

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

Mayor Simonian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

Councilmembers present: Simonian, Shaw, Aguayo, & Cardenas

City staff present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Jamgochian, City Attorney Wolfe, Community Development Director Deaver, Senior/Recreation Director Monis

Also present: City Council applicants: Astine Zadourian and Daniel Parra

The Flag Salute and the Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Mayor Pro-Tem Shaw.

APPOINTMENT TO S. K. F. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Manager Elias stated that S.K.F. Sanitation District wanted to create a standing Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), made up of one person from each member agency. The purpose of the TAC would be to provide broader technical review and support to S. K. F. staff and the Board regarding proposed projects and programs. He recommended appointing himself to the TAC, with the flexibility to have an alternate attend such as the Community Development Director or City Engineer, if the meeting topic warrants.

After a discussion, Councilmember Aguayo made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cardenas, to appoint City Manager Elias to the S. K. F. TAC, as well as the authority to delegate attendance at the meetings to certain City staff. The motion carried on a 4-0-0 roll call vote.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

City Manager Elias said that at the February 6, 2007 meeting, the Council discussed the letter of resignation received from Councilmember Tom Nagata, and directed that staff advertise for applicants so that the Council could consider filling the vacancy by appointment. The law states that the appointment must be made within 30 days of the resignation, or a special election must be called. The City received four applications. The applicants were: current Planning Commissioners Daniel Parra and Gary Mukai; current Planning Commissioner Astine Zadourian, and Henry Fernandez, who both formerly served on the City Council.

Mayor Simonian asked for public comment. Fowler resident Steve Barela stated that the City should not spend money on a special election. He recommended that Daniel Parra be appointed to the Council. Annette Lucero and Andy Gonzales of Fowler spoke, stating that the Council should choose one of the two applicants who were present at the meeting.

Daniel Parra and Astine Zadourian each spoke about their desire to serve and their qualifications. Jack Zadourian of Fowler spoke in favor of appointing Astine due to her prior experience and education.

The Council discussed the matter at length, noting that it would not be an easy decision since all of the applicants had equally excellent qualifications. Councilmember Aguayo made a motion to appoint Gary Mukai to the City Council. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Cardenas spoke of the value of having someone who has the time and the experience to give to the position. He added that those that are not appointed would have the opportunity to run in the 2008 election. He then made a motion to appoint Astine Zadourian to fill the vacancy on the City Council. The motion was seconded by Mayor Simonian, and carried on a 4-0-0 roll call vote.

It was decided that the Council would hold a special meeting on March 1, 2007 to administer the Oath of Office to Councilmember Zadourian, just before a scheduled joint meeting with the Planning Commission. It was the consensus to cancel the March 6, 2007 regular meeting due to a lack of business.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Cardenas made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Aguayo, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p. m.