

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
City Council of the Town of Colma  
Colma Community Center  
1520 Hillside Boulevard  
Colma, CA 94014  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Diana Colvin called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Council Present – Mayor Diana Colvin, Vice Mayor Helen Fisicaro, Council Members Raquel Gonzalez, Joanne F. del Rosario and John Irish Goodwin were all present.

Staff Present – City Manager Brian Dossey, Chief of Police John Munsey, Administrative Services Director Pak Lin, Director of Public Works Brad Donohue, City Clerk Caitlin Corley, and Interim Recreation Manager Angelika Abellana were in attendance.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Council Member Joanne F. del Rosario made opening remarks and welcomed special guests from the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco:

- Consul General Neil Frank Ferrer
- Deputy Consul General Raquel Solano
- Consul Jed Martin Llona
- Consul Vanessa Bago-Llona
- Consul Dominic Xavier Imperial
- Trade Commissioner Celynne Layug
- Tourism Director Soleil Tropicales
- Social Security System Representative Maritess Marin
- Philippine Center Management Board Administrative Officer Genevieve Ferrer
- Cultural Officer Ethel May Castillo

**PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Mayor Colvin introduced the rest of Council, as well as Colma Historical Association President Maureen O' Connor.

Mayor Colvin stated, "It is an honor to have you all here with us as we celebrate our Filipino and Filipino American community. Colma has such strong ties to the Filipino Community and we are so happy to be able to recognize the important contributions that Filipinos and Filipino Americans have made here in Colma and more broadly in the United States.

We were lucky enough to see some Filipino history take place over the weekend right in our backyard-- Yuka Saso won the 76th Annual US Women's Open golf championship at the Olympic Club in San Francisco on Sunday, making her the first major golf champion from the Philippines! Yuka's success is just one example of the remarkable ways that Filipinos and Filipino Americans enhance our communities."

Mayor Colvin then read a proclamation in recognition of Philippine Independence Day.

### **RAISING OF THE PHILIPPINE FLAG**

Colma Police Officers raised the Philippine Flag, while Ms. Soleil Tropicales, Tourism Director for the Philippine Consulate, sang the Philippine National Anthem.

### **REMARKS BY MR. NEIL FRANK R. FERRER, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN SAN FRANCISCO**

Mayor Colvin presented Consul General Ferrer with the proclamation. He thanked Colma for the recognition and made remarks.

### **REMARKS BY VICE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Goodwin made remarks.

### **REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Residents Liz Taylor made remarks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Colvin adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m. and invited everyone to stay for coffee and cupcakes.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Corley  
City Clerk