



Santa Clara, Texas Special City Council Meeting

Monday, **March 18, 2024** at 6:00 PM

The City Council called regular meeting on March 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM. At City Hall 1653 N Santa Clara Road and video conference through city's homepage City of Santa Clara with Mayor Jeff Hunt.

A. PLEDGE

B. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. **Roll Call:** Marian Carty, Jim Folbre, John Reagan, Danny Trammell, and Ernest Schoenefeldt.
P & Z Member Present: Lloyd Fairley, Carrie Itschner, Shane Lipke, Chad Brady, David Cale, Thomas Perkins and Chase Grier
2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Quorum was present for March 18, 2024, Special City Council Meeting.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Items listed under this heading are for discussion and possible action.

1. **Presentation of background of issues leading to DA Willborn indictment of City Marshal.**

Mayor, presented a video recording of the vehicle stop relating to the indictment of Marshal Jerry Airola and Marshal Terreal Hatcher. During the presentation Marshal Jerry Airola gave explanation to the events in the video. Marshal Jerry Airola gave exaptation regarding the additional indictment against him for the events that incurred in Comal County.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council retired to Executive Session for purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code and discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. Executive session opens at 7:23 PM and adjourn at 8:50 PM. All council members present for executive session. No action taken in Executive Session.

E. Return to open session: Return to open session at 8:51 PM

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Executive Session Action:

Council member Danny Trammell made the motion to put Chief Marshal Jerry Ariola on Administrative Leave from all duties of chief marshal and permit all such duties of chief marshal to pass to the deputy chief marshal of Santa Clara Mark Soto for so long as criminal charges are pending against Jerry Ariola or until the end of the current term of appointment of Jerry Ariola as chief marshal expires. Such administrative leave shall not prohibit Jerry Airola to serve in a purely administrative capacity to perform only administrative operations as needed to maintain the City's agency license, certifications, and operational contracts. Council member Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion. Motion carried with the vote of 4 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstain

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

H. ATTENDANCE BY OTHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Jim Folbre made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Council member Ernest Schoenefeldt seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mayor: Jeff Hunt



City Secretary: Donna White