

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 15, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Tornek called the special meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hampton.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers: Mayor Terry Tornek
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 5:09 p.m.)
Councilmember Margaret McAustin

Staff: City Manager Michael J. Beck
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

PUBLIC COMMENT
LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THIS
SPECIAL AGENDA

The following individuals spoke in support of candidate Andy Wilson to fill the vacancy for City Council District 7:

Councilmember Madison
arrived at 5:09 p.m.

Dr. Ezat Parnia, Beverly Hills resident
Louisa Nelson, Pasadena resident
Jim McCarthy, Pasadena resident
Tom McGovern, Pasadena resident
Mike Giardello, Pasadena resident
Mark Breitenberg, Pasadena resident
Russ Werdin, Pasadena resident
Greg McLemore, Pasadena resident
Mic Hansen, Pasadena resident
Patricia A. Breen, Pasadena resident
Matthew DeVoll, Pasadena resident

The following individuals spoke in support of candidate Margaret York to fill the vacancy for City Council District 7:

Genevieve Clavreul, Pasadena resident
John Tuite, Pasadena resident
Major Darren Norton, The Salvation Army

Elizabeth Phelps, Pasadena resident, spoke in support of candidate Don Morgan to fill the vacancy for City Council District 7.

The following individuals spoke in support of candidate Ciran Hadjian to fill the vacancy for City Council District 7:

Boghos Patatian, Armenian National Committee of America
(ANCA) – Pasadena Chapter
Stephanie Leifer, Pasadena resident

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CITY CLERK TO CONDUCT RANDOM ALPHABET DRAW TO DETERMINE ORDER OF APPLICANT PARTICIPATION

The City Clerk conducted a random alphabet drawing to determine the order of applicants to appear before the City Council during the interview process, with the results of the drawing as follows:

Ciran Hadjian
Margaret York
Don Morgan
Andy Wilson

The Mayor reviewed the process and order of business to select an appointment to fill the District 7 vacancy, with each applicant to be given up to 6 minutes to make a presentation on his/her qualifications and interests in serving, followed by each applicant being asked the same seven interview questions by the City Council, with three minutes provided to answer each question. He noted that no applicant would be allowed in the Chamber during the interview of any other applicant, but all applicants will be allowed to return after the applicant interviews are completed to witness the deliberations and the selection of the appointee by City Council.

**APPLICANT
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SECTION 404**

APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS, AND CITY COUNCIL SELECTION OF AN APPOINTEE TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 7, PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 404

Each applicant gave a brief presentation on qualifications, interest in serving, and involvement in the District 7 community, and responded to the City Council's questions.

At the conclusion of all the applicant interviews, the participants were invited back to the Chamber to view deliberations and the selection process.

Councilmember Madison reiterated his previous concerns regarding the current appointment process, specifically as it relates to appointing an individual to serve/represent a district on a long-term basis (in this case, two years), stressed the need to appoint a Charter Reform Task Force to review the Charter to consider the matter relating to filling a vacancy through a special election as

oppose to an appointment process when appropriate, as well as to consider other electoral matters. He also suggested that the oath of office for the District 7 appointee be administered at the next scheduled City Council meeting and allowed to participate in the meeting at that time.

Following discussion, the City Council expressed their gratitude to the four applicants, and thanked them for their willingness to participate in the difficult selection process.

Following additional discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, to appoint Ciran Hadjian to serve the remainder of the unexpired term for the District 7 seat on the City Council from today's date until the term expires on May 1, 2017. (Motion failed due to lack of a second)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to appoint Margaret York to serve the remainder of the unexpired term for the District 7 seat on the City Council from today's date until the term expires on May 1, 2017.

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Madison, Vice Mayor Masuda

NOES: Councilmembers Hampton, Kennedy, McAustin, Mayor Tornek

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to appoint Ciran Hadjian to serve the remainder of the unexpired term for the District 7 seat on the City Council from today's date until the term expires on May 1, 2017.

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Hampton, McAustin, Mayor Tornek

NOES: Councilmembers Kennedy, Madison, Vice Mayor Masuda

ABSENT: None

Motion Failed

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to appoint Andy Wilson to serve the remainder of the unexpired term for the District 7 seat on the City Council from today's date until the term expires on May 1, 2017.

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy, Madison, Vice Mayor Masuda, Mayor Tornek

NOES: Councilmembers Hampton, McAustin

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed

**OATH OF OFFICE
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**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY APPOINTED
DISTRICT 7 COUNCILMEMBER BY CITY CLERK**

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Andy Wilson the newly appointed District 7 Councilmember.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Terry Tornek, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk