



Date: November 15, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the November 15, 2022 City Council and Stadium Authority Meeting

Please adjourn the November 15, 2022 City Council and Authorities Concurrent and Stadium Authority meeting in memory of:

Former City Attorney Barry McCarthy (read by Mayor Gillmor)

- Barry Francis McCarthy was born on September 20, 1948, to Vince and Virginia McCarthy on the south side of Chicago, IL, the third of five children.
- After two years at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, he moved to California with his family in the late '60s, where he completed his undergraduate work and law degree at Santa Clara University.
- Barry's law practice spanned several decades and included extensive work in energy law. He initially worked for the Contra Costa County Legal Services Foundation, then as City Attorney at the City of Santa Clara and on to become a partner at Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke. He later started his own firm in which he counseled and advised publicly-owned utilities across the state, guiding them through a changing energy regulatory landscape and helping to usher in a new era of utility regulation.
- Barry delighted telling people he met his wife Carol/CJ McCarthy at a City of Santa Clara hydroelectric dam dedication. Former City Manager Jennifer Sparacino took responsibility for this 'meet cute.'
- After retirement from the law, Barry began volunteer work with the Clemency Project and the Pro Bono Project before he became ill in 2017. He was diagnosed with MSA, a rare progressive and degenerative neurological disease.
- Barry was a loving father, husband, brother, and a fiercely loyal friend to many. Much to his wife's chagrin, he charmed many widows at the Westmont of Morgan Hill assisted living facility where he and his wife of 32 years resided for the last 4+ years.
- Barry Francis McCarthy passed away peacefully on October 31, 2022, at home surrounded by family. In addition to wife CJ, Barry is survived by son Brendan (a current city employee) and grandsons Aidan and Robbie, and daughter Katie Plaza, her husband Jakub, and granddaughters Charlotte and Sydney.