

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY**

February 12, 2019

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Cano, Morrison, Rios, Sotelo-Solis.

Administrative Officials present: Dalla, Deese, Morris-Jones, Parra, Raulston, Vergara.

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY (102-15-2)

Continuation of the selection process for the appointment to fill a vacancy on the City Council for a term ending December 2020. (City Attorney)

Mayor Sotelo-Solis explained that the meeting was a continuation of the February 5th City Council meeting item to fill a vacancy on the City Council. The City Council will first hear Public Comment. At the conclusion of Public Comment the City Council will then proceed with the two nomination process alternatives outlined by the City Attorney; 1) nominate an individual from the list of applicants or; 2) nominate a National City voter willing to serve.

For the Public Comment portion of the meeting Mayor Sotelo-Solis stated that speakers would be limited to one minute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ted Godshalk, National City, expressed his desire to be appointed to the vacant seat and urged the Council to make a decision. He provided the Mayor and Council with his written answers to the questions asked of applicants during the previous Council meeting on February 5th.

Miguel Moreno, National City, spoke in support of Stephen De La Cruz.

R.T. Shigley, National City, provided a brief background of his experience and expressed his desire to be appointed to the vacant seat.

Stephen Delacruz, National City, urged the Council to appoint someone rather than hold a special election.

Patricia Perez, National City, provided her personal background and expressed her desire to serve the community and be appointed to the vacant seat.

Burdette Hanson, National City, spoke in support of R.T. Shigley for the Council vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont.)

Bob Kilbourne, Chula Vista, urged the Council to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

Terry Kimble, National City, urged the Council to appoint someone who is non-partisan.

The following individuals spoke in support of Judy Delos Santos: Francisco Mendoza, People Over Profits, Juan Carlos Lozano, Elizabeth Ochoa, National City, John Marquez, Esmeralda Tovar, National City, Emilie Edquid, Chula Vista, Joselito Balugot, San Diego, Myles Esmele, Chula Vista, Armando Abayon. San Diego, Ivan Sillas, Imperial Beach, Lorna Delos Santos, National City, and Armando Abundis, National City.

Judy Delos Santos spoke in support of being appointed to the vacant seat.

Ditas Yamane, urged the City Council to appoint her to the vacant seat.

Jose Lopez, ACCE, urged the Council to make an appointment rather than hold a special election and spoke in support of Jose Rodriguez.

Coyote Moon, National City, spoke in support of Dukie Valderrama or to proceed with a special election.

The following individuals spoke in support of appointing Ditas Yamane: Aurora Cudal on behalf of Mr. Macabenta, National City, and Arwin Cudal, National City, Crissele Catherine Florez, National City, Ray Decadiz, National City, Mitch Thompson, National City, Maria Fontimayor, National City, and Rey Idos, National City.

Frank Scott, National City, urged the Council to appoint him to the vacant seat.

Destiny Gallegos-Munoz, National City, spoke in support of her appointment to the vacant seat.

Wilfredo Racelis, San Diego, urged the City Council to make a decision.

ACTION: The City Council proceeded to vote.

Motion by Cano, seconded by Morrison to nominate Ditas Delossantos Yamane.

Motion failed by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes: Morrison, Cano. Nays: Rios, Sotelo-Solis. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Cano to appoint Stephen Delacruz.

A five-minute recess was called by City Attorney Morris-Jones at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m. with all members present.

ACTION (cont.): Motion by Cano, was withdrawn.

Motion by Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Rios, to appoint Dukie Valderrama. Motion failed by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes: Rios, Sotelo-Solis. Nays: Cano, Morrison. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

ACTION (cont.): Motion by Cano, seconded by Morrison to appoint Sherry Gogue. Motion failed by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes: Morrison, Cano. Nays: Rios, Sotelo-Solis. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Rios, seconded by Sotelo-Solis, to appoint Dukie Valderrama. Motion failed by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes: Rios, Sotelo-Solis. Nays: Cano, Morrison. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

City Clerk Michael Dalla was asked to provide information regarding the holding of a Special Election to fill the current Council vacancy. City Clerk Dalla advised that, in addition to the significant cost to the City to hold a Special Election, there is additional information that the City Council should be aware of. The County Registrar of Voters has advised that they are in the process of upgrading the security of their voting system and database. For that reason, they are unable to participate in any special elections until March of 2020. In addition, the primary election support consultant in California went out of business in December. City Clerk Dalla emphasized, that under the circumstances, an election to fill the Council vacancy is not a viable option, irrespective of the cost, because he does not believe the City would be able to properly and successfully conduct a special election on its own without the resources provided by the Registrar of Voters.

ACTION (cont.): Motion by Rios, seconded by Sotelo-Solis, to appoint Jose Rodriguez to the City Council. Motion failed by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes: Rios, Sotelo-Solis. Nays: Cano, Morrison. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Motion by Cano, seconded by Sotelo-Solis, to appoint Gonzalo Quintero. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced that newly appointed Councilmember Gonzalo Quintero will be sworn in at the next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

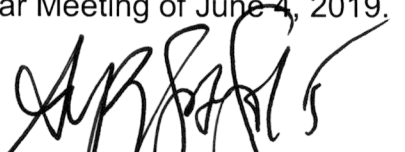
Motion by Morrison, seconded by Cano, to adjourn the meeting to the next Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City - Tuesday – February 19, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers - National City, California. Carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 6:54 p.m.



For City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2019.



Mayor