



CITY OF BELL GARDENS
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015, 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7100 GARFIELD AVENUE, BELL GARDENS, CA

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CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

INVOCATION – was led by Destiny Requejo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was led by Christopher Escobar.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Rodriguez
Absent: Aceituno (Excused)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Saul Gonzalez thanked Mayor Rodriguez for her love and support and for helping him and his fellow students with costumes for their dance team.

Christopher Escobar thanked Mayor Rodriguez and Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno for supporting the Bell Gardens High School dance team. He also thanked Mayor Rodriguez for her leadership after the passing of Mayor Crespo and congratulated her on her appointment.

DISCUSSION (Item No. 1)

1. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPOINTING THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES TO OFFICE AND CANCELLING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The nomination period for interested registered voters of the City of Bell Gardens to submit their nomination packets opened on Monday, July 13, 2015 and closed on Friday, August 7, 2015. During this period only two nomination packets were received by the City Clerk. The City Clerk was authorized to publish these facts by the City Council on August 10, 2015. The notice was published on Thursday, August 13, 2015.

Recommendation: It is staff's recommendation that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2015-55 providing for the appointment of qualified candidate Pedro Aceituno and Resolution No. 2015-56 providing for the appointment of qualified candidate Jennifer Rodriguez to the offices of the City that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 and cancelling the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman gave a presentation on Discussion Item 1.

A motion was made by Mayor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 2015-55 providing for the appointment of qualified candidate Pedro Aceituno to the office of the City that was to be elected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 and cancelling the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno absent.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Rodriguez

NOES: None
ABSENT: Aceituno (Excused)
ABSTAIN: None

A motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Flores to adopt Resolution No. 2015-56 providing for the appointment of qualified candidate Jennifer Rodriguez to the office of the City that was to be elected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 and cancelling the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno absent.

AYES: Flores, Mendoza, Pulido, Rodriguez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Aceituno (Excused)
ABSTAIN: None

At this point, Mayor Rodriguez allowed the following additional public comments:

Keyla Peña thanked Mayor Rodriguez on behalf of the students at Bell Gardens Intermediate School. She described Mayor Rodriguez as a respected and admired woman of character and integrity and congratulated her on her appointment.

Virginia Torres, President of the Bell Gardens Intermediate Dance Team, thanked Mayor Rodriguez on behalf of the dance team for helping the school and the dance team and helping create a better environment in the City. She described Mayor Rodriguez as her role model and she thanked the Council and congratulated Mayor Rodriguez on her appointment.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS


Councilmember Flores congratulated Mayor Rodriguez and Mayor Pro Tem Aceituno.

Councilmember Mendoza described Mayor Rodriguez as an influential leader who has impacted the community as well as his own life. He stated that it was his students' idea to attend the Council meeting to express their gratitude for Mayor Rodriguez's service. He further stated that the City of Bell Gardens is safer, cleaner due to Mayor Rodriguez, the rest of the Council, the City Manager and staff. Lastly he congratulated Mayor Rodriguez on her appointment.

Councilmember Pulido congratulated Mayor Rodriguez on her appointment and expressed her hope to work with Mayor Rodriguez for a very long time.

Mayor Rodriguez commented on her years of service on the City Council and attributed the City's success in moving forward to the City Attorney, the City Manager, the Department Heads and City Staff. She thanked staff, fellow Councilmembers and residents for working for the betterment of the community.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.



Kristina Santana
City Clerk