

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

SPECIAL MEETING – December 1, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2014, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Graham-Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Edgar, Grose, Kusumoto,
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, Mayor Graham-Mejia

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
Corey Lakin, Community Services Director
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Interview Applicants for Commissions (City Clerk)

This report provided relevant information by which the City Council may appoint members to the Cable Television, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts, Planning, and Traffic Commissions.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants:

- Steve Clayton, Cable Television Commission
- Elliot Singer, stated a preference for Cable Television Commission
- Alice Jempsa, stated a preference for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission
- Reed Ellison, Student position on the Cable Television Commission
- Michael Bell, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission
- Pedro Carvajal, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission
- Julie Decker, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission
- Samuel Manning, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission
- Will Daniel, Planning Commission
- Dean Hill, withdrew his application and was not interviewed
- Jason Seaman, Planning and Traffic Commission
- Victor Sofelkanik, Planning Commission
- Dave Emerson, Traffic Commission

RECESS

City Council took a brief recess at 6:04 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Special session at 6:14 p.m.

Council was advised that Traffic Commission applicant Thomas Lindsey had left the building. Applicant Joel Rojas had advised he had a conflict and would arrive as soon as possible. He had submitted the completed questionnaire to be considered. Incumbent Johanna Schleuter had advised she would be out of town. Staff had sent her the questions in advance and had not received a response.

Council Member Grose advised he had requested the attendance record of the incumbents at Commission meetings. He read the information aloud. He stated a concern that if applicants wanted to participate, it was important they have the ability to participate and attendance should be a factor to a certain degree in terms of appointment.

Council Member Edgar asked the difference between excused and unexcused absences.

City Clerk Quintanar stated excused absences were when notice was given ahead of time and it was reflected in the minutes.

Mayor Graham-Mejia pointed out there were several extra meetings recently due to the General Plan which increased the expectation of time significantly. She requested Staff advise the Commissioners to call ahead of time if they were not able to attend a meeting.

City Clerk Quintanar passed out the Indications of Support.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy clarified applicant Elliot Singer had stated a preference for the Cable Television Commission and applicant Alice Jempsa had stated a preference for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission.

Council Member Edgar inquired if it was a requirement to vote for all of the available positions.

City Clerk Quintanar stated the Council could vote up to the number of available positions, but did not have to utilize all votes. She added the term would need to be specified for some positions as well.

Mayor Graham-Mejia indicated Council should vote on the applicants first and Council could decide on the term second. She requested the Council sign their Indications of Support.

City Clerk Quintanar and City Manager Plumlee tallied the Indications of Support.

City Clerk Quintanar read the Indications of Support for the Cable Television Commission aloud: Steve Clayton – 3; Elliot Singer – 5; Alice Jempsa – 1; and, Reed Ellison, Student – 5.

City Clerk Quintanar requested Council decide on the terms after each Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy suggested the applicants with the highest support should receive the longest term.

Council agreed to Mayor Pro Tem Murphy's suggestion.

City Clerk Quintanar advised Steve Clayton and Elliot Singer would be appointed with a term expiring December 2017. Reed Ellison would be appointed to the student position with a term expiring December 2015.

Council Member Grose requested verification of the term for the student position.

City Clerk Quintanar advised the Municipal Code had been reviewed and the student position was for a one year term.

Mayor Graham-Mejia advised Mr. Ellison he could reapply after his term if he was still interested in continuing to serve.

City Clerk Quintanar read the Indications of Support for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission aloud: Michael Bell – 4; Pete Carvajal – 5; Julie Decker – 5; Alice Jempsa – 4; and Samuel Manning –5.

City Clerk Quintanar advised incumbents Pete Carvajal and Samuel Manning would be appointed to terms expiring in December 2017. She indicated there was one more term for December 2017.

Council consensus was received to appoint Michael Bell to a term expiring December 2017.

City Clerk Quintanar advised Michael Bell, Pete Carvajal, and Samuel Manning would be appointed to terms expiring December 2017, and Alice

Jempsa and Julie Decker would be appointed to terms expiring December 2016.

City Clerk Quintanar read the Indications of Support for the Planning Commission: Will Daniel – 4; Jason Seaman – 2; and, Victor Sofelkanik – 4.

City Clerk Quintanar advised Will Daniel and Victor Sofelkanik would be appointed to terms expiring December 2017.

City Clerk Quintanar read the Indications of Support for the Traffic Commission aloud: Dave Emerson – 4; Thomas Lindsay – 4; Joel Rojas – 1; Johanna Schleuter – 1; and, Jason Seaman – 4.

City Clerk Quintanar advised Dave Emerson, Thomas Lindsay, and Jason Seaman would be appointed to terms expiring December 2017. She requested a motion to confirm the appointments.

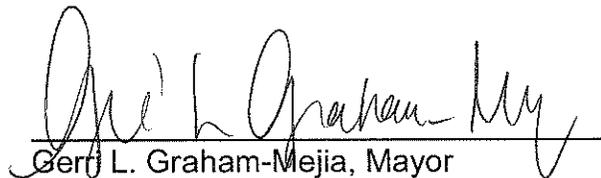
Motion/Second: Edgar/Murphy
Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed the slate of applicants to the various commissions.

Applicant Rojas arrived. Council advised there was one position available on the Cable Television Commission. Mr. Rojas advised he could not accommodate the meeting schedule. Council encouraged him to apply for future vacancies and requested Staff forward the information when available.

Council Member Edgar invited the Council to an event this Wednesday at Cal State Long Beach for the architect and design students that had assisted St. Isidore Historical Plaza with its new design ideas.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Geri L. Graham-Mejia, Mayor

Attest:


Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk