

MINUTES  
MALIBU CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2020  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
4:00 P.M.

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Farrer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Mayor Karen Farrer; Mayor Pro Tem Mikke Pierson; and Councilmembers Rick Mullen, Skylar Peak, and Jefferson Wagner

ALSO PRESENT: Christi Hogin, City Attorney; Reva Feldman, City Manager; Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager; Trevor Rusin, Assistant City Attorney; and Kelsey Pettijohn, Deputy City Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

John Mazza indicated opposition to district elections. He stated City elections were not discriminatory. He stated district elections could prevent qualified candidates from being elected.

Kraig Hill stated the minority populations were spread out in the City and the City would not be able to create districts that would create a minority-majority district. He stated racial minorities did not necessarily vote as a block. He stated elected and appointed officials should represent the entire City.

Kevin Shenkman stated some cities that switched to district elections in response to litigation found the change positive.

Scott Dittrich stated Malibu did not have a disenfranchised minority community. He indicated opposition to district elections. He stated residents elected Councilmembers based on their values. He questioned how district elections would lead to a more diverse Council.

Graeme Clifford indicated support for more public discussion regarding the possibility of switching to district elections. He indicated opposition to holding public meetings during business hours.

Norm Haynie indicated opposition to the lawsuit. He discussed Lou La Monte's service as a Councilmember. He stated the Councilmembers and Commissioners fairly represented the entire community. He stated districts elections could create a cultural of political bargaining.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

At 4:15 p.m., on the advice of counsel and based on existing facts and circumstances, the Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item listed on the Closed Session agenda:

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated litigation**

1. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Number of Cases: 1  
Letter dated October 25, 2019, from Milton Grimes regarding threat of litigation under California Voting Rights Act of 2001


**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Assistant City Attorney Rusin reported that the Special meeting convened at 4:15 p.m. at which time the City Council recessed to a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), with all Councilmembers present. He stated the Council discussed the item listed on the Closed Session agenda and took no reportable actions.


**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:12 p.m., Mayor Farrer adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the  
City of Malibu on January 27, 2020.

  
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KAREN FARRER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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HEATHER GLASER, City Clerk  
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