

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CANYON LAKE CITY COUNCIL
Canyon Lake City Hall
31516 Railroad Canyon Road
Canyon Lake, CA 92587
Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

Open Session – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Castillo, Council Member Steeber, Council Member Terry, Council Member Welty and Mayor Smith.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Council Member Terry.

FLAG SALUTE

Tony Schwartzman led the Flag Salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Renee Griffiths noted that Council Member Welty's support for the moratorium was shared privately and not provided to the full City Council or entered into the public record before the March 11 City Council meeting. She asked the City Attorney to clarify whether this complies with the Brown Act.

City Attorney Pacifico responded that a Council Member may submit a statement to be read aloud, similar to a member of the public, and that direct communication with the full City Council outside the meeting would have been inappropriate. He offered to discuss the matter further after the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. (1) Introduction of Urgency Ordinance No. 273 - An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Canyon Lake, California, Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858 Establishing a Forty-Five (45) Day Moratorium on the Establishment or Expansion of Beauty Establishments Within the City of Canyon Lake

Council Member Steeber objected to the meeting as a violation of Rosenberg's Rules. He noted concerns regarding integrity and fairness and requested that his objection be entered into the record.

City Attorney Pacifico pointed to the City's adopted rules of procedure and noted that this item is not a motion to reconsider and is not a violation of the Brown Act. With regard to this action being discriminatory, City Attorney Pacifico noted the ordinance is legally permissible if supported by a rational basis.

Council Member Steeber suggested that the City Council was revisiting the item and read a portion of Rosenberg's Rules into the record. City Attorney Pacifico reiterated that the process is contained in the City's adopted rules of procedure, there is no motion to reconsider on the floor and no reason not to proceed. He further stated that the City Council, as part of the motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, can add a precautionary measure to suspend any rules related to reconsideration.

City Manager Brown provided a presentation.

Alex Cook spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Gus Leichti submitted a petition to the City Clerk in opposition to the proposed moratorium and spoke in opposition.

Renee Griffiths spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Patricia Strong spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Rose spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Amy spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Sarah Danylo spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Kamri spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Vanessa Escobar spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Alicia McCarthy spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Anna Belk spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Tony Schwarzman spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

Amber spoke in opposition to the moratorium.

The City Council discussed the timing for bringing back a study on the matter.

The item died for lack of a motion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl L. Garcia, MMC, CPM
City Clerk