

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

SPECIAL MEETING – July 18, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:06 p.m., Monday, July 18, 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: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
Adria M. Jimenez, City Clerk

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At 5:07 p.m., Mayor Stephens opened Oral Communications. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Stephens closed Oral Communications at 5:08 p.m.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Interview Applicants for the Cable and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts, Commissions

Several openings have occurred on two of the City's Commissions: five openings (4 adult positions; 1 student position) on the Cable Commission; three on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission. Availability Notices were posted at City Facilities and published in the local newspapers inviting residents to apply for these positions.

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 beginning or the end of the interview, the applicant will be able to provide additional comments or ask questions of the City Council.

Cable Commission

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Cable Commission: Alice Jempsa, Althea Miller, Carol Cochrane, Thomas Rothwell and Steve Clayton.

City Clerk Jimenez advised Shelley Hasselbrink is currently the only Commissioner remaining on the Cable Commission. Her term was automatically extended to July 2013; thus, she was not required to submit an application.

Council Member Graham-Mejia advised she spoke with Ms. Hasselbrink who stated she no longer wished to remain on the Cable Commission and suggested the Council move forward with appointing those who interviewed this evening.

City Clerk Jimenez announced the number of indications of support for each of the Cable Commission applicants: 5-Jempssa; 5-Miller; 5-Cochrane; 5-Rothwell; and, 5-Clayton.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Alice Jempssa, Althea Miller Carol Cochrane, Thomas Rothwell, and Steve Clayton to the Cable Commission.

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission: Cathy Ruark and Chuck Landon.

City Clerk Jimenez advised Candace DeWitt-Drucker is out of town and was unable to attend tonight's interview.

Council Member Graham-Mejia asked the City Council to address the issue of moving forward on appointing applicants who do not attend the interview.

Council Member Graham-Mejia asked that it be noted for the record that she does not want it to look like there is favoritism being played.

After discussion by City Council regarding procedures for appointing commissions, Mayor Stephens requested the City Clerk review the procedures for commission appointment.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Stephens recessed the Special City Council Meeting at 6:12 p.m. At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Stephens reconvened the Special City Council Meeting.

City Clerk Jimenez read the Procedures for Commission Appointment adopted by the City Council on January 16, 2007.

Council Member Graham-Mejia stated she believes there are procedures adopted since and will conduct her own research.

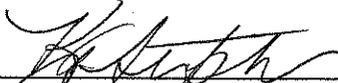
City Clerk Jimenez announced the number of indications of support for each of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission applicants: 5-Cathy Ruark; 5-Chuck Landon; 5-Candace DeWitt-Drucker.

Motion/Second: Poe/Graham-Mejia

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Cathy Ruark, Chuck Landon, and Candace DeWitt-Drucker to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission.

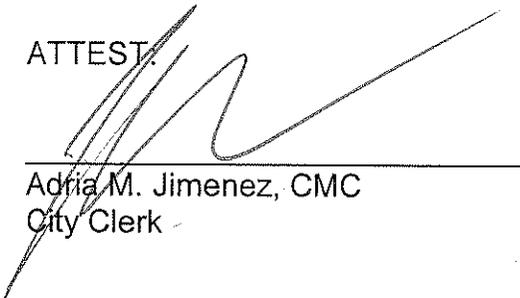
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Kenneth Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST.



Adria M. Jimenez, CMC
City Clerk