

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Reverend Michael Fincher led the invocation and Mayor Cook led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Martin F. Hernandez, Robert S. Gonzales, Ralph J. Fernandez, Vice Mayor James A. Tovas and Mayor Richard C. Cook., responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney John C. Cotti, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Danny Carrillo, SEIU 721 representative congratulated Jenny, Ginger and John for their victories. He expressed that SEIU is looking forward to working with the new Council. He asked why SEIU was not identified as a stake holder in the proposed state tax initiative. He stated SEIU's anticipation to working on next year's contract with new Council and in his opinion to obtain the respect the SEIU members have been lacking from Council. He also thanked outgoing Councilmembers Gonzales, Cook and Fernandez for their work.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Special Presentation to Departing City Council Members Robert S. Gonzales, Ralph J. Fernandez and Richard C. Cook

City Clerk Judy Rice on behalf of the City of Santa Paula presented Mr. Gonzales, Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Cook with a City tile for their years of service on the City Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Resolution Reciting the Fact of a General Municipal Election and Declaring its Results

Deputy City Clerk Lucy Blanco's report dated November 26, 20114.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Tovas to adopt Resolution No. 6909 Reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on November 4, 2014, and declaring the results and such matters provided by law. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

B. City Clerk Administers Oath of Office

City Clerk Judy Rice administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmembers John Procter, Jenny Crosswhite and Ginger Gherardi.

C. Seating of Elected Officials

Councilmembers John Procter, Jenny Crosswhite and Ginger Gherardi took their seat at the dais.

D. Roll Call

Councilmembers Martin F. Hernandez, John Procter, Jenny Crosswhite, Ginger Gherardi and Vice-Mayor James A. Tovias, responded to roll call.

E. Comments from Newly Elected City Councilmembers

Councilmember Gherardi thanked her family and all her supporters.

Councilmember Crosswhite thanked the community and expressed her anticipation to working with the community.

Councilmember Procter, thanked everyone who supported him and expressed his anticipation to working with the community.

Councilmember Hernandez thank all community present and welcomed all newly elected Council.

F. Comments from other Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Tovias welcomed the new Council.

Review Procedure for Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

City Clerk Judy Rice reviewed the procedures for the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

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

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

Vice Mayor Tovias nominated John Procter for Mayor.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi to close the nominations for Mayor.

Under roll call vote all were in favor of electing John Procter as Mayor and the motion carried.

Mayor Procter took his seat at the dais.

B. Selection Process for the Vice Mayor

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

Mayor Procter nominated Martin Hernandez for Vice Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Crosswhite.

It was moved by Councilmember Tovias, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi 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 Martin F. Hernandez as Vice Mayor and the motion carried.

Mayor Procter presented a gavel plaque to outgoing Mayor Cook and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the community.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Fontes briefly thanked former Mayor Cook, Councilmembers Gonzales and Fernandez for their tireless service to the City of Santa Paula. He also congratulated newly elected Mayor Procter, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Councilmember Tovias and new Councilmembers Crosswhite & Gherardi. He expressed his wishes of great success to all Council.

City Attorney Cotti congratulated all newly elected Council and invited them to stop by his office any time.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Gherardi, seconded by Mayor Procter to schedule a special workshop to talk about Council goals and priorities. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosswhite, seconded by Councilmember Gherardi to request that the County give a briefing on what occurred at the recent explosion site. All were in favor and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Procter adjourned the meeting at *8:06 p.m.* in honor of our City's first responders to the recent explosion; Milo Bustillos, Matt Lindsay and Matt May and that they recuperate quickly. Vice Mayor Hernandez also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ruth Howard.

ATTEST

Judy Rice, City Clerk