

City of Patterson  
City Council Special Meeting  
Monday, May 23, 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 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Molina.

Present: Councilmembers McCord, Novelli, Farinha and Mayor Molina (4)

Staff: City Manager Irwin, City Attorney Hallinan, Interim Fire Chief Gregory, Officer LaBarbera, Administrative Assistant Rocha and City Clerk Vela (6)

Excused: Public Works Director Willett, Finance Director Ryan, Police Chief Dirkse, City Planner Andrews, Recreation & Community Services Director Flanders (5)

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Statements of Conflict - None**

**4. Items from the Public**

Anonymous, Patterson Resident – addressed the City Council of his concerns on the address of 1315 Pinto Way, Patterson, his concerns of a boat and car parked in the street for several weeks, safety issue.

Annett Smith, Patterson Resident – addressed the City Council on the boat issue stating her agreement that issue was a safety concern.

**5. Consider Adopting Resolution to Fill Vacant City Council Seat**

City Attorney Hallinan reviewed his report

The City Council addressed the following:

- Cost of election and time frame (60 calendar days)
- Submit an application/resume with 300 words on why they want to serve
- Not in support of having a special election
- Typical city application, resume and a short essay describing why they want the position
- Appointed person to take an Oath of Office

Deadline for public to turn in applications, June 1, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Molina opened the item to public comments.

## 6. Public Comments

Annett Smith, Patterson resident – addressed the City Council City’s election packet when taking out nomination papers for City Council at election time. Mrs. Smith stated that nothing should be put off as far as City deadlines. Mrs. Smith stated that the new appointed Councilmember should be able to catch up.

Amy Hussar Patterson Resident – addressed the City Council stating one week was more than enough time for someone to catch up. Mrs. Hussar suggested for City Council to not move process too fast because they might get the wrong person.

Elias Funez Patterson Resident – addressed the City Council asking for clarification of whether Councilmember was elected or appointed. Mr. Funez stated that the people should be allowed to appoint the successor. Mr. Funez addressed Former Mayor Becky Campo not residing within the City of Patterson.

Annette Smith, Patterson Resident – addressed Mr. Funez’s comments about former Mayor Becky Campo, stating she lived within the City limits of Patterson.

Elias Funez, Patterson Resident – addressed Mrs. Smith comments, addressing the performance of investigative journalism.

The City Council was in consensus that June 1, 2016 by 5 p.m. being the closing date for any applications to be turned in. Advertisement to be placed on the City web site and local newspaper.

Amy Hussar, Patterson Resident – addressed the City Council about not passing the resolution (No. 2016-39 declaring a City Council vacancy) on Friday (May 20, 2016), that City Council only took a vote to vacate the seat. Mrs. Hussar addressed the item of that through the entire meeting there was no mention of a resolution. Mrs. Hussar stated that she had been to enough meetings, that you have to specifically state that, just for clarification. Mrs. Hussar stated that the City should cover their bases in this matter.

City Attorney Hallinan addressed Mrs. Hussar’s questions.

Councilmember Farinha motioned to approve Resolution No. 2016-41 (A) a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Patterson directing City Staff to issue a public notice of a City Council vacancy to appoint a successor through a selection (appointment) process for the remaining un-expired City Councilmember term through November 2016 due to a vacancy on the City Council pursuant to government code section 1770 and 36502 with the changes as noted by staff (City Attorney). With the indicated changes that City Staff publish in a newspaper of general circulation of the City of Patterson, that being the Patterson Irrigator, a notice of facts indicating a vacancy in the City Council and the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> by 5 p.m. for interested parties to inform the City of their interest to be appointed to the City Council by submitting a resume, a City application, answering questions posed by the City Council as well as an essay less than 400 words indicating their interest, qualifications and so forth. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Novelli and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote.

## 7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Patterson of May 23, 2016 was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Approved by the Patterson City Council on June 7, 2016.