

**CITY OF ANAHEIM  
SISTER CITY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**February 22, 2021**

**TELECONFERENCE**

**(877) 594-8353 – Participant Code: 92121081**

**SPECIAL NOTICE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that the Sister City Commission members will participate in this meeting remotely.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 and given the current health concerns, members of the public can access the meeting live and participate telephonically by calling (877) 594-8353 and entering Participant Code: 92121081. If you desire to address the Anaheim Sister City Commission, please do so when called upon under Agenda Item VI. Public Comment. In addition, members of the public can submit comments electronically for the Sister City Commission consideration by sending them to [sistercity@anaheim.net](mailto:sistercity@anaheim.net). **To ensure distribution to the Sister City Commission prior to consideration of the agenda, please submit comments prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.** Those comments, as well as any comments received after 12:00 p.m., will be distributed to the Sister City Commission members and will be made part of the official public record of the meeting. Contact Maggie Solorio ([msolorio@anaheim.net](mailto:msolorio@anaheim.net)) with any questions.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Kevin Barrot, Taline Cole, James Dinwiddie II, Lori Dinwiddie, Larry L. Larsen, Dara Maleki, Germaine Neumann, Brian O’Neal, Anna Piercy, and Brian Stanley

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Paul Anderson, Emily Fuentes, Elizabeth Jabaz, Steven Kleine, LaShé Rodriguez

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kimberly Kelemen, Community Services  
Maggie Solorio, City Manager’s Office

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

Agenda Posting: A complete copy of the Anaheim Sister City Commission Agenda was posted on Friday, February 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. at Anaheim City Hall.

Public Input: Chair Taline Cole explained that members of the public are invited to address the Anaheim Sister City Commission and will be called upon under Agenda Item No. VI. Public Comment.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taline Cole called the meeting of the Anaheim Sister City Commission (ASCC) to order at 4:04 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

Kimberly Kelemen administered the Oath of Office to Commission Members Kevin Barrot, James Dinwiddie and Lori Dinwiddie who were reappointed on January 26, 2021 by the City Council. She also administered the Oath of Office to the newest members of the Commission Brian Stanley appointed on February 11, 2020 and Dara Maleki appointed on January 26, 2021 by the City Council.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Brian Stanley offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Larry Larsen AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 9-0; Absent: Paul Anderson, Emily Fuentes, Elizabeth Jabaz, Steven Kleine and LaShé Rodriguez; Abstained: Dara Maleki) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the minutes from the ASCC meeting held on November 23, 2020 as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer James Dinwiddie presented the Treasurer's Report dated February 18, 2021 with a balance of \$15,800.36 and noted there had been no changes in the account since February 2020.

MOTION: Commissioner Dara Maleki offered a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Lori Dinwiddie AND MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 10-0; Absent: Paul Anderson, Emily Fuentes, Elizabeth Jabaz, Steven Kleine and LaShé Rodriguez) that the Anaheim Sister City Commission does hereby approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 18, 2021 as presented.

V. MARKETING AND/OR EVENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Chair Taline Cole explained she put this item on the agenda so that the Commission could have an opportunity to discuss and come up with new ideas and matters the Commission would like to focus on in the coming year. Because there is not going to be a student exchange this year, she thought it would be a good time to see what else the Commission may be able to do. After further discussion, the Commission came up with the following ideas:

- A virtual student exchange with Mito, Japan - Commissioners Dara Maleki and Kevin Barrot will look into that and report at the next meeting;
- Look at possible new sister city relationships;
- Reignite the sister city relationship with Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain - Commissioner Germaine Neumann will lead this effort;
- Reach out to other cities in the County to see what they are doing with their sister cities during the pandemic - Commissioner Kevin Barrot will reach out and report at the next meeting; and
- Agendize a discussion regarding the pending sister city relationship with Pudong, China at the next meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

Kimberly Kelemen announced the City Clerk's and the City Attorney's offices are going to have a virtual, joint special meeting for all Anaheim boards and commissions to facilitate a Brown Act and AB1234 Ethics training. The training is required for all new board members; but is also open to returning/existing board and commissions members as a refresher. The Joint Board & Commission Meeting/Training will be on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. An email will go out to the Commission with additional information and reservation instructions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to Monday, March 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.