

RECEPTION

Past and present Public Officials of the City of Santa Paula and guests arrived for the reception.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Luna called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Building and Safety Director Stephen R. Stuart offered the invocation, and Former Mayor Alfonso Urias led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Donald L. Johnson, Councilmember John T. Procter, Vice Mayor Laura Flores Espinosa, and Mayor Ray C. Luna responded to roll call. Interim City Manager Paul L. Skeels, City Clerk Steven J. Salas, and Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera were also present. City Attorney Phillip H. Romney was absent.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Al Escoto wished the City a Happy Birthday.

Vice Mayor Espinosa noted a Point of Order that Future Agenda Items was left off the agenda.

Jim McCoy noted that during his and Carl Barringer's term in office, the Highway 126 widening project was begun and the Community Center was opened.

Joe Bravo stated that Santa Paula is the most beautiful area in the country.

Jim Garfield noted that former Councilmember Floyd Hair passed away this weekend, and funeral services would be held on Wednesday at the Methodist Church.

Mitch Stone presented a history of Santa Paula.

RECESS TO A BREAK

Mayor Luna recessed to a Break at 6:37 p.m. so that everyone could partake of the hors d'oeuvres provided by Hozy's Grill.

RECONVENE TO MEETING

Mayor Luna reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long congratulated the City on its centennial and congratulated its present and past leadership and strong community.

Vice Mayor Espinosa thanked the past officials and volunteers, and expressed her desire for a bright future.

Councilmember Procter wished the City a Happy Birthday, thanked the Centennial Committee for its successful event, and thanked City staff for their efforts.

Councilmember Johnson thanked the Centennial Committee for their efforts, wished the City a Happy Birthday, and commented on the City's first ordinance.

Councilmember Cook shared his family's history in Santa Paula.

Mayor Luna recognized those in attendance who have served the City in years past: Alfonso Urias, Kay Wilson-Bolton, Eleanor Crouch, Carl Barringer, Jim McCoy, Al Escoto, Joe Bravo Jr., John A. F. Melton, and Jim Garfield. Mayor Luna further spoke regarding planning for the future of Santa Paula. He also thanked and congratulated the Centennial Committee on their efforts, spoke regarding the ceremony held this morning at Santa Paula Creek, and wished Santa Paula a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Luna introduced Elizabeth Blanchard. Ms. Blanchard shared that her grandfather-in-law, Nathan Blanchard, saw a future for Santa Paula and noted his experiences with growing citrus in the City.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Luna read the proclamation and noted that there was space for everyone in attendance to sign.

TOAST

Everyone toasted the City on its Centennial.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Mayor Luna, seconded by Vice Mayor Espinosa, to have a joint City Council/Elementary School District/High School District Meeting to have an open forum and have concerns discussed. Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Espinosa, seconded by Councilmember Procter, to have the voter education proposal discussed at the last meeting brought back at the April 29, 2002 Special City Council Meeting to be heard by the entire Council. Under roll call vote, Councilmember Procter, Vice Mayor Espinosa, and Mayor Luna were in favor. Councilmember Cook and Councilmember Johnson were opposed. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Luna adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m., and invited everyone to partake of the Birthday Cake provided Crystal Bakery.

ATTEST:

Steven J. Salas
City Clerk