

# City of Chula Vista

## Meeting Minutes - Final

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Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers  
276 4th Avenue, Building A  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

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### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

#### CALL TO ORDER

*A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.*

#### ROLL CALL:

*Present: Deputy Mayor Aguilar, Councilmember Bensoussan, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Salas, and Mayor Cox*

*Also Present: City Manager Halbert, City Attorney Googins, City Clerk Norris, and Assistant City Clerk Bigelow*

#### 82nd AIRBORNE TO PRESENT COLORS

*The 82nd Airborne presented the colors.*

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG LEAD BY MARISSA MICHELE HICE

*Marissa Michele Hice led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMED BY MARINA INSERRA

*Marina Inserra performed the National Anthem.*

#### INVOCATION BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN LORENA GONZALEZ

*Assemblywoman Gonzalez offered the invocation.*

- \* [14-0711](#) PRESENTATION BY CHULA VISTA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY ANIMAL ADOPTION COUNSELOR LINDA SEPTON OF ZOEY, A DOG AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE FACILITY

*Animal Care Facility Administrator Anton presented Zoey, a dog available for adoption at the Animal Care Facility.*

#### CONSENT CALENDAR (Item 1)

1. [14-0626](#) RESOLUTION NO. 2014-240 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA RECITING THE FACT OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN THIS CITY ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, DECLARING THE RESULTS THEREOF, AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY LAW

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Mayor Cox, seconded by Councilmember Salas, that Resolution No. 2014-240 be adopted, heading read, text waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Aguilar, Bensoussan, Ramirez, Cox and Salas

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**COMMENTS IN TRIBUTE TO AND BY DEPARTING ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

- 2. [14-0675](#) COMMENTS BY OUTGOING MAYOR CHERYL COX  
COMMENTS BY OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBER RUDY RAMIREZ

*The following members of the public spoke in tribute to outgoing elected officials:*

- Claudia Valenzuela, representing San Diego Gas & Electric
- Cindy Gompper-Graves, representing the South County Economic Development Council
- Ben Vallejos and Susan Fuller, representing the Living Coast Discovery Center
- Andrew Yuen, representing the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge
- Pamela Bensoussan, Councilmember
- John Hess, representing the International Association of Fire Fighters
- Melinda Nish, representing the Southwestern Community College District

*Mayor Cox reflected on her past term in office.*

*Councilmember Ramirez reflected on his past term in office.*

**OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

- 3. [14-0676](#) INTRODUCTION OF RE-ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY GLEN GOOGINS, OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY SONYA MARIE GOOGINS

COMMENTS BY CITY ATTORNEY GLEN GOOGINS

INTRODUCTION OF RE-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER PATRICIA AGUILAR, OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY NICK AGUILAR

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBER PATRICIA AGUILAR

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER JOHN McCANN, OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROCKY CHAVEZ

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHN McCANN

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR MARY CASILLAS SALAS, OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY PAULA SILVA CASILLAS

COMMENTS BY MAYOR MARY CASILLAS SALAS

*Sonia Marie Googins administered the ceremonial oath of office to City Attorney Googins. City Clerk Norris presented him with a certificate of election.*

*City Attorney Googins reflected on his past term in office and spoke about upcoming events and issues.*

*Nick Aguilar administered the ceremonial oath of office to Councilmember Aguilar. City Clerk Norris presented her with a certificate of election.*

*Councilmember Aguilar reflected on her past term in office and spoke about upcoming events and issues.*

*Assemblymember Chavez administered the ceremonial oath of office to Councilmember McCann. City Clerk Norris presented him with a certificate of election.*

*Councilmember McCann spoke regarding upcoming events and issues.*

*Paula Silva Casillas administered the ceremonial oath of office to Mayor Salas. City Clerk Norris presented her with a certificate of election.*

*Mayor Salas reflected on her past term in office and spoke about upcoming events and issues.*

**RECESS**

*Mayor Salas recessed the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The Council reconvened at 8:28 p.m., with all members present.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

*At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Salas called the meeting to order.*

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Aguilar, Councilmember Bensoussan, Councilmember McCann and Mayor Salas

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 4. [14-0699](#) CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION OR APPOINT A PERSON TO FILL THE VACANCY OF CITY COUNCIL SEAT NO. 4, AND, IF BY APPOINTING A PERSON, CONSIDERATION OF AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-241 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA DECLARING THE VACANCY OF CITY COUNCIL SEAT NO. 4, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPOINT A PERSON TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT

OR

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B. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA DECLARING THE VACANCY OF CITY COUNCIL SEAT NO. 4; CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JUNE 2, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHULA VISTA CHARTER SECTION 303.C; REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OR HER DULY AUTHORIZED AGENTS TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

AND

C. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE AT A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

*City Clerk Norris presented information on the item.*

*Mark Liuag, Chula Vista resident, spoke in support of Council appointing a person to fill the vacancy on the City Council.*

*Council discussion ensued on the method by which the appointment would be made. There was consensus of the Council that: those interested in applying for appointment to the vacant seat would be required to complete an application and submit a resume; Councilmembers would submit nominations to the City Clerk based on the applications received; any applicant receiving two or more nominations by Councilmembers would be considered a "finalist" and would be invited for an interview before the Council; and all finalists would be required to complete an economic interests disclosure form.*

*Hector Gastelum, Chula Vista resident, spoke in support of holding a special election to fill the vacant seat.*

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Aguilar, seconded by Councilmember McCann, that Resolution No. 2014-241 (Item 4.A) be adopted, heading read, text waived, that the City Clerk be directed to make the Councilmember application available by December 15, 2014, and that the applications be accepted until December 29, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Aguilar, Bensoussan, McCann and Salas

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

*City Manager Halbert reported that the Police Department had received a grant from the federal government in the amount of \$180,000 to improve security in the Police station lobby and implement a training simulator. He also stated that the Development Services Department had approved construction drawings for the construction of Heritage Road from Olympic Parkway to Main Street and that the project was slated to be completed by June 2016.*

**MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Salas expressed her gratitude to the residents of Chula Vista for electing her to serve as Mayor and spoke regarding her upcoming term.*

**COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS**

*Deputy Mayor Aguilar spoke in support of the Council considering changing the time of regular City Council meetings. Mayor Salas stated an item would be on the next Council agenda to allow the Council to discuss the issue.*

*Councilmember Bensoussan congratulated Mayor Salas, Deputy Mayor Aguilar, Councilmember McCann and City Attorney Googins on the election or reelection to their respective offices.*

*Councilmember McCann thanked those who supported him in the election and also during his recovery following a car accident.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*At 9:07 p.m., Mayor Salas adjourned the meeting to the Regular City Council Meeting on December 16, 2014, at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.*

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Kerry K. Bigelow, Assistant City Clerk