



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA
and
Teleconference Location (*Councilmember Bush*)
255 Southeast Second Street, Troutdale, OR 97060
(Per Government Code 54953)

Absent:
Councilmember Bush (*via Zoom*)
Councilmember Molina
Councilmember Rodriguez
Mayor Morrison
Vice-Mayor Yamane

Others Present:
Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager
Richard E. Romero, Assistant City Attorney
Brian Hadley, Deputy City Manager
Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:06 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

Mayor Morrison announced that Councilmember Bush would be attending remotely as noticed on the agenda from a location in Troutdale, Oregon. Due to the requirements of AB2449, this virtual attendance did not qualify, but since the notification and location were provided prior to the distribution and posting of the meeting agenda Councilmember Bush was able to attend if requirements were met. Mayor Morrison confirmed that Councilmember Bush had posted the agenda and provided access to the meeting at his location as required by the Brown Act and Government Code Section 54953. Councilmember Bush confirmed and was allowed to continue virtually. This action does not require a vote of the City Council.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Ruth Monroy.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Councilmember Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Public Comment will be Restricted to Agenda Items Only)**

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing two (2) minutes per comment and introduced Deputy City Clerk Hussain.

Twenty-Two (22) spoken comments were received:

Amy Castaneda	Mona Rios
Dr. Jerome Robinson	Cynthia Fuller Quinonez
Joan Rincon	Janice Luna Reynoso
Ed Nieto	Jess Ramirez
Claire Groebrier	Joann Fields
Attorney Audie De Castro	Apolonio R. Samson
Thomas Fernandez	Alfredo Andalon
Cheryl Holovey Colmenero	Randi M. Castle-Salgado
Rita Heuss	Debbie Espe
Dr. Kathleen Harmon	Paul Wapnowski
Ted Godshalk	Angelica Guillen (Via Zoom)

One (1) written comment was received after the deadline and will be posted to the website.

5. **INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS**

5.1 Appointment: City Boards, Commissions and Committees – City Council Appointment to Port Commissioner

Mayor Morrison asked Deputy City Clerk Hussain to provide the instruction per City Council Policy #107 regarding the City Council Appointment and Interview Process. Mayor Morrison stated as Mayor's purgative he will allow up to three (3) minutes for applicants to introduce themselves. Each applicant were asked the same two (2) questions.

Mayor Morrison announced that the questions were not pre-determined until the Council arrived in the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Morrison determined that the names of the applicants were determined by a random draw to determine the order of interviews. City Councilmembers present pulled a name to determine order.

1. Vice-Mayor Yamane drew Nicholas Inzunza
2. Councilmember Molina drew GilAnthony Ungab
3. Councilmember Rodriguez drew Alexander Fernandez
4. Councilmember Molina drew Cheddy W. Matthews
5. Mayor Morrison drew Mitch "Ruble" Beauchamp

Each applicant provided up to three (3) minutes introduction and was then asked the following two questions:

1. What makes you the best candidate to represent National City as its Port Commissioner?
2. What do you see as the biggest opportunity, and also the biggest challenges that National City will be facing in its relationship with the Port Authority, and how do you see yourself being a positive force in dealing with these opportunities and challenges?

Following the interviews the City Councilmembers provided comments.

Round One (1) Vote by written ballot signed by each member was provided to Deputy City Clerk Hussain. The ballots read as follows:

Nicholas Inzunza received two (2) votes: Councilmember Rodriguez and Vice-Mayor Yamane.

GilAnthony Ungab received three (3) votes: Councilmember Bush (*verbal*), Councilmember Molina, and Mayor Morrison.


Mayor announced that the Council has now a nominated person. The City Council voted on the motion made by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Vice-Mayor to appoint Dr. GilAnthony Ungab Port Commissioner, to fulfill the remainder portion of the term until December 2, 2024.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.


6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 6:00 in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2024.


Ron Morrison, Mayor