

City of Del Rey Oaks

**City Hall
650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd
Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940**



Action Minutes

Thursday January 11, 2023 - 6:00 PM

City Council – Special Meeting

Del Rey Oaks City Council

**Scott Donaldson – Mayor
Kim Shirley – Councilmember
Jeremy Hallock – Councilmember
John Uy – Councilmember**

6:00 PM – Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Donaldson.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Donaldson, Councilmember Shirley, and Councilmember Hallock and Councilmember Uy

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Donaldson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Update from Mayor regarding flooding situation expected to peak on Thursday the 12th. Asks everyone to share that information with their neighbors.

Public Comment:

Deputy City Clerk Minami reads 2 letters sent in by resident Jim Clark regarding the issue of newly elected inexperienced council members who now want to create a process that requires the appointed future council member to be experienced. The letter also states that using vote counts as a way to 'annoint' a new member is illogical.

Susan Blush: Experience is less important than 4 qualities; truthfulness, integrity, being open minded and acting as a team player. The amount of votes shouldn't matter, some voters don't vote for every office. This would create divisiveness.

Patrice Vecchione: Wants a city council member who is fiscally responsible, educated, dedicated to resident's needs, believes in transparency and has a vision they can articulate.

Mike Burger: Transparency is a word being used often to describe past politics, but it is not transparent for a group of individuals to meet and organize a plan to strongarm a candidate on to the council by a method not listed on that meeting's agenda. A ringleader and her cohorts would create a majority that would keep the new mayor from functioning. They are not accepting the results of the last election.

Jeff Cecillio: They are creating divisiveness. The City voted on who they wanted. This is an attempt to overturn the election. Thank you to the citizens of Del Rey Oaks who voted not to have Allison govern the City.

Ann Ahmadi: This country is living through a period of divisiveness, and she did not expect to experience it here and hopes everyone will step back and get past the problems of the past for a better future.

Public Comments close.

Council Member Shirley: presents an evaluation tool she created based on the City's Core. Picked four of the 6, also considered Monterey's but thought they might not fit so she created 2 categories. Wanted to present and answer questions about moving forward with it.

Attorney Lorca: staff report from last week with respect to a nomination process has the criteria of a registered voter who lives in Del Rey Oaks. Other criteria can be added.

Discussion follows covering each question, the connection to core values, elimination of the last 2 questions, elimination of the scorecard aspect of the form, unscripted questions not allowed, order of candidate interviews, public comment after all have spoken then deliberations and nominating.

MOTION: Council Member Hallock: Proceed with appointment application process to include implementation of criteria and interview questions as presented by Council Member Shirley, first 4 questions asked of each applicant. 1 minute to respond and each will have 3 minutes to make their own statement. The order will be randomized. In event of lateness they will be moved to the end of the line.

SECONDED BY KIM SHIRLEY

Mayor Donaldson: Aye
Council Member Shirley: Aye
Council Member Hallock: Aye
Council Member Uy: Aye

The motion passed unanimously

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00pm

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Attest:

Date:
