

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Procter called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Interview to Fill Two Commissioner Vacancies on the Planning Commission

Due to the number of people in attendance, the meeting was moved to the Council Chambers at 5:36 p.m.

Ofelia de la Torre, 1225 Fremontia, spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

Bob Borrego, 524 Fourteenth Street, spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

Jess Victoria, 134 Moultrie, spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

Mike Miller, 226 N. Eighth Street, spoke in support of appointing Jesse Ornelas to the Planning Commission.

David W. Johnson stepped up for his interview, and stated that he has served on the Planning Commission for over four years and that he would be pleased to serve another four years. He responded to questions regarding his vision for the future of Santa Paula; how to achieve this vision; whether he had any conflicts of interest and how he would deal with them; the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; and when it would be appropriate for the Planning Commission to consider a project that does not meet all zoning requirements.

Jesse Ornelas stepped up for his interview and distributed a handout listing his qualifications and experience. He responded to questions regarding his vision for the future of Santa Paula; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; and whether he had any conflicts of interest and how he would deal with them.

Interim City Attorney Karl H. Berger responded to a question regarding whether the City Council should ask the candidates the same questions by stating that in order to be fair and equitable, the City Council should stay with the script of questions provided and that the City Council may ask questions which are pertinent to this position.

Jesse Ornelas continued his interview by responding to questions regarding the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority, and when it would be appropriate for the Planning Commission to consider a project that does not meet all zoning requirements.

Alfonso Ramirez stepped up for his interview and stated that he has 41 years experience as a carpenter and that he was a former Planning Commissioner. He responded to questions regarding his vision for the future of Santa Paula; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; whether he had any conflicts of interest and how he would deal with them; the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; and when it would be appropriate for the Planning Commission to consider a project that does not meet all zoning requirements.

Gerald Schmidt stepped up for his interview, and stated that he has served on the Planning Commission for seven years. He responded to questions regarding his vision for the future of Santa Paula; how to achieve this vision; whether he had any conflicts of interest and how he would deal with them; the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; and when it would be appropriate for the Planning Commission to consider a project that does not meet all zoning requirements.

John Turturro stepped up for his interview, and stated that he teaches design at Ventura College. He responded to questions regarding his vision for the future of Santa Paula; a scenario where a developer asks to meet to discuss a potential project; whether he had any conflicts of interest and how he would deal with them; the extent and basis of the Planning Commission's authority; and when it would be appropriate for the Planning Commission to consider a project that does not meet all zoning requirements.

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 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

Josephine G. Herrera
Deputy City Clerk