

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2005**

Mayor Simonian called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 6:07 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Council members present: Simonian, Cardenas, Aguayo, Shaw, & Nagata

City staff present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong, Police Chief Jamgochian, Senior/Recreation Director Monis, City Attorney Riggs

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL OFFICE**

Councilmember Nagata read a statement about his recent request to have a satellite City Council office in the old Fowler Hospital building, noting that it had caused concern with some of the Councilmembers to the point of calling a special meeting. He explained that when he served on the Council many years ago there was a vacant City Hall office that was used as a meeting room, but it was no longer available. He said that he wanted his constituents to be able to meet in a one-on-one environment to discuss civic matters in a Council office. After reading the statement, Councilmember Nagata made a motion to table the discussion. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A discussion ensued. It was stated that the special meeting was called so that the entire Council could discuss the matter and reach a consensus. It was noted that other local cities do not have an office separate from city hall to meet with citizens, and a separate office could inadvertently create division or be counterproductive to the council/manager form of government. It was stated that meeting with a citizen in the Council Chamber or another area at City Hall when the occasion arises, has worked well.

After the discussion, Councilmember Cardenas made a motion to not have an office at this time for the use of the Council, or any individual Councilmembers. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Shaw. The motion carried on a 3-2-0 roll call vote: Ayes: Simonian, Shaw & Cardenas, Noes: Aguayo and Nagata, Absent: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Aguayo made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cardenas, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.