

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON  
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 27, 2021

1. **CLOSED SESSION**        None.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mayor Shawver.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mr. Peter Whittingham.

4. **ROLL CALL**

Present:        Council Member Van, Council Member Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, and Mayor Shawver.

Absent:        None.

Excused:       Council Member Ramirez.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**5A. STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY**

At the November 24, 2020 City Council meeting, Council Member Van asked that Community Choice Energy be reviewed at a future City Council Study Session. Staff has researched the topic and has found a variety of information which is in this staff report. Additionally, experts on the subject will present to the City Council as well.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Jose Trinidad Castaneda, Climate Action Campaign submitted an e-public comment in favor of the Community Choice Energy Program and reported that the City of Stanton was rated as one of the least prepared and most at-risk from threats of climate change, including heat events and flooding and that the City must act on climate. Mr. Castaneda further reported that one of the greatest tools to accelerate climate action at the local level, while providing good jobs, cleaner energy, and greater resiliency is Community Choice.
- Mr. Kevin L. Jones, resident and President of Business in a Bucket Institute submitted an e-public comment in favor of the Community Choice Energy Program and reported that the Community Choice Energy is a program that brings freedom of choice, local control, community benefits, cleaner energy, maximize economies of scale, and competition into the electricity marketplace and asks that the City move forward in joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Presentation by Orange County Power Authority:

- Mr. Brian Probolsky, Mr. Ryan Baron, Mr. Gary Saleba, and Ms. Antonia Graham.

Presentation by Southern California Edison:

- Ms. Jessica Fernandez, Government Relations Manager, Mr. Josh Torres, Sr. Advisor, Ms. Teresa Pham, Sr. Advisor

The City Council questioned how power would get to the residents, exit fees, one-time cost, how long will residents have to bear proposed fees, timeframe for repayment costs/fees, timeframe for loan repayment costs/fees, safe space for brown power, state requirement, timeframe in which real data pertaining to savings costs will be received, incentives for joining, pros and cons in joining another entity, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) rates, effects on solar panel customers, expectations from the City, required staff time, liability, renewable energy, conducted studies, selection process, generation, and delivery costs.

1. The City Council declared that the review is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and
2. Reviewed the staff report and testimony regarding the subject: and
3. Received and filed the presentation and report.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** Motion/Second: Shawver/  
Motion carried at 6:27 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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