



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
RINCON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
107 W. 17<sup>th</sup> STREET  
6:00 PM**

**Councilmember Present:**

Ben Blackwell  
Reese Browher  
Kevin Exley  
Patrick Kirkland  
Levi Scott Jr  
Michelle Taylor

**Present:**

Ken Lee, Mayor  
Jonathan Lynn, City Manager  
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

**Approval of the agenda:**

Motion to approve: Levi Scott Jr  
Second: Kevin Exley  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

**New Business:**

**1. Council discussion of police videos per Councilmember Kevin Exley.**

Councilmember Exley said we have some videos floating around on social media based off our Freedom of information request. He is requesting to move forward with an internal or external investigation into actions surrounding the events. He also would like to see GMA select the attorney for this matter and all other matters concerning current employees in the future. He would like a status update on this within the next 15 days so we can let our

citizens know we are following through. He read the Charter section 2.31 Council Interference with the Administration.

Councilmember Scott said the bottom line we have issues that need to be addressed. He has things that are on social media and he would like the public to know about it. Councilmember Scott addressed the videos that were on social media. He said he has been here, working on the Planning Board and City Council going on 30 years and he has never seen incidents of Council or staff like we are dealing with now.

Council Exley said he thinks he did not tell the truth about the stops. At this point Councilmember Scott excused himself. Councilmember Exley said no matter how the videos came out, it is out and it is factual. Our job is not to tell police officers what to do and it states that in the Charter.

There was discussion on if Council should be able to go to department heads.

Councilmember Browner said tonight we heard from Mr. Exley and Mr. Scott and asked Mr. Lynn and Mr. Dickey what we need to do. Mayor Lee said the question is what is our obligation to address this issue, and what would be an appropriate action to be taken to address it. The issue is a Councilmember or Mayor giving direction to staff.

Mr. Lynn said you would probably want to do is find an objective third party to look into this and provide you all a status. Attorney Dickey said he thinks you should go to outside counsel to get legal advice before you do anything.

A motion was made to authorize staff to seek outside counsel to provide legal opinion pertaining to possible investigation of charter violations by Councilmember Levi Scott.

Motion: Kevin Exley

Second: Michelle Taylor

Vote by Council: Unanimous (Councilmember Scott left the meeting before vote)

**Adjourn:**

Motion: Ben Blackwell

Second: Michelle Taylor

Vote by Council: Unanimous