

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Richard C. Cook, Councilmember Mary Ann Krause, Councilmember Ray C. Luna, Vice Mayor Gabino Aguirre, and Mayor John T. Procter responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim City Attorney Karl H. Berger, and Deputy City Clerk Josephine G. Herrera were also present. City Clerk Steven J. Salas arrived at 5:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. **Interview to Fill One Commissioner Vacancy on the Planning Commission**

A discussion ensued regarding a review of the Council's revised rules for the interview process.

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz and Interim City Attorney Karl H. Berger stepped down from the dais.

Harvey Guthrie, 1486 Old Telegraph Road, Fillmore, representing the Santa Clara Valley Democratic Club, spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

Laura Flores Espinosa, 233 Corte Linda, congratulated the City Council on its adopted goals, including facilitating greater citizen involvement in government. She spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission, and strongly urged that the appointment represent a proportionate response to past discrimination.

Richard Main, 15888 Foothill Road, spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

Chris Espinosa, 233 Corte Linda, Deputy District Director of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission, and presented a resolution adopted by LULAC urging the City Council to appoint Mr. Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

Ken Chapman, Todd Lane, spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

Brian D. Collins stepped up for his interview and stated that he recently moved to Santa Paula and wishes to become involved in City government. He responded to questions regarding his vision of Santa Paula in the future; his experience with planning issues and zoning; the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; and why zoning regulations are an important factor in the future development of the City.

Ralph Fernandez stepped up for his interview and noted that he is a licensed architect and teaches architecture at Ventura College. He responded to questions regarding whether he had any conflicts of interest as a Planning Commissioner; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; the most important characteristics as a Planning Commissioner in Santa Paula; and his vision of Santa Paula in the future.

Oscar Gonzalez stepped up for his interview and stated that he is an attorney with experience in land use. He responded to questions regarding the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; the most important characteristics as a Planning Commissioner in Santa Paula; the most applicable law for development in Santa Paula; why zoning regulations are an important factor in the future development of the City; and his vision of Santa Paula in the future.

Daniel W. Mitchell stepped up for his interview and stated the he has lived in Santa Paula for one year, and that he is a Product Safety Engineer. He responded to questions regarding his vision of Santa Paula in the future; what is Santa Paula's strongest asset; his professional expertise; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; and the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority.

Jesse R. Ornelas stepped up for his interview and noted that he has a background in planning and holds a degree in Public Policy Administration. He responded to questions regarding his preference for development in Fagan Canyon versus development in Adams Canyon, and what is the most relevant and applicable law as it applies to Fagan Canyon.

Interim City Attorney Karl H. Berger returned to the dais and cautioned the City Council against questions pertaining to Fagan Canyon due to Councilmembers who are conflicted and disqualified. He recommended that questions be confined to general planning principles and not specific projects.

Jesse R. Ornelas continued to answer questions regarding the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority, and his vision of Santa Paula in the future.

Mitch Stone stepped up for his interview and stated that he has a background in urban planning, architecture, geography, historic preservation, and environmental impact review. He further noted that he was the Planning Director for a small city in the Santa Clara River Valley. He responded to questions regarding his background in small town planning; leadership skills; applicable laws pertaining to planning and zoning issues; knowledge of the Cortese-Knox law; the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; how Santa Paula could achieve its vision; and his vision of Santa Paula in the future.

A discussion ensued regarding the scheduling for the appointment to the Planning Commission. It was the consensus of the City Council to schedule the appointment at the Special City Council Meeting of August 11, 2003.

CITY COMMUNICATIONS

There were no City Communications.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Future Agenda Items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Procter adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Steven J. Salas
City Clerk