEAVER WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

ACTION: MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM VENABLE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER BEAVER, CARRIED 5-0, TO RUN THE RECRUITMENT AGAIN AND BRING THE ITEM BACK AT A FUTURE MEETING WITH THE OPTIONS OF MOVING THE COMMITTEE SO IT FALLS UNDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN CASE THE RECRUITMENT IS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Park and Recreation Commission

Denise Allen was appointed by Councilmember Beaver.

Heather Placencia was appointed by Councilmember Miller.

Joel Keller was appointed by Councilmember Woolsey.

Tara Van Grouw was appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Venable.

Spencer Gonzales was appointed by Mayor Thorp.

Planning Commission

Stacey Chester was nominated by Councilmember Beaver and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Brandon Mihld was nominated by Councilmember Miller and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Dennis Miller was nominated by Councilmember Woolsey and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Lyle Vick was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable but failed due to a lack of a second.

Tony Hicks was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Venable and appointed by a majority vote of the Council with Councilmembers Miller and Woolsey voting no.

Robert O'Brine was nominated by Mayor Thorp and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Mike McCuistion was nominated by Councilmember Miller for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

Timothy Mullins was nominated by Mayor Thorp for the at-large position and appointed by a majority vote of the Council.

2. **SUBJECT**: 2025 MEMBERSHIP ON COUNCIL AD-HOC & STANDING COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review the current 2024 Committees Roster and advise the City Clerk of any changes to current memberships.

DISCUSSION: Director of General Services/City Clerk Sauseda presented the Agenda Report.

The following appointments were made by a majority vote of the council:

Ad-Hoc Committees

- Casa Blanca Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Mayor Thorp/Mayor Pro Tem Venable
- Community Activity Grant (CAG) Application Review Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Councilmember Beaver/Mayor Thorp
- Five Winds Ranch Improvement Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Mayor Pro Tem Venable/Councilmember Beaver
- Library Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Mayor Thorp/Councilmember Miller
- Public Arts Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Councilmember Miller/Councilmember Woolsey
- Public Safety Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Councilmember Beaver/Councilmember Miller
- Solid Waste Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Mayor Pro Tem Venable/Mayor Thorp
- Yucaipa Valley Chamber of Commerce Ad-Hoc Committee –
  Councilmember Woolsey/Councilmember Miller

Standing Committees

- Finance Committee –
  Councilmember Woolsey/Councilmember Miller

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Steven Pacifico indicated that there was no reportable action on item A, Council gave settlement direction on Item B by a vote of 4-1, and Council gave settlement direction on Item C by a vote of 5-0.

Councilmember Beaver apologized for missing the last regular City Council meeting and gave a brief update on behalf of Omnitrans.

Mayor Thorp thanked all the citizens who applied to serve on a City commission/committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Jon Thorp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ana V. Sauseda, MMC
Director of General Services/City Clerk