



Lucas Ramirez, Mayor
Alison Hicks, Vice Mayor
Margaret Abe-Koga, Councilmember
Ellen Kamei, Councilmember
Sally Lieber, Councilmember
Lisa Matichak, Councilmember
Pat Showalter, Councilmember

Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager
Jennifer Logue, City Attorney
Heather Glaser, City Clerk

November 28, 2022

Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

During this declared state of emergency, the meeting was conducted in accordance with California Government Code §54953(e) as authorized by resolution of the City Council. All members of the City Council participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

5:30 P.M.-STUDY SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Lieber, Councilmember Matichak, Vice Mayor Hicks, Mayor Ramirez

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Showalter (arrived 5:40 p.m.)

3. STUDY SESSION

3.1 Conduct Environmental Planning Commission Applicant Interviews

The purpose of this Study Session was to interview seven applicants for the upcoming vacancies on the Environmental Planning Commission.

Mayor Ramirez introduced the item.

There were no public speakers.

By consensus, the Council selected the following time allocation and questions to ask each applicant:

1 minute: What have you personally done to make a contribution to the Environmental Planning Commission, or, if you are not currently serving, what would you bring to the Environmental Planning Commission that is unique?

2 minutes: What are your thoughts on the City's existing plans like the general plan and precise plans?

2 minutes: How would you balance private property rights and community benefits, and how would you consider public comment from residents?

At 5:40 p.m., Councilmember Showalter arrived.

The Council interviewed seven applicants and discussed its recommendations for two members to fill four-year terms beginning January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2026.

On the first round of voting:

Councilmember Abe-Koga voted for William Cranston and Jose Gutierrez

Councilmember Kamei voted for William Cranston and Jose Gutierrez

Councilmember Lieber voted for William Cranston and Silja Paymer

Councilmember Matichak voted for William Cranston and Paul Donahue

Councilmember Showalter voted for Paul Donahue and Silja Paymer

Vice Mayor Hicks voted for William Cranston and Silja Paymer

Mayor Ramirez voted for William Cranston and Jose Gutierrez

William Cranston received five votes.

The Council voted again between Jose Gutierrez and Silja Paymer.

On the second round of voting:

Councilmember Abe-Koga voted for Jose Gutierrez

Councilmember Kamei voted for Jose Gutierrez

Councilmember Lieber voted for Silja Paymer

Councilmember Matichak voted for Jose Gutierrez

Councilmember Showalter voted for Silja Paymer

Vice Mayor Hicks voted for Silja Paymer

Mayor Ramirez voted for Jose Gutierrez

Jose Gutierrez received four votes.

City Clerk Glaser stated a resolution reappointing William Cranston and Jose Gutierrez to the Environmental Planning Commission would be brought back to the Council on December 13.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:38 p.m., Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting.

Approved on February 14, 2023.

Alison Hicks, Mayor

Heather Glaser, City Clerk
