

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING December 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

FLAG SALUTE

Chief DeRosia led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Hill, Morris, Pascual, Vallejo

Council members absent: Chavez

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Garcia, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director Rios, Chief DeRosia

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

- 1) Resolution reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on November 8, 2016, declaring the results and such other matters provided by law

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2016-81 reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held November 8, 2016.

- 2) Council Member Statements

Councilwoman Vallejo stated that Mayor Chavez was not able to attend tonight. He works with the high school mock trial teams and is attending an event this evening. She stated that when he was elected to council, he was eager to learn and brought energy and ideas to the council. She thanked Mayor Chavez for his dedication and years of service and said that she will miss him.

Councilwoman Morris noted Mayor Chavez had served on council for eight years and was the youngest council member ever elected. She stated she had previously served with him on the hospital board and they had become good friends. She thanked him for his years of service.

Councilman Pascual stated he had learned a lot from Mayor Chavez and had become his friend. He stated Mayor Chavez will be greatly missed and that he had brought a lot to the council.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill stated he has known Mayor Chavez since he was in his wife's pre-school class. He thanked him for his service.

- 3) Presentation of Plaques

Mayor Pro Tem Hill announced the city has a plaque that will be presented to Mayor Chavez..

- 4) Oath of Office / Certificate of Election

City Clerk Kraft administered the Oath of Office to Joe Aguirre, Rueben Pascual, and Grace Vallejo.

5) New Council Member Statement

Councilman Aguirre thanked everyone for their support and stated it is an incredible opportunity to serve again. He thanked the citizens who supported the sales tax measure. Councilman Aguirre stated he is dedicated to keeping the city moving forward and enjoys the opportunity to serve again.

Councilman Pascual thanked his wife for her support the past four years and noted it is their team effort to serve again. He thanked the citizens for having faith in him and voting for him. He thanked those who voted for the sales tax measure and noted it gives the city an opportunity to grow and bring in needed services. He asked the public to pray for him and hold him accountable.

Councilwoman Vallejo thanked her husband for his support. She noted there have been many changes in the twelve years she has served on the council and there are many projects going on now. She thanked her aunt and uncle, Lucio and Butter Gonzalez, who encouraged her to run for council. Councilwoman Vallejo stated the city has a wonderful staff who work to carry out the decisions made by council.

6) Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Hill and unanimously carried by all those present to elect Councilwoman Morris to serve as mayor.

Mayor Morris took the mayor's seat.

Moved by Councilman Hill seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried by all those present to elect Councilwoman Vallejo to serve as mayor pro tem.

Mayor Morris thanked council members for their confidence in her and stated it is an honor to accept the position of mayor. She noted that the position is ceremonial – the mayor runs the council meetings and represents the city at functions. The mayor does not have more power than the other council members. Mayor Morris welcomed Councilman Aguirre and congratulated Council Members Pascual and Vallejo. She thanked Ms. Reyna and the staff for their work and support and noted the coming year will see a lot of projects started and completed. She thanked the Citizens for a Better Delano and all those who worked for the passage of Measure U, the sales tax measure.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Hill, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk