



## Minutes of the Special Meeting of the San Pablo City Council

Monday, December 10, 2018

### **ROLL CALL**

The meeting convened in the Council Chambers at 6:03 pm. Present were Mayor Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Vice Mayor Paul Morris and Councilmembers Rich Kinney and Arturo Cruz. Absent was Councilmember Cecilia Valdez. Also present were City Manager Matt Rodriguez, City Attorney Lynn Tracy Nerland, Assistant City Manager Reina Schwartz, Police Chief Ron Raman, Administrative Services Director Kelly Sessions, Public Works Director/City Engineer Jill Mercurio, City Treasurer Viviana Toledo, City Clerk Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Deputy City Clerk Lehny Corbin, and Administrative Clerk Christine Maki.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Cordell Hindler requested presentations for updates from Republic Services and BART.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. City Manager introduced the item. It was moved by Councilmember Kinney, seconded by Vice Mayor Morris, and passed by vote of those present to adopt **Resolution 2018-154**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held in the City of San Pablo on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, declaring the results thereof and such other matters as are provided by law. The motion passed as follows: (#18-415)  
AYES: Cruz, Kinney, Morris and Calloway  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Valdez  
ABSTAIN: None

### **CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / JOINT POWERS FINANCING AUTHORITY REORGANIZATION** (#18-412)

2. A. New Seating of City Council/Directors  
City Manager Rodriguez thanked outgoing/retiring Vice Mayor Paul Morris for his 16 years of service to the city; City Manager presented the city's token of appreciation to Mr. Morris, who addressed the audience and fellow councilmembers.  
  
City Manager Rodriguez also commented and thanked outgoing/retiring Mayor Genoveva Calloway for her 20 years of service to the city (16 years on the Council and 4 years as elected City Clerk) and presented the city's token of appreciation to Ms. Calloway.  
  
Ms. Calloway spoke of her experience on the Council and the support from her friends and family. Ms. Calloway acknowledged Umberto Madrigal and Maria Alegria for their mentorship and support. Ms. Calloway highlighted some of the opportunities she and the city council participated in such as the

creation of Plaza San Pablo, Municipal Solar Project, San Pablo Complete Streets Project, passage of Measures Q and K, Youth Services and partnerships with the school district, Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force, new City Hall, new County Fire Station 70, and numerous other projects.

Ms. Calloway and Mr. Morris left the dais and set in the audience.

The Oath of Office was administered to each newly-elected officials as follows:

Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado by David Alvarado

Rita Xavier by Diana Becton

Viviana Toledo by Natalia Gonzalez

Patricia Ponce by Genoveva Calloway

The following speakers thanked Ms. Calloway and Mr. Morris for their service to the community: Cordell Hindler, Joan Carpenter, Harpreet Sandhu, Felix Huerta, and Consuelo Lara.

The newly-elected offices expressed their thanks and appreciation to their friends, families and supporters and took their seats at the dais.

B. Selection of Temporary Presiding Officer

City Attorney Nerland announced that pursuant to the San Pablo Municipal Code section 2.16.010, the Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall be elected by the majority of the Council in December of each year. The Councilmembers voted to be the Mayor and Vice-Mayor will serve that role for the City Council, the Local Successor Agency and the Joint Powers Financing Authority. She further stated that an additional step needed to occur first because the City Council does not have a presiding officer at this time given that both the prior Mayor and Vice-Mayor are no longer on the City Council. Thus, pursuant to City Council Resolution 2003-080, the City Council needed to select one of their members to be the presiding officer or chair of the meeting just until the Mayor election is completed. This was an extra step but given these unique circumstances, Ms. Nerland emphasized that the first vote would just be for the presiding officer/chair of a portion of the meeting and then once the presiding officer is chosen by majority vote of the Council, he or she would conduct the election for the Mayor for the next year. It was moved by Councilmember Cruz, seconded by Councilmember Xavier, and passed by vote of those present to appoint Rich Kinney as the Presiding Officer. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Cruz, Pabon-Alvarado, Xavier and Kinney

NOES: None

ABSENT: Valdez

ABSTAIN: None

C. Conduct City Council / Local Successor Agency / Joint Powers Financing Authority / Housing Successor Agency Reorganization – Elect New Officers for 2018-2019 Term

It was moved by Councilmember Cruz, seconded by Councilmember Pabon-Alvarado, and passed by vote of those present to elect Rich Kinney to serve as mayor/chair for the 2018-19 term. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Cruz, Pabon-Alvarado, Xavier and Kinney

NOES: None

ABSENT: Valdez

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Xavier, and passed by vote of those present to elect Arturo Cruz to serve as vice mayor/vice chair for the 2018-19 term. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Cruz, Pabon-Alvarado, Xavier and Kinney

NOES: None

ABSENT: Valdez

ABSTAIN: None

Bennie Wu administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Rich Kinney. Mayor Kinney and the following pastors prayed over Mayor Kinney and the rest of the City Council: Joseph Washington, Freddie Parham, Port Wilburn, Jesse Gonzalez and Jesse Castillo.

Speaker Madeline Kronenberg expressed her thanks to the City Council for their partnership with Lake Elementary School and welcomed the incoming Council, especially Rita Xavier.

D. Comments by Incoming Mayor

Mayor Kinney stated he was looking forward to working with the Vice Mayor and the new City Council.

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

3. City Manager introduced the item and solicited recommendations for appointments. It was moved by Mayor Kinney, seconded by Vice Mayor Cruz, and passed by vote of those present to adopt **Resolution 2018-155**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo affirming the Mayor's recommended City Council appointments pursuant to San Pablo Municipal Code Section 2.16.070 to the RecycleMore JPA Board of Directors and West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee Board of Directors as follows: (#18-425)

RecycleMore JPA Board of Directors

Rita Xavier – Primary

Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado – Alternate

West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee Board of Directors

Rich Kinney – Primary

Rita Xavier – Alternate

Former San Pablo Councilmember Kathy Chao Rothberg spoke and congratulated the new Council and thanked Ms. Calloway and Mr. Morris for their service.

The new City Council also thanked Ms. Calloway and Mr. Morris. Vice Mayor Cruz recited a poem he wrote for Ms. Calloway.

Cordell Hindler also spoke.

Mayor Kinney introduced his family and his grandson Joey thanked him.

Councilmember Pabon-Alvarado also acknowledged her family, as did Vice Mayor Cruz.

Mayor Quinto acknowledged El Cerrito Councilmember Gabriel Quinto and Assistant District Attorney Diana Becton.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm to Monday, December 17, 2018, in memory of Former President George H.W. Bush. A reception immediately followed the meeting in Maple Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Ponce, City Clerk

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Rich Kinney, Mayor