

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order 6:38 p.m. Building and Safety Director Stephen R. Stuart offered the Invocation, and Mayor Cook led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember Mary Ann Krause, Councilmember John T. Procter, Vice Mayor Ray C. Luna, and Mayor Richard C. Cook responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, and City Clerk Josie G. Herrera were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angela Dominguez, 228 Ojai Street, expressed her concern with overgrown weeds in the property located at 255 Ojai Street.

Anita Pulido, 310 San Clemente Street, acknowledged Richard C. Cook and Mary Ann Krause for their service on the City Council.

Rodney Fernandez, 537 Glade Drive, acknowledged Richard C. Cook and Mary Ann Krause for their service on the City Council, and welcomed Ralph J. Fernandez and Robert S. Gonzales.

Ryan Smith, 214 S. Tenth Street, representing the Santa Paula Police Officers Association, acknowledged Richard C. Cook and Mary Ann Krause for their support, and congratulated Ralph J. Fernandez and Robert S. Gonzales on their election.

Woody Maxwell, 15325 Todd Lane, congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers. He expressed concern with the cost to construct the Water Recycling Facility project and suggested that the Time Service Order issued by the Regional Water Control Board could be extended.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO DEPARTING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Linda Johnson, representing Senator George Runner, presented Certificates of Recognition to Mayor Cook and Councilmember Krause.

Councilmember Aguirre, Councilmember Procter, and Vice Mayor Luna presented a City tile and proclamation to Councilmember Krause.

Councilmember Aguirre, Councilmember Krause, Councilmember Procter, and Vice Mayor Luna presented a City tile, proclamation, and gavel plaque to Mayor Cook.

**COMMENTS FROM DEPARTING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Procter, Vice Mayor Luna, and Councilmember Aguirre acknowledged Mayor Cook and Councilmember Krause for their years of service.

Councilmember Krause thanked the community for the opportunity to serve on the City Council. She spoke regarding the City Council's accomplishments and also spoke regarding projects she wished to see accomplished. Lastly, she offered her best wishes to the newly elected Councilmembers.

Mayor Cook thanked City staff for their efforts. He also acknowledged the citizens for bringing forth their concerns, and thanked his wife Sally for her support. Lastly, he offered his best wishes to the newly elected Councilmembers.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Josie G. Herrera administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, and newly elected Councilmembers Ralph J. Fernandez and Robert S. Gonzales.

### **SEATING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Councilmembers Gabino Aguirre, Ralph J. Fernandez, and Robert S. Gonzales took their seats at the dais.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, Councilmember John T. Procter, and Vice Mayor Ray C. Luna responded to roll call.

### **COMMENTS FROM NEWLY RE-ELECTED AND ELECTED CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Fernandez thanked his wife, children, and the people who helped him with his campaign. He acknowledged Richard C. Cook and Mary Ann Krause for their hard work. Lastly, he stated that he looks forward to guiding the City in the next four years.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked the Service Employees International Union, the Ventura County Professional Firefighters Association, and the Santa Paula Police Officers Association for their endorsement. He also acknowledged his wife, mother, sister, children, and the people who helped him during his campaign. Lastly, he acknowledged Richard C. Cook, Mary Ann Krause, and the City Council for their

governance, and stated that he commits to doing his best for the residents of Santa Paula.

Councilmember Aguirre acknowledged Damien Shilo, Fred Robinson, and Sergio Hernandez for their decision to run for Council, and acknowledged newly elected Councilmembers Ralph J. Fernandez and Robert S. Gonzales. He also thanked his wife Coco for her support.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Review Procedure for Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

City Clerk Josie G. Herrera's report dated November 27, 2006.

B. Selection Process for the Mayor of the City of Santa Paula

City Clerk Josie G. Herrera declared that the office of Mayor of the City of Santa Paula was vacant, and opened the nominations.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to nominate Ray C. Luna as Mayor.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre, to close the nominations. All were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no opposition to the nomination of Ray C. Luna as Mayor.

C. Selection Process for the Vice Mayor

Mayor Luna opened the nominations for Vice Mayor of the City of Santa Paula.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre to nominate John T. Procter as Vice Mayor. It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez to nominate Robert S. Gonzales as Vice Mayor.

It was moved by Councilmember Procter, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to close the nominations. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Under roll call vote to nominate John T. Procter as Vice Mayor, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice Mayor Procter welcomed Councilmembers Fernandez and Gonzales to the City Council.

Councilmember Aguirre mentioned that he attended the hospital fundraiser the past weekend and thanked everyone for their donations. He also acknowledged Richard C. Cook and Mary Ann Krause for their efforts in reopening the hospital.

Mayor Luna stated that he looks forward to working with the new City Councilmembers.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales for a report identifying future infrastructure issues that are extensive and expensive that will impact the community, such as water lines and a new City Hall. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz suggested that this item could be discussed during the City Council's goal setting session.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Luna, for a discussion on the process for designating a Police Officers memorial monument. Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Procter, for a discussion on holding a series of workshops regarding development of livable communities. Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Procter, for a discussion on strategies on a consensus model regarding the development of the City. Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Vice Mayor Procter, for information on a fundraising campaign and community engagement for the Farmworker Monument. Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

It was moved by Mayor Luna, seconded by Vice Mayor Procter, for a report on safe pedestrian routes to schools and explore what other cities are doing. Under roll call vote, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Luna adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Josie G. Herrera  
City Clerk