



CITY of YORBA LINDA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
4845 Casa Loma Avenue

Councilmembers Present: Campbell, Huang, Lim, Singh, Rodriguez

Staff Present: Brown, Kudron, Pulone

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council/Successor Agency to the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency convened at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Shivinder Singh

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Danelle, resident, spoke regarding overreach of local leaders at the school board level and encouraged elected leaders to give the residents their full focus.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. INTERVIEW OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPLICANTS AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS

The City Council interviewed the following eight (8) applicants for the Parks and Recreation Commission vacancies: Sara Catalan, Jess Battaglia, Todd Austin, Olga Evans, Christina Smolskis, Brian Smolskis, Steve Vartanian and Daniel Plotnik. Applicants Nishma Doshi, Perla Marquez and Angelica Cohen were unable to attend the interview.

Mayor Janice Lim thanked the applicants for their participation and willingness to serve the community. Mayor Lim asked her colleagues to announce their top two candidates.

Councilman Singh selected the following applicants: Sara Catalan and Jess Battaglia.

Councilwoman Tara Campbell selected the following applicants: Sara Catalan and Jess Battaglia.

Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Rodriguez selected the following applicants: Sara Catalan and Jess Battaglia.

Councilwoman Peggy Huang selected the following applicants: Sara Catalan and Jess Battaglia.

Mayor Lim selected the following applicants: Sara Catalan and Jess Battaglia.

Moved by Huang
Seconded by Singh

It is recommended that the City Council appoint Sara Catalan and Jess Battaglia to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

CARRIED

2. INTERVIEW OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Singh thanked all of the Planning Commission candidates and stated that one or more might have contributed to his campaign so he would recuse himself from the rest of the meeting to avoid any conflict of interest.

The rest of the City Council interviewed the following six (6) applicants for the Planning Commission vacancy: Farid Cohen, Dale Goldfarb, Steve Kul, Jagdish Patel, Christina Smolskis, and Mario Chavez Marquez. Applicants Daniel Plotnik, Perla Marquez, Brian Smolskis and Dianne Kanne were unable to attend the interview.

Mayor Lim thanked the applicants for their participation and willingness to serve the community. Mayor Lim asked her colleagues to announce their top two candidates.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez selected the following applicants: Farid Cohen and Mario Chavez Marquez.

Councilwoman Huang selected the following applicants: Christina Smolskis and Mario Chavez Marquez.

Councilwoman Campbell selected the following applicants: Dale Goldfarb and Mario Chavez Marquez.

Mayor Lim selected the following applicants: Dale Goldfarb and Mario Chavez Marquez.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez to appoint Mario Chavez Marquez to serve on the Planning Commission.

A City Council discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the remainder of the candidates, what they are looking for in a commissioner, their expectations for the commissioners, the needs of the Planning Commission, and the exceptional quality of the candidates.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez to appoint Dale Goldfarb to serve on the Planning Commission.

Moved by Campbell
Seconded by Rodriguez

It is recommended that the City Council appoint Mario Chavez Marquez and Dale Goldfarb to serve on the Planning Commission.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lim adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m. to the next City Council/Successor Agency to the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency Joint meeting on February 4, 2025.

City Clerk