



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD
City Council Chambers
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541
Tuesday, July 27, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING

The Special City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sweeney at 7:30 p.m., who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Quirk, Halliday, Ward, Dowling, Henson
One Vacant Seat
MAYOR Sweeney
Absent: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak on subjects not on the agenda.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Conduct Interviews to Fill Council Vacancy

Terry Higgins stated that he agreed with the two Council Members who supported an election in November to fill the Council vacancy, which he thought would be the best way to fill former Council Member Jimenez's seat. He expressed strong disappointment in the low voter turnout in the recent election and that neither Brian Schott nor Robert Lopez was being interviewed this evening. He urged that the candidates being interviewed treat this position as a privilege and not an entitlement.

The following spoke in favor of appointing former Council Member Doris Rodriguez to fill the vacancy through 2008: Le Williamson, Bob Perry, Kathy Morris, and Robert Billmire.

The following spoke in favor of appointing Evangelina Genera: Maria Ramirez, 13th Street, along with her mother and quoted from Martha Brown, Dean of Instruction at Ohlone Community College; Melinda Matsuda, Carol Collins, and Wayne Beasley.

Richard De La Palma and Mark Salinas spoke in support of appointing a Hispanic candidate.

The following spoke in support of appointing Francisco Zermeno: Luis Munoz, Antonio Solario, Elisa Marquez, Ignacio Becerra, and Samuel Fuenzalida.

Minane Jameson spoke in favor of appointing Al Mendall to fill the Council vacancy.

Mayor Sweeney and Council Members interviewed the following applicants as follows:

Francisco Zermeno	Interview time 8:27 p.m. - 8:52 p.m.
Doris Rodriquez	Interview time 8:56 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Sweeney called for a recess and reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

Evangelina Genera	Interview time 9:29 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Marvin Peixoto	Interview time 9:55 p.m. - 10:24 p.m.
Al Mendall	Interview time 10:26 p.m. - 10:53 p.m.

2. Appointment of Council Member and Administer Oath of Office

Staff report submitted by City Clerk Reyes, dated July 27, 2006, was filed.

Council Member Dowling thanked all who applied and all who were interviewed their time and efforts and looked forward to their participation in the future. He moved to appoint Doris Rodriquez as she would be ideal for the two-year term. Council Member Henson seconded the motion.

Council Member Henson was impressed with the five who were interviewed, especially Francisco Zermeno. He reiterated that he did not agree with this process; his preference was a special election. He noted that he has worked with Doris Rodriquez for over ten years and appreciated her vote of confidence when he was appointed to fill a council vacancy. He also was glad that she was experienced and could “hit the ground running,” and that lastly, she would not be seeking re-election in 2008.

Council Member Ward commented favorably on the motion to appoint Doris Rodriquez; however, he felt that Council had a better opportunity to appoint someone that could represent diversity. He felt strongly that Evangelina Genera should be appointed.

Council Member Quirk commented enthusiastically about Evangelina Genera, reiterated his reference checks and felt that she would be ideal for the Council position. Lastly, he stated that he would not be voting for the motion.

Council Member Halliday expressed her reasons in supporting Doris Rodriquez to fill the Council vacancy as she is a proven candidate having garnered the highest votes in past elections. Ms. Rodriquez has strong ties to the Latino community. She was impressed by all the candidates, their knowledge about the city, their articulateness and their contributions towards the City. She urged them to be more involved. She also acknowledged all the applicants and noted that this appointment process identified some potential future leaders and urged them to run in future elections.

Mayor Sweeney supported the motion, noted his experience with Doris Rodriquez having previously served on the Council together. He appreciated the summary by Council Member Halliday and concluded that all candidates in 2008 will have an equal footing when the two year term for this seat is placed on that ballot.



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It was moved by Council Member Dowling, seconded by Council Member Henson, and carried with one vacancy, to adopt the following resolution appointing Doris Rodriquez to fill the Council vacancy.

Resolution 06-106, "Resolution Appointing Doris Rodriquez as Council Member for the City of Hayward"

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Halliday, Dowling, Henson,
MAYOR Sweeney
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Quirk
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Ward

City Clerk Reyes administered the Oath of Office to Doris Rodriquez as Council Member for the term ending June 2008.

Council Member Rodriquez took her seat at the dais and noted that it will be an honor to serve for two years and would not be running again. She spoke on her intentions and stated that she was on many Hispanic organizations while on the Council and would continue in that respect. She encouraged members of the Hispanic community to gear up for the 2008 election.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 11:14 p.m., congratulating Council Member Doris Rodriquez for her willingness to serve.

APPROVED:

Michael Sweeney, Mayor, City of Hayward

ATTEST:

Angelina Reyes, City Clerk, City of Hayward