



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the San Pablo City Council

Monday, March 11, 2019

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened in the Council Chambers at 5:06 pm. Present were Mayor Rich Kinney and Vice Mayor Arturo Cruz and Councilmembers Rita Xavier and Abel Pineda. Absent was Councilmember Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado. Also present were City Manager Matt Rodriguez, City Attorney Lynn Tracy Nerland, Police Chief Ron Raman, City Clerk Patricia Ponce, and Deputy City Clerk Lehny Corbin.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. City Manager Rodriguez updated the City Council on the current status of vacancies on the Safety Commission and provided instructions on the process of interviewing the five applicants. Mr. Rodriguez also referenced the last minute agenda supplemental correspondence containing five sample questions for the interviews. The following five applicants were interviewed and asked identical five questions in the following order:
 - Alex Abraham (owner of RC Liquors and Delhi Fashions)
 - Vicky Chong (hotel manager at Holiday Inn Express)
 - Paula Edmonson James (current Safety Commission member and San Pablo resident)
 - Mohamed Khan (current Safety Commission member and San Pablo resident)
 - Joseph Wong (owner of McDonald's Restaurant)

There were no public comments for this agenda item.

City Manager advised that the By-Laws could not be modified at this time in order to modify appointments at hand.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Cruz, seconded by Mayor Kinney, to appoint two business owners and two residents. After further discussion, Vice Mayor Cruz amended his motion, seconded by Mayor Kinney, to appoint business owners Abraham and Wong, and residents James and Khan.

There was discussion and confirmation regarding applicant Vicky Chong's residency.

City Attorney Nerland stated that a "friendly" amendment may be made to a motion or a more formal substitute motion, if a Councilmember so desires. A substitute motion would be considered first.

A motion was made by Councilmember Xavier to appoint residents Chong and James and business owners Abraham and Wong, but failed as no one seconded the motion.

After further discussion, the City Council considered the initial motion by Vice Mayor Cruz, to adopt **Resolution 2019-037**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Pablo approving appointments of Paula Edmonson James and Mohamed Khan (residents) and Alex Abraham and Joseph Wong (business owners) to the Safety Commission. The motion passed as follows:

AYES: Pineda, Xavier, Cruz and Kinney
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pabon-Alvarado
ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm to Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ponce, City Clerk

Rich Kinney, Mayor