

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove was called to order in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (4) MAYOR DALTON, COUNCIL MEMBERS
BROADWATER, NGUYEN, ROSEN

ABSENT: (0) NONE

PLEDGE

Mayor Pro Tem Rosen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

Mayor Dalton invited anyone in the audience who was interested in applying for the vacant City Council position and did not make their intention known at the City Council meeting held on March 29, 2007, or anyone who would like to speak on behalf of someone else, to speak at this time. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Verla Lambert addressed the City Council expressing concern about the removal of mature trees from the median on Garden Grove Boulevard between Harbor Boulevard and Palm Street. (F: 53.3) (XR: 24.4)

Sheldon Singer addressed the City Council, expressing support for the appointment of Steve Jones to the City Council vacancy. He also spoke about the Joint Service Club Luncheon to be held at Kiwanisland on June 13. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

David Lautherboren addressed the City Council, urging the appointment of former City Council Member Harry Krebs to fill the City Council vacancy. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Dominic Acolino addressed the City Council on behalf of Tuan Lam for the City Council appointment. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Peter Katz addressed the City Council on behalf of Harry Krebs for the City Council appointment. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Reverend Bob Rohdenburg addressed the City Council on behalf of Robin Marcario for the City Council appointment. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Bob Owens addressed the City Council, urging the Council Members appoint one of the unsuccessful candidates who ran in the November 2006 Municipal Election. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Vicki Shanklin addressed the City Council expressing concern about the removal of mature trees from the median on Garden Grove Boulevard between Harbor Boulevard and Palm Street. (F: 53.3) (XR: 24.4)

Carolyn Rowland addressed the City Council, urging the Council Members appoint someone who ran for office in November to fill the Council vacancy. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

David Vill addressed the City Council expressing opposition to fireworks in the city. (F: 53.3) (XR: 61.6)

Gil Flores addressed the City Council on behalf of Benny Diaz for the City Council appointment. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Gilbert Davila addressed the City Council on behalf of Benny Diaz for the City Council appointment. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

Charles Mitchell addressed the City Council, suggesting four individuals be identified from which to choose to serve on the City Council. (F: 53.3) (XR: 46.1)

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL (F: 46.1)

Copies of all applications received from interested citizens wanting to serve on the City Council, along with a memo from the City Clerk providing the cost of a Special Election, and a memo from the City Attorney providing a summary of the applicable procedures and legal rules for filling the City Council vacancy, were provided.

Judy Bainto, Benny Diaz, Tuan Lam, Paul Lucas, Mike Silva, Steven Smith, and William Zylla, applicants for the City Council vacancy, each addressed the City Council, providing background information on themselves and answering questions posed by City Council Members.

RECESS

At 6:45 p.m., the Mayor declared a recess.

RECONVENE

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting was reconvened with Mayor Dalton and all Council Members present.

Dietrich Nicholson addressed the City Council concerning the Iraq War, use of eminent domain, WalMart, and the Buddhist Temple. (F: 53.3) (XR: 57.10) (XR: 20.GPA-4-05)

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED) (F: 46.1)

Council Member Rosen commented on the options before the City Council, noting that someone needs to be chosen to represent the City on the City Council. He noted that he was inundated with telephone calls since he returned from Korea last week, many from people on behalf of a certain candidate. He noted that Joseph Pak did an amazing job with the delegation to Anyang, Korea. He was well organized and has displayed superb leadership. He ran for the City Council in 2002 and came in third.

It was moved by Council Member Rosen, seconded by Mayor Dalton, that Joseph Pak be appointed to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

Mayor Dalton commented that Joseph Pak did an outstanding job in orchestrating their visit to Korea, noting that they were treated with dignity and class.

Council Member Nguyen also noted that Joseph Pak was a good facilitator and was well respected in Anyang.

The foregoing motion failed to carry by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (2) ROSEN, DALTON
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (2) BROADWATER, NGUYEN
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

Mayor Dalton commented that Roland Chi has proven himself to go the extra mile, and has done a successful job with the International Farmers Market on Main Street on Sundays.

It was moved by Mayor Dalton, seconded by Council Member Nguyen, that Roland Chi be appointed to fill the vacancy on the City Council. Council Member Nguyen spoke about Roland Chi's many achievements at a relatively young age, including the Garden Grove Farmer's Market.

Council Member Broadwater moved a substitute motion to appoint Steve Jones to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

Council Member Nguyen seconded the motion.

Council Member Rosen commented that Mr. Chi is too young, needing real life experience that comes with age. He noted that Steve Jones would be his second choice, noting that he is a developer with a wife and child and with his knowledge, the City Council would continue on course.

The foregoing substitute motion to appoint Steve Jones to fill the vacancy on the City Council carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (3) BROADWATER, NGUYEN,
ROSEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) DALTON
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Council Member Jones and presented him with a Certificate of Appointment, following which Council Member Jones was seated.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR EXTENDED TO COUNCIL MEMBER JONES
(F: 53.1) (XR: 46.1)

Council Member Jones indicated that he was thrilled, honored, and excited to have been appointed to this position.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.

RUTH E. SMITH
CITY CLERK