

City of Patterson  
City Council Special Meeting  
Monday, April 25, 2016  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Patterson was called to order in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1 Plaza, Patterson at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Molina.

Present: Councilmembers McCord, Novelli, Farinha, Lustgarten (arrived at 7:11 p.m.) and Mayor Molina (5)

Staff: City Attorney Hallinan, Public Works Director Willett, Deputy LaBarbera and City Clerk Vela (4)

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Statements of Conflict** – none.

**4. Items from the Public** – none.

**5. Staff Report:** Consider and Select a Council Member District Boundaries Map, and Adopt **Resolution No. 2016-36** of the City Council of the City of Patterson, Establishing the Four Council Member District Boundaries To Implement a By-District Based Electoral System Beginning with the November 2016 General Municipal Election.

City Attorney Hallinan reviewed his staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Novelli addressed the item of switching from numbering districts to alphabet districts. The City Council was in consensus.

At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Molina opened item to public comments.

Maggie Mejia, Latino Round Table (Former Patterson Resident) – addressed the City Council stating their efforts in 2013 in regards to District Elections was to help cities/school districts in Stanislaus County from getting sued like the City of Modesto. Ms. Mejia stated that their decision to move forward was based on the 2010 census, their goal for Stanislaus County was to make sure that every School Board/City Council would be in compliance with California Voting Rights Act and to go along with the census and the way the population was growing. Ms. Mejia stated they were here to help the Cities/School Districts in Stanislaus County, speak to future voters, get people involved. Ms. Mejia thanked the City for moving forward on this item.

Elias Funez, Patterson – addressed the City Council asking for clarification on the

Agenda, District statistics show 1, 2, 4 and 5. No 3 missing.

Mayor Molina and City Attorney Hallinan clarified that District 4 should be (is actually) 3 and District 5 should be (is actually) 4.

At 7:14 p.m. there being no further public comments, Mayor Molina closed the item from further public comments.

Mayor Molina stated his support for Draft 2 and Draft 4, but more for Draft 2.

Mayor Pro Tem Novelli stated her support for Draft 2 and 4, but more for Draft 4.

Councilmember Lustgarten stated her support for Draft 4.

Councilmember Farinha stated his support for Draft 4.

Councilmember McCord stated his support for Draft 4.

Councilmember Farinha motioned to select 4 Districts, Draft 4 with the correction that the City transpose numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 for alpha characters A, B, C, D (1 to be letter A, 2 to be letter B, 3 to be letter C and 4 to be letter D) to represent those corresponding Districts, approving Resolution No. 2016-36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McCord and unanimously approved by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Councilmember Farinha addressed the item of population residential development/growth in the next five to seven years, legally City does not need to wait for the census to change/update district lines.

## **6. Other Matters**

Councilmember Lustgarten addressed the following:

- tax incentives training, new tax increment financing tools, training held at Legislative Action Days, City should review and use.
- Her request for information on City finances receivables, still waiting on information.

Councilmember Farinha addressed no Earth Day event done this year. Requested for something to be done this year if possible.

Public Works Director Willett addressed Farinha's question, stating something could be scheduled later in the year, stating other events/functions are currently planned this year such as Arbor Week, Public Works Informational Booth at the Apricot Fiesta, National Public Works Week, Child Safety Fair/Back to School Event in August.

Mayor Molina addressed this year's "2016" Relay for Life event "Fight Against Cancer" at the Patterson High School Stadium, Saturday, April 30, 2016 & Sunday, May 1, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Novelli addressed the Patterson Lions Club, thanking them for putting a new pad and more BBQ pits at North Park.

City Attorney Hallinan stated the City Council would be having a Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 795 regarding District Elections on the May 3, 2016 City Council Agenda, Public Hearing.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Patterson of April 25, 2016 was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved by the Patterson City Council on May 17, 2016.