

SPECIAL SESSION, FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Claudio Ochoa, Rachel Nunez, Jose Ramon, Christopher Diaz and Mario Gonzales; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Ramon stated that he would like to excuse himself as he had a previous engagement and he wanted to thank the people for coming and for voting.

3. City Attorney DeFoyd read resolution 2011-7R canvassing returns and declaring the results of the General City Election and Special Recall Election held on May 14, 2011, (Official Canvass attached), declaring the following elected, Mayor, Rachel C. Nunez, Council Member Position No. 4, Carmela Garcia, Council Member Position No. 5, Mario Gonzales and further stated that a plurality of the qualified votes voting at a Special Recall Election have duly recalled Councilman Jose Ramon, Council Position No. 3, thereby removing said councilman from office, in accordance with the City Charter and the laws of the State of Texas and thereby creating a vacancy in Council Position No. 3 to be filled in accordance with the City Charter.

A motion was made by Councilman Claudio Ochoa and seconded by Councilman Gonzales to canvass the returns of the May 14, 2011 city election. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

4. City Manager Maner ask City Attorney Defoyd if we need Item 3, since the recall had been covered by Resolution 2011-7R and was advised that we did not.

Mayor Diaz stated that we would move on to Item 5, Administering Oaths of Office, but before we moved on to that, he would just like to say thank you to the administration up here, Jack Maner, City Secretary Joyce Raines, all our department heads and all the employees of Jacinto City and everybody that he served with in office the past ten years as a City Councilman and as the Mayor of this city. He stated that he loved this city and he didn't ever plan on going anywhere, he wanted to continue to support the people here in the city and he would also like to thank all the citizens in the city of Jacinto City for their support for many years, that we had come a long way and he wanted to continue that path and he knows that the person that was elected to take the baton that he had carried for some years would do an excellent job and that person was Rachel Nunez. He stated that he would also like to thank his family for their support for many years as a public

representative, he knew that it had been a rough road at times and an easy road at times but that was what it was about and we would continue this journey through many more years and thanked them very much.

Justice of the Peace, George Risner administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Mario Gonzales, Council Member Carmela Garcia and Mayor Rachel Nunez.

Judge Risner stated that he was going to take the liberty, in the absence of Senator Greene, stating that Rachel was a Court Clerk for the Judge for many, many years and he was working in Washington tonight and couldn't be here but he was very very proud, as he was, of this young lady.

Mayor Nunez introduced her husband and two sons.

Mayor Nunez stated that first of all, she wanted to thank the Mayor, that he had a lot of faith in her and as everyone knew, he was running for Constable in Precinct 2 and he would appreciate their support because he would still be taking care of us. She stated that there were so many people here she wanted to thank that it was impossible to name all of them but she was very grateful and would continue being grateful, the same Rachel, helping people and she promised that she would try to do her best to make them proud of her and to try to bring the city together again.

Mayor Nunez presented a plaque to former Mayor Diaz in appreciation of his service and devotion to the city during his many years of service as a councilman and Mayor.

Former Mayor Diaz thanked everyone for allowing him to serve them and the city and stated that he knew the current Mayor and Council would do an excellent job. He stated there was one other person in this room that he didn't call out earlier that he would like to recognize and her name was Kathy Greiner, our bookkeeper, AKA trouble.

6. Councilman Gonzales stated that he would like to ask that we table this item, appointing a Mayor Pro Tem, until we have a full council. The motion was seconded by Council Woman Garcia. Vote: 3 For 0 Against.

7. City Attorney DeFoyd read the first reading of Ordinance 2011-2 Setting the salary for the Mayor and Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Ochoa to keep the salaries and car allowances for the Mayor and Council the same with the Mayor's salary at \$350.00 and car allowance at \$300.00 and Council Members salary at \$300.00 and car allowance at \$225.00 per

month with no increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gonzales. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

Council Woman Garcia stated that she just wanted to, first of all, thank God for allowing her the opportunity to make a difference here in the community and she also wanted to thank her family and friends who came out to support her, that she had some middle school and high school friends here as well as some students. She thanked her mom and dad, stating they were the ones who helped shape what she was today, they had always been there for her and always trusted her and she had never failed them and she didn't plan on failing them or the citizens. She thanked everyone for this opportunity.

Councilman Gonzales stated that he would also like to thank each and everyone of them for supporting him. He stated that his first year he learned a lot, he knew that you had to stay firm and fair and that was what he planned to do again and he really wanted to thank his wife, family, children and his dad who had always taught him to be fair and it pays off when you treat people how you would want to be treated and again he thanked everyone.

Mayor Nunez stated that again, she wanted to thank her family, the supporters, everybody that stood behind her and felt that after 11 years as a council woman we needed a woman up here to run this Mayor's position. She stated that just because she was sitting here, she would need all their help, that she would listen to every complaint, she was retired, she gave Chris Diaz the three day vacate notice to leave the Mayor's office and ask him if it was clear yet, but anyway, her door would be open, all they had to do was call city hall and say you needed to talk to her and she would call you back but most of the time she would try to be here and hear the complaints, she couldn't resolve them all but she would tell you one thing, city employees didn't have to worry about anything, department heads run their departments the way they had been doing it all these years because they had done a good job and she knew they would continue to do a good job. She stated that she didn't mean to raise her voice but there had been so much controversy with our employees they had lost confidence in themselves, they have lost confidence in us as council people, and stated they would get that loyalty back.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Raines  
City Secretary

