

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

**A special meeting of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:15 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Frankie Alves, Jacob Johnson, Vickie Riddle, Barbara Sally, Justin Mills

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, Daymon Qualls, John Hall, Eekhong Franco, and Christina Arias

1. **Call to Order Special Meeting**  
Mayor Alves called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
2. **Public Comment Regarding Special Meeting**  
There were no public comments presented.
3. **Workshop Introduction**  
City Administrator Adam Ennis provided an overview and expectations for the workshop.
4. **Introduction of Facilitator**  
City Administrator Adam Ennis introduced Dr. Jacqueline L. Ryle of Empowerment Strategies and noted Dr. Ryle had a career of over 34 years of public service with the cities of Modesto and Fresno.
5. **Council Introductions**  
Council provided brief introductions and Dr. Jacqueline L. Ryle discussed priorities of the Management workshop. Mr. Ennis provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the priorities of the previous Management workshop.
6. **Facilitator Overview of Management Group Session**  
Dr. Jacqueline L. Ryle reviewed the priorities with Council and led them into discussion regarding all priorities. Council discussed the priorities and provided feedback regarding values of the City.
7. **Priorities from Management Group Session**  
City Administrator Adam Ennis led a discussion with the Council regarding the priorities and challenges regarding various issues. Council posed questions and staff provided responses thereto.
8. **Council Strategic Planning Session**  
Dr. Jacqueline L. Ryle posed questions for Council and Council provided responses thereto. Council discussed ways for the City to increase revenue and discussed ideas for the City to attract potential businesses and discussed a potential special sales tax to be placed in a future ballot. Council addressed staff to express their appreciation for their hard work.
9. **Adjourn Special Meeting**  
Mayor Alves adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Christina Arias Deputy City Clerk