



**Date:** April 6, 2021

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

**Subject:** Moment of Silence at the April 6, 2021 City Council Meeting

**Commemorating the life of Former City Councilmember Jim Ash**

- Before we begin today, I want to take a moment to honor the life of Jim Ash, a former City Councilmember and beloved pillar of the Santa Clara community.
- Jim was born on December 6, 1935 in Lebanon, TN to Oliver and Marjorie Ash. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he traveled the world and ultimately meet the love of his life in Honolulu, HI. On June 17, 1958, he married Jacklyn Renee Stratton.
- After receiving his teaching degree from Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro TN, he headed west to California and ended up in Santa Clara where he taught school for over 30 years.
- Jim had a passion for serving and giving back to Santa Clara.
- Not only was he a member of the Santa Clara City Council, having served three terms, he was also a member of the Planning Commission, Civil Service Commission; and service organizations, such as the American Legion, Elks Lodge, and the Veterans Memorial in Central Park.
- Jim was known as a "Mr. Fix-it" man who could build things from the ground up. He was also known for his thoughtful demeanor and infectious smile; he had a kind and compassionate spirit.
- On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, Jim Ash, loving husband and father of three children, passed away at the age of 85.
- Jim was preceded in death by his father, James, his mother, Marjorie, his brother Bobby, and his sister, Dixie. He is survived by his wife Lynn, his three children, Dana, Lisa, and Travis (Wife - Raynelle), his brother Butch, numerous nieces and nephews, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- I would now like to ask for a moment of silence to honor Jim's memory and his service to the Santa Clara community.
- Thank you.