

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

**SPECIAL MEETING – March 7, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:38 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2011, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Stephens presiding.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Members: Graham-Mejia, Kusumoto, Poe  
Mayor Pro Tem Edgar, Mayor Stephens

**Absent:** Council Members: None

**Present:** Staff: Sandra Levin, City Attorney  
Adria M. Jimenez, City Clerk

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

At this time, any individual in the audience may come forward to speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council.

At 5:39 p.m., Mayor Stephens opened Oral Communications. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Stephens closed Oral Communications at 5:40 p.m.

**4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**A. Interview Applicants for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts, Personnel Appeals and Traffic Commissions**

Several openings have occurred on three of the City's Commissions: five on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission; two on the Personnel Appeals Commission; and, three on the Traffic Commission. Availability Notices were posted at City Facilities and copies were provided to the press inviting residents to apply for these positions.

Recommendation: The City Council: 1) Conduct applicant interviews for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts, Personnel Appeals, and Traffic Commissions and make the necessary appointments, removals, and changes in composition of the Commissions as desired; and, 2) Direct the City Clerk to re-open the recruitment period for an additional 30 days for the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts, Personnel Appeals, and Traffic Commissions to fill the vacancies as needed.

City Clerk Jimenez summarized the staff report and explained how the interview process would work. Each Council Member will ask one of five questions which were provided to each applicant. The applicant will respond to the questions and either at the end or the beginning of the interview, the applicant will be able to provide additional comments or ask questions of the City Council.

City Clerk Jimenez advised Mr. Brad Taylor confirmed he will be attending his interview this evening and asked he be added to the interview list.

The City Council interviewed Robert Lee for the Personnel Appeals Commission.

City Clerk Jimenez announced the number of indications of support for each of the Personnel Appeals Commission applicants: 5-Lee; 4-Schmicker-Black.

Motion/Second: Poe/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Robert Lee, and Betty Schmicker-Black to the Personnel Appeals Commission.

City Clerk Jimenez advised Mr. Tommy Ferro pulled his applications from the Traffic and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commissions due to health reasons.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants

**Traffic Commission**

Johanna Schleuter  
Richard Vardeman  
Tommy Ferro  
Brad Taylor

**Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission**

Pete Carvajal  
Tommy Ferro  
Elizabeth (Beth) Piburn.

Each of the Council Members indicated their support for an appointee on the Applicant Lists provided by the City Clerk. The sheets were given to the City Clerk to tally.

City Clerk Jimenez announced the number of indications of support for each of the Traffic Commission applicants: 5-Schleuter; 5-Vardeman; 2-Taylor.

Council Member Graham-Mejia stated there are three openings on the Traffic Commission and three applicants, the City Council should fill all the vacant seats on the Traffic Commission. She asked why the City Council is wasting the City's time and staff time and believed not reappointing Mr. Taylor is political retaliation.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Kusumoto

Failed: (Poe, Edgar, Stephens "No") Retake the vote for Traffic Commission applicants.

Motion/Second: Poe/Stephens

Carried: (Graham-Mejia, Kusumoto "No") Appoint Johanna Schleuter and Richard Vardeman to the Traffic Commission.

Council Member Kusumoto stated he voted "No" not because he has a disagreement with the two candidates elected, but because he feels it is an incomplete vote.

Council Member Graham-Mejia requested her statement be placed in the minutes, "And just a note for the community, if you've opposed these three sitting in the middle don't even bother trying to volunteer your time because you will absolutely not be given a fair deal."

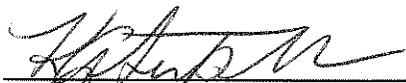
City Clerk Jimenez announced the number of indications of support for each of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission applicants: 5-Carvajal; 5-Piburn.

Motion/Second: Poe/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Pete Carvajal, and Elizabeth (Beth) Piburn to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission; and, direct the City Clerk to re-open the recruitment period for an additional 30 days.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
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Kenneth Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Adria M. Jimenez, CMC  
City Clerk