

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EASTVALE
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
5:00 P.M.
Rosa Parks Elementary School
13830 Whispering Hills Drive, Eastvale, CA 92880

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmembers present: Lorimore, Rush, Tessari, Bootsma
Councilmembers absent:

Staff present: City Manager Nissen, City Attorney Cavanaugh, and City Clerk Donohue

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bootsma.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 City Council Applicant Interviews

RECOMMENDATION: Interview applicants for the vacant City Council seat.

Mayor Bootsma outlined the process for the interviews and the potential appointment of a Councilmember.

The following candidates interviewed for the vacant City Council seat (interview order drawn at random by Mayor Bootsma):

1. Oliver T. Unaka*
2. Richard D. Simmons
3. Christopher Hook
4. Tobie Anderson
5. John W. Kopp
6. Albert M. Randall
7. Howard Feng
8. Larry Frank Oblea
9. Josh Lee
10. Raul Gutierrez

*Mr. Unaka was not present at the time of the drawing and interviewed second after Mr. Simmons.

Each candidate made a brief opening statement concerning their qualifications.

The City Council asked the following prepared questions below to each candidate:

Mayor Pro Tem Tessari: What is your background in community service, civic service, governmental organization and what volunteer work you have done for the City of Eastvale?

Councilmember Lorimore: What do you perceive as the three (3) most important issues that pose a challenge to the City?

Councilmember Rush: Sometimes people are very angry about an issue before the City Council. How do you handle people who are angry?

Mayor Bootsma: All cities are facing fiscal challenges, how would you address balancing the budget and consider various alternatives and tradeoffs?

After the prepared questions were asked, the City Council asked additional follow-up questions to each candidate.

4.2 Select and Appoint an Applicant to fill the Vacant City Council Seat

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Discuss and appoint an applicant to the City Council.
2. Administer oath of office to newly appointed Councilmember.

Mayor Bootsma introduced the agenda item.

The following individuals spoke in favor of Richard D. Simmons' appointment to the City Council:

1. Robert Medrano, member of the public
2. Andrea Hove, resident
3. Cesar Morales, resident
4. Jane Anderson, resident

The following individuals spoke in favor of Josh Lee's appointment to the City Council:

1. Ear De Vries, member of the public
2. James Na, I AM Education
3. Melinda De Jesus, resident
4. Carolyn Schenkel, I AM Education

5. Andrew Cruz, Chino Valley Unified School District

Felicia Oblea, resident, expressed her support for Larry Oblea's appointment to the City Council.

Linda Ceron, resident, stated that there are excellent candidates to choose from and encouraged the City Council to have an open mind.

Councilmembers discussed the item and thanked all the applicants for taking the time to interview for the vacant City Council seat.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tessari, seconded by Mayor Bootsma to appoint Richard D. Simmons to the City Council.

Motion carried 4-0 with Councilmembers Lorimore, Rush, Mayor Pro Tem Tessari and Mayor Bootsma voting aye.

City Clerk Donohue administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Simmons.

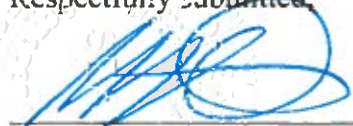
Councilmember Simmons provided comments and thanked the City Council for the appointment.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

*Submitted by Marc Donohue, City Clerk
Reviewed and edited by Michele Nissen, City Manager*

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Donohue, City Clerk