

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

Mayor Simonian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m.

Councilmembers present: Simonian, Shaw, Aguayo, & Cardenas

City staff present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Jamgochian, Finance Director Wong, Community Development Director Deaver, Senior/Recreation Director Monis, City Attorney Wolfe, Public Works Superintendent Weisser

**CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBER NAGATA**

City Attorney Wolfe said that on Sunday, February 4, 2007, Mayor Simonian received a letter from Councilmember Tom Nagata, postmarked February 2, 2007, stating that he had resigned from the City Council. City Attorney Wolfe confirmed the resignation with Mr. Nagata, which would be considered effective immediately.

**CONSIDER PROCEDURE FOR FILLING COUNCIL VACANCY**

City Attorney Wolfe explained that according to the Government Code, the Council could fill the vacant Council seat by either appointing an individual within 30 days of the resignation, or call for a special election. If a special election was called, it would be held on the next regularly established election date, not less than 114 days after the call of the special election.

The Council discussed the matter, including the history of how vacancies were filled in the past, the estimated cost of a special election, the appointment application procedures, ways to provide public notice of the vacancy, and what should be included on the application form.

Former Council candidate Craig Mellon spoke to the Council, asking that he be considered for appointment to the position, as he had the next highest number of votes at the 2004 election when Councilmember Nagata was elected. Fowler resident Andy Gonzales recommended choosing one of the candidates from the 2006 election.

Mayor Simonian recessed the special meeting at 7:07 p.m., to conduct the City Council regular meeting. The special meeting reconvened at 8:44 p. m.

The Council continued their discussion on the options. It was suggested that the applicants provide a letter that detailed the reasons why they want to serve on the Council and any special qualifications they may have. The letter would accompany an application form that had been used for past vacancies. The notice regarding the vacant seat and the application process would be published in the Fowler Ensign and Selma Enterprise newspapers, and posted on the City's website. Deadline for submittal would be Friday, February 23, 2007 at 5:00 p. m. The Council decided to set the date of February 27, 2007 at 7:00 p. m. to hold a special meeting to consider appointing one of the applicants, or to approve a resolution calling for a special election.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Cardenas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Aguayo, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p. m.