

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tovias called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Vice Mayor Fred W. Robinson, Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez and Mayor James A. Tovias responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins were also present.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No Closed Session report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Finley, 811 Loma Vista Pl. thanked Councilmember Aguirre for his services and stated that in support of "Shop Santa Paula" he would like to continue to write his check to the City of Santa Paula for trash service.

John Procter, 16870 Bridge Rd, asked the Council to honor long-time resident Helen Yamamoto who recently passed away by adjourning the meeting in honor of her's and husband Mitch's contribution to Santa Paula.

Bob Carson, 303 N. Mill St., thanked Councilmember Aguirre for his service and spoke in support of maintaining the City's trash hauling service.

Danny Carillo, SEIU Representative, thanked Councilmember Aguirre for his service, congratulated Councilmember Cook, Fernandez and Gonzales on their election and spoke in support of maintaining the City's trash hauling service.

Jon Turner, 943 E. Main St., as a resident and property owner in Santa Paula spoke in support of maintaining the City's trash hauling service, indicating that upon the State Board's request city to step up its diversion rate, the Solid Waste Division has been running in the black for several years and asked Council why there was a need to fix something that is not broken.

Ros Turner, 999 Terracina Dr., spoke in support of having a local trash hauling service and not having to be routed through a phone menu system in Ventura or Los Angeles to have trash needs responded to.

John Bravo, 552 Munger Dr., asked questions regarding pothole repair and bike trail completion.

Nan Drake, representing Chamber of Commerce, spoke of this past years Chamber successes and thanked Vice Mayor Robinson and Mayor Tovas for their support.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO DEPARTING CITY COUNCIMEMBER
GABINO AGUIRRE-**

Vice Mayor Robinson presented a proclamation on behalf of the City to Councilmember Gabino Aguirre.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Procter, 16870 Bridge Rd., congratulated Councilmember Aguirre on his years of service to the community.

Councilmember Fernandez spoke of his respect for Councilmember Aguirre, thanked him for all the work he has put into servicing the community as Councilmember and stated that he is looking forward to Aguirre's future contributions.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked Councilmember Aguirre and stated that it has been a pleasure working with him.

Mayor Tovas stated that he respected Councilmember Aguirre's consistency and honesty, that the end of his term is a loss to the Council and that he hopes Councilmember Aguirre will stay involved.

Councilmember Aguirre spoke of how he has enjoyed his time on the Council and expressed his appreciation to staff and felt that he never compromised his principals.

Dr. Aguirre left the Dias.

**CITY COUNCIL NOTES ITS ADOPTION OF ELECTION RESULTS AND
DECLARES PERSONS ELECTED TO OFFICE-**

City Clerk Judy Rice delivered the certificates of election to re-elected Councilmember's Gonzales and Fernandez and newly elected Councilmember Richard "Rick" C. Cook.

CITY CLERK ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE–

City Clerk Judy Rice administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilmember Richard “Rick” C. Cook.

SEATING OF ELECTED OFFICIAL–

The newly elected Councilmember’s took their seats at the dais.

ROLL CALL

Mayor James A. Tovias, Vice Mayor Fred Robinson, Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, Councilmember Ralph Fernandez and Councilmember Richard C. Cook responded to roll call. Also present were City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins.

COMMENTS FROM NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCILMEMBER

Councilmember Cook thanked his family and friends for their support.

Councilmember Fernandez thanked friends and family for their support and the community for his re-election.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked the community for his re-election, particularly Former Judge Ed Beach, his campaign manager Jim Tovias and his campaign treasurer Bob Russell.

COMMENTS FROM OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Tovias congratulated and thanked the Councilmembers for their service.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Proclamation and City Tile to Sally Cook

Councilmember Rick Cook presented a proclamation and city tile to his wife and retiree Sally Cook.

Sally Cook thanked her husband and family for their support and especially thanked co-workers Liz Murillo, Becky Bolanos and Tina Rivera for their help and support during her career.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Review Procedure for Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor–

The City Clerk read the procedures for the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

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

City Clerk Judy Rice declared that the office of Mayor is vacant and that nominations are open.

Councilmember Gonzales nominated Vice Mayor Robinson.

As there were no further nominations the City Clerk closed the nominations.

It was moved by Councilmember Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to elect Vice Mayor Robinson as Mayor. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Robinson took his seat at the dais and thanked the Council for their nomination.

Presentation of Gavel Plaque to James A. Tovias by new Mayor–

Mayor Robinson thanked former Mayor Tovias for his support and service as Mayor.

Selection Process for the Vice Mayor of the City of Santa Paula –

Mayor Robinson declared that the office of Vice Mayor is vacant and that the nominations are now open.

Councilmember Fernandez nominated Councilmember Gonzales.

As there were no further nominations the Mayor closed the nominations.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Cook to elect Councilmember Gonzales as Vice Mayor. Under roll call vote all were in favor and the motion carried.

Vice Mayor Gonzales took his seat at the dais and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor.

CITY COUNCIL, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Councilmember Tovias reminded the Council and public that the Board of Supervisor would be holding their meeting at Santa Paula City Hall.

Vice Mayor Gonzales requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Helen and Mitch Yamamoto and Ed Staben.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting at *8:00 p.m.*

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk