To: Mayor Farrer and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Heather Glaser, City Clerk

Approved by: Reva Feldman, City Manager

Date prepared: January 13, 2020  Meeting date: January 27, 2020

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes for the January 7, 2020 Malibu City Council Special meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. This project is part of normal staff operations.

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared draft minutes for the meetings of January 7, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS: January 7, 2020 Malibu City Council Special meeting minutes
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

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 ________.

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KAREN FARRER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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HEATHER GLASER, City Clerk
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