

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

SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY, October 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 6:03 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2009, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Edgar presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Mejia, Stephens, Zarkos, Poe and Edgar

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
C. Darleen Cordova, Interim 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. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes.

Mayor Edgar opened Oral Communications. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Edgar closed Oral Communications.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Commission Interviews

One opening remains on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission. An Availability Notice was posted and copies provided to the press inviting residents to apply for this position.

Mayor Edgar 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 at the end, the applicant will be able to provide additional comments or ask questions of the City Council.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants:

Jack Rosenthal
Elizabeth (Beth) Piburn
Dana Mallari

Mayor Edgar explained that in the past the selection process had been handled in several ways.

Council Member Mejia asked about street addresses due to past interest in appointing representatives from various areas of the City. Mayor Pro Tem Poe

indicated that Mr. Rosenthal lives in the Highlands, Ms Mallari lives in the Highlands and Ms. Piburn lives in New Dutch Haven.

Council Member Mejia asked if we knew the current make-up of the Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Poe thought that there were two representatives from the Highlands, one from New Dutch Haven, two in Carrier Row. The Council felt there were representatives from all areas of the City.

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

The Council felt that all the applicants were well qualified and wished there were more openings. They wanted the applicants to know that they are not always selected the first time they apply.

Interim City Clerk Cordova announced the number of indications of support for each applicant: 3 – Elizabeth Piburn, and 2 - Jack Rosenthal.

Motion/Second: Zarkos/Mejia

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Elizabeth Piburn to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission for a term expiring in September 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe asked that staff include in the notification letters that the Council appreciates their interest in the community and encourages them to apply for future openings.

Council Member Mejia questioned why applications were accepted that were received after the posted deadline. The Interim City Clerk explained that there were no legal issues or policies prohibiting acceptance of late applications. Ms Cordova discussed past procedures and noted that the Availability Notice contains both a deadline and the wording "unless extended by the City Council", to solicit as many applications as possible for Council consideration.

Council Member Mejia commented that she did not want there to be a perception that preferential treatment is being given. Mayor Edgar so noted her comments.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for October 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

ATTEST:



Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Clerk



Troy D. Edgar, Mayor