

MINUTES
OXNARD CITY COUNCIL
Special Council Meeting
February 4, 2021

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA

At 5:03 p.m., Mayor John C. Zaragoza called to order the regular meeting of the Oxnard City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers at 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, California. The City Clerk called the roll and announced the posting of the agenda. Councilmembers Gabriela Basua, Vianey Lopez, Bert E. Perello, and Mayor Pro Tem Bryan A. MacDonald were present via videoconference. Mayor Zaragoza participated in person.

Councilmember Madrigal joined at 5:13 p.m. via videoconference.

Staff members present were Alexander Nguyen, City Manager; Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney; and Rose Chaparro, City Clerk. Shiri Klima, Deputy City Manager, participated via videoconference.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES (5:00 PM)

The flag salute was followed by a moment of silence. After the flag salute and before the public comments, the City Manager gave a brief COVID update.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received from Dr. Natalie Cherlot, Noemi Valdes, Angel Garcia, Ray Blattel, Max Ghenis, Steven Nash, Manuel Herrera, Barbara Macri-Ortiz, Maryann Rodriguez, Chris Hernandez, Alejandra Valencia, Erik Fruth, Clay Downing, Alicia Percell, Greg Runyon, Armando Delgado, and Bluejay Mendoza.

D. REPORTS

1. City Attorney Department

SUBJECT: District 2 Council Vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Interview the applicants to fill the vacancy in the District 2 City Council office. Candidates will be allotted 10 minutes each to address City Council.
2. City Council will consider public comments.
3. Appoint an applicant to fill the vacancy until the date of a special election held to fill the remainder of the term.
4. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,418** a resolution calling and giving notice of holding a special election on November 2, 2021 to fill the remainder of the District 2 City Council office term.
5. Adopt a **Resolution No. 15,419** requesting the Ventura County Board of Supervisors authorize the Ventura County Elections Division to render specified services to conduct the November 2, 2021 special election.
6. Adopt **Resolution No. 15,420** adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at the special election to be held

November 2, 2021.

The City Attorney gave a report and answered questions.

The City Clerk made an announcement that Ms. Tai Hartley formerly withdrew her application. Mr. Vincent Stewart will not be able to participate in the presentation. However, he is still a valid applicant.

Candidates were allotted 10 minutes each to address City Council. The following applicants participated:

Lizanne M. Nanez, Justin Beranich, Gabriel Teran, Ricardo Torres, Christopher Taccone, Orlando Dozier, Veronica Robles-Solis, Enrique Petris, Alfred Velasquez, Pedro A. Chavez, and Lawrence Samuel Barbarine.

First Round of Votes, as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald: Gabriel Teran
Councilmember Perello: Ricardo Torres
Councilmember Basua: Veronica Robles-Solis
Councilmember Madrigal: Veronica Robles-Solis
Mayor Zaragoza: Gabriel Teran
Councilmember Lopez: Veronica Robles-Solis

Vote: Robles-Solis= 3, Teran: 2, Torres=1

Second Round of Votes, as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald = Gabriel Teran
Councilmember Perello = Ricardo Torres
Councilmember Madrigal = Veronica Robles-Solis
Councilmember Basua = Veronica Robles-Solis
Councilmember Lopez = Veronica Robles-Solis
Mayor Zaragoza = Gabriel Teran

Vote: Robles-Solis= 3, Teran: 2, Torres=1

Motion “to suspend the rules” to eliminate from consideration applicants who received no votes and the fewest votes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perello to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilmember Basua. Vote: MacDonald, Perello, Lopez, Zaragoza, Basua voted in favor. Councilmember Madrigal voted against; motion passed 5-1.

Third Round of Votes was as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald = Gabriel Teran

Councilmember Perello = Gabriel Teran
Councilmember Madrigal = Veronica Robles-Solis
Councilmember Basua = Veronica Robles-Solis
Councilmember Lopez = Gabriel Teran
Mayor Zaragoza = Gabriel Teran

Vote: Robles-Solis= 2, Teran: 4

It was moved by Councilmember Basua, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to appoint Gabriel Teran by majority vote, to fill the District 2 vacancy, until the date of a special election is held. VOTE: Basua, Madrigal, MacDonald, Lopez, Perello, Zaragoza voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0.

Council's vote to approve the following items:

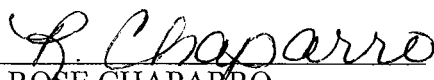
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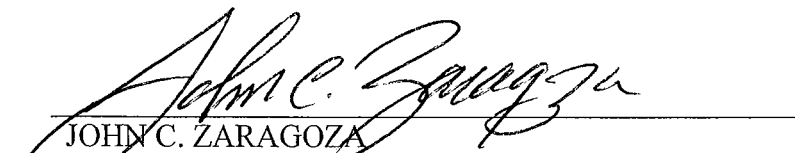
The City Attorney made an announcement that County of Ventura provided subsequent information on the third resolution being adopted that the cost of a candidate statement is now estimated at \$1,000.00, for the November 2, 2021 Special Election.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem MacDonald, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve items 4, 5, and 6. VOTE: Perello, MacDonald, Madrigal, Basua, Zaragoza, and Lopez voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Mayor Zaragoza adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.


ROSE CHAPARRO
City Clerk


JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
Mayor