

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA**

January 13, 2009

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Morrison.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Morrison, Parra, Sotelo-Solis, Zarate.

Council Members Absent: None.

Administrative officials present: Babaki, Dalla, Deese, Eiser, Gonzales, Juniel, Post, Smith, Zapata.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (509-1-4)

Mayor Morrison reported that at the 5:00 pm Closed Session, the City Council extended the contract of City Manager Chris Zapata to February 2010. The contract extension included provisions proposed by the City Manager for no pay increase or bonus and 2% of retirement costs to be paid by the City Manager. (See attached Exhibit 'L')

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION

Dr. Riz A. Oades, Filipino Voters Coalition, spoke in support of the appointment of Ditas Yamane.

Aurora S. Cudal, National City, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

Bert Andrade, National City, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

Romy Marquez, Philippine Village Voice, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

Lydia R. Loristo, El Cajon, read a prepared statement in opposition to the appointment of Ditas Yamane.

Ralph Dimarucut, San Diego, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

Dean Jess, National City, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

Praxedes Virata, National City, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

Manny Embalsado, National City, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

Joe Son, National City, spoke in support of Ditas Yamane.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATION (cont.)

The following individuals turned in speaker slips indicating support for the appointment of Mona Rios, but declined to speak:

Marcus Bush, National City
Adriana Prieto Valdez, National City
Diosdado Samrogue, National City
Balvamera San Roque, National City
Eddie Perez, San Diego
Jose Medina, National City
Enendira Lopez, National City
Bertha A. Rios de R., National City

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Mayor Morrison announced that all nine applicants who submitted the required paperwork for the vacant seat on the City Council would participate in the interview phase of the selection process pending verification of their nomination papers. Each applicant would be allowed a 2 minute opening statement and then be asked to respond to a series of 16 questions. Responses to the questions would be limited to 1 minute each. Mayor Morrison explained that all of the applicants would be escorted out of the Council chamber to an adjacent conference room; names would be drawn at random and applicants would be called forward as their name was drawn.

City Clerk Dalla advised that applicant Darryl Gorham called in to say he was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

The following applicants appeared in the order listed, made opening comments and responded to questions.

Fideles Ungab
Cecilia Kirk
Jess Van Deventer
Frank Lopez
Mona Rios
Janice Martinelli
Ditas Yamane
Jerry Cano

STAFF REPORTS

None.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

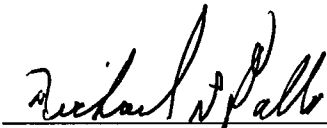
Mayor Morrison said the City was honored and privileged to have such a fine group of applicants and commended the candidates and audience for how they conducted themselves. The Mayor advised that the appointment would be on the January 20th agenda for possible action by the City Council.

Councilmember Zarate expressed her thanks to each and every candidate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Civic Center.

The meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.



City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2009.



Mayor

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DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR SALE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

EXHIBIT 'L'

**Agenda of an Adjourned Regular Meeting
City Council of the National City and
Community Development Commission of the City of National City
Main Conference Room
Civic Center
1243 National City Boulevard
Adjourned Regular Meeting - Tuesday – January 13, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager.
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular City Council/CDC Meeting – Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 6:00 p.m.,
Council Chambers, Civic Center