

SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Lee absent due to illness.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz stated that the next item on the agenda was for Council to appoint a Mayor to serve the unexpired term of the late Mayor Nunez and ask for a motion.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he would like to nominate ex-Councilman Gregg Robinson to serve as temporary Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz ask for a second.

Council Member Rivas stated yes Mayor he would like to make a motion to nominate Nancy Gosney.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz was advised that they would need to follow through on the first motion and she ask for a second to Council Member Gonzales motion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Vote: 2 For 1 Against (Rivas)

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz ask Mr. Robinson if he was ready and ask him to come forward.

Mr. Robinson stated that he was going to do something a little different than most people usually did, stating that if anybody in the audience would like to join him, that we all needed to be working together not against each other.

City Secretary Raines advised him that prior to taking the Oath of Office he need to read and sign the Statement of Officer which he did.

Mayor Pro Tem Diaz ask for a short recess in order to clarify a question.

Mr. Robinson's wife Mary and Nancy Gosney stood up with him as the Oath of Office was administered by City Secretary Raines.

Mayor Robinson stated that he wanted to thank everybody for their support and he wanted to help and work together because we need to carry things on in the city. He ask If the council had any comments.

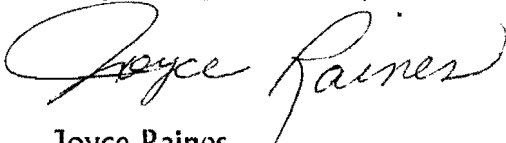
Council Member Garcia stated that when she took office 18 months ago she took an oath that each of them on the Council took, as they had just seen, that they would not accept, receive directly or indirectly any money or anything of value from any corporation, company or person for any vote or influence and they also accepted to faithfully discharge the duties of their said office to the best of their skill and judgment and with this thought in mind, the decision they had to make as a council is to fill the remaining unexpired term for Mayor. She stated that a decision on the council to agree upon who would be the person qualified for this position as described in our city charter. She stated this position required someone who could carry out the duties of the Mayor which basically entails presiding at the council meetings and other specific duties set out in the Charter and some of the required duties of any Mayor would include independent thinker, this person must be able to make wise decision on their own, to the best of their ability, to gather information and analysis the whole situation prior to making any decision. She stated that another consideration was communication, that this person must be able to get along well with the council, city officials and most importantly, our citizens, and she just wanted to add that communication wasn't just verbal, we also need to look at tone and when we communicate we also need to look at body language. Knowledgeable, this person must know how to run our city meetings, seeking advice from our City Attorney when necessary, this person must not be afraid to ask questions, leadership experience was not a requirement when considering a nominee for the position but leadership qualities were a must. Work ethics, this person must be committed and dedicated to serving the community when called upon, they must also be responsible for their actions and have integrity, this means honesty, fairness, doing what is morally right and being un-judgmental. Open minded, this person nominated must be impartial and willing to listen to all sides of an issue before providing valuable input to the council. She stated that in doing homework and the research, both Nancy Gosney and Gregg Robinson possess many of these qualities, she couldn't say all, but many of these qualities and in gathering information both of the each possessed different strengths, not making one better than the other and tonight, the decision she made to the best of her skill and judgment and unfortunately there was only one person they could appoint to this position and a reminder to all that this is only a temporary position for temporary purposes and no promises were made to either one of the nominees and neither had been promised or anything being implied tonight, in other words, no one is promising either one of the nominees tonight that there will be a future position on council for them and she just wanted that to be clear. She stated that she had meant to read this before the decision was made but she just wanted everyone to know that she was independent and from what she sees on this council, each of them think on their own, very different, that they didn't always agree as a council but that was what made this a very good council, that they could think and feel the freedom to express their own decisions without being judged or influencing each other and she just wanted everybody to keep that in mind.

Mayor Robinson stated that he thanked her and he knew that Nancy and everyone else thanked her and he was going to make this a short meeting and as his first official duty he was going to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4 for 0 Against

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary