

City of Del Rey Oaks

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



Action Minutes

Thursday February 9, 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

Public Comment:

Irene Barlich: Thanks Council Member Shirley and Uy for sticking to their guns at last meeting.

New Business:

City Councilmember Vacancy: Possible Action to Make an Appointment to Fill the Vacancy for the Remaining Term and Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Appointed Councilmember (Continued from January 24, 2023 City Council Meeting) or Call a Special Election for November 7, 2023 as per the Elections Code (§36512).

City Manager Guertin: Reviewed process

Public Comment:

Amand: Why not flip a coin.

Vicky Lucido: Voted for change of leadership. It's hypocritical not to appoint Louise.

Mary Solseng: Reads from letter regarding Bill being a centrist.

Don Gruber: Both applicants were opposed to FORTAG but either would be reasonable.

Frank Lucido: It's a fact that the city is divided and we wanted a new mayor. Do what is best for the city.

Manny: Find common ground.

Dennis Allion: Reads Jim Clarks letter regarding the last meeting. Ridiculous that this current situation in Scott's vault. Apologizes for his actions at the last meeting.

Karen Harris: Known Bill for 34 years and he is the best choice.

Patrice Viceone: Louise is not respected at the Oaks. Bill has a mind of his own and is the best choice.

Chris Foley: Bill is his mentor and has integrity.

Gary Kreeger: Alison lost the election because of her support of measure B. All four council members will have to share blame if this goes to an election.

Kathy Pallazolo: Process is flawed, the context changed. Wants a special election.

Scott Laxier: Reads letter. Louise shuts down people at the Oaks. Bill is a good listener and has empathy.

Susan: Likes the idea of flipping a coin.

Deputy City Clerk Minami reads letters from Mike O'Brien and Kristin Clark.

Public Comment is closed

Council Member Hallock: Concerned that Bill doesn't have experience. One must be holistically neutral and leave it at the door. Louise is the best choice.

Council Member Uy: Varied opinions in email. Hard decision but wants Bill on council.

Council Member Shirley: Supports Bill and many are not happy with Louise at The Oaks. We don't need to go to an election, we owe it to the residents to do good work.

Mayor Donaldson: Thanks all for calls and emails. Apologizes to applicants that withdrew. The make up of the council determines how the development is handled, how long-term debt is treated and how we retain staff. The majority wants change and wants to avoid an election. Not happy about how things have come this far. We need to do what's best for the city. To Bill, putting trust in him to be his own man and to be able to compromise in the future. Would like to entertain a motion to appoint Bill Ragsdale-Cronin.

A motion was made by Council Member Shirley to appoint Bill Ragsdale-Cronin to the vacant council seat, Seconded by Council Member Uy.

Roll call vote taken pursuant to Government Code 54953:

Mayor Donaldson: Aye

Council Member Shirley: Aye

Council Member Hallock: Nay

Council Member Uy: Aye

The motion passes 3-1

Deputy City Clerk Minami administered the Oath of Office to Bill Ragsdale-Cronin.

Closed session was not heard due to City Attorney Lorca's illness.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00pm

Adjournment: 7:15 pm

Attest:

Date:
