

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CERRITOS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HELD ON MARCH 16, 2016, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CERRITOS CITY HALL, 18125 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Dr. William Ebling, Retired American Baptist Pastor.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lauren Robinson, Carmenita Junior High, Girl Scout Troop 1433 and the National Anthem was sung by Katelyn Hunter, Cerritos High School.

4. Roll Call

The following members of the City Council/Successor Agency were in attendance:

Council/Agency Member Jim Edwards
Council/Agency Member Mark E. Pulido
Council/Agency Member Naresh Solanki
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair George Ray
Mayor/Chair Carol Chen

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Introductions

Mayor/Chair Chen recognized elected and appointed dignitaries and representatives in the audience and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Council/Agency Members Pulido, Solanki and Ray and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ray introduced family and friends in attendance. Mayor/Chair Chen introduced her family in attendance.

7. City Council/Successor Agency Reorganization. Selection of Mayor/Chair and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair

Vida Barone, City Clerk, declared the Office of Mayor/Chair vacant and called for nominations for the Office of Mayor/Chair.

Council/Agency Member Pulido presented the qualifications of and nominated George Ray for the Office of Mayor/Chair. There were no other nominations. The City Clerk closed nominations and declared George Ray elected to the Office of Mayor/Chair by acclamation.

Mayor/Chair Ray declared the Office of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair vacant and called for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair.

Council/Agency Member Chen presented the qualifications of and nominated Naresh Solanki for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. The Mayor/Chair closed the nominations and declared Naresh Solanki elected to the Office of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair by acclamation.

8. Comments from newly designated Mayor/Chair

Mayor/Chair Ray made brief comments.

9. Newly designated Mayor/Chair makes presentation to immediate past Mayor/Chair

A video highlighting the accomplishments and activities of immediate past Mayor/Chair Chen's year as Mayor/Chair (2015-2016) was presented.

Mayor/Chair Ray invited immediate past Mayor/Chair Chen to the presentation area and presented her with a plaque, scrapbook, and flowers in recognition of her year as Mayor/Chair.

10. Presentations from special guests

Various dignitaries and representatives from local and regional agencies and organizations made presentations to immediate past Mayor/Chair Chen.

11. Council/Agency Member Comments

Brief comments were made by Councilmembers Edwards, Pulido, and Chen, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Solanki, and Mayor/Chair Ray.

12. Mayor's Invitation to Reception

Mayor/Chair Ray invited those in attendance to a reception at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

/s/ Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

/s/ George Ray
George Ray, Mayor/Chair

APPROVED: **March 24, 2016**