

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The invocation was given by Deacon Al Guilen and the flag salute was led by Councilmember Tovias.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Richard C. Cook, James A. Tovias and Ralph J. Fernandez, and Vice Mayor Robert S. Gonzales were present. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, Assistant City Attorney John C. Cotti, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins were also present.

Mayor Robinson was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Grant, 500 W. Santa Maria St. extended an invitation to "A Gift of Music", a community celebration of Christmas at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m.

Elisabeth Garcia, Principal Santa Paula High School, 404 N. 6th St. and Kim Kelly requested a meeting with city officials to establish a partnership for the purpose of securing grant funding from the California Department of Education to assist with the development of a local community learning center.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Review Procedure for Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

City Clerk Judy Rice reviewed the procedures for the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor as outlined in City Council Resolution No. 6161.

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

City Clerk Judy Rice opened the nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councilmember Fernandez nominated Robert S. Gonzales for Mayor.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to close the nominations for Mayor. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Under roll call vote all were in favor of electing Robert S. Gonzales as Mayor and the motion carried.

Mayor Gonzales took his seat at the dais.

C. Selection Process for the Vice Mayor

Mayor Gonzales opened the nominations for the office of Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Tovias nominated Ralph J. Fernandez for Vice Mayor.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Cook to close the nominations for Vice Mayor. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Under roll call vote all were in favor of electing Ralph J. Fernandez as Vice Mayor and the motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Cook and Tovias, Vice Mayor Fernandez and Mayor Gonzales responded to roll call. Councilmember Robinson was absent. City Manager Fontes, Assistant City Attorney Cotti, City Clerk Rice and Deputy City Clerk Higgins were also present.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Gonzales stated that he would like to save comments and the presentation of the gavel to Former Mayor Robinson for the next meeting when he will be present.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Tovias to approve the consent calendar as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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- A. Waiver of Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions– Waive reading of Ordinances and Resolutions appearing on the Agenda.
- B. Receive and File Reimbursement Reports– In accordance with Government Code §§ 53232.2, 53232.3, and Resolution No. 6258, receive and file reimbursement reports as specified.
- C. Minutes– Adopt the Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of November 21, 2011. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins' report dated November 28, 2011.
- D. Action to Cancel the January 3, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting– It is recommended that the City Council: (1) cancel the January 3, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting; and (2) direct staff as appropriate. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes' report dated November 28, 2011.

CITY COUNCIL

City Manager Fontes thanked former Mayor Robinson on behalf of city staff for his excellent work on the Council this past year and wished him a speedy recovery.

Councilmember Cook thanked the city staff for attending the meeting and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Council in the next year.

Councilmember Tovias thanked Mayor Gonzales and Vice Mayor Fernandez for agreeing to serve as Mayor during the coming year and also wished former Mayor Robinson a speedy recovery.

Mayor Gonzales commented on former Mayor Robinson's ability to speak eloquently, his responsiveness to the community's needs and his attendance at numerous community events this past year.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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