

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
May 1, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Tornek called the special organizational meeting of the City Council to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers: Mayor Terry Tornek
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember John J. Kennedy
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Andy Wilson

Staff: City Manager Steve Mermell
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION The Mayor announced it was time for the annual Organizational meeting of the City Council.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Reverend Dr. Matthew Colwell, Pastor of the Knox Presbyterian Church, led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Wilson.

ELECTION RESULTS **CANVASS OF THE APRIL 18, 2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Recommendation of City Clerk:

(1) Accept the Certificate of Canvass (Exhibit A of the resolution); and

(2) Adopt a resolution declaring that Andy Wilson is elected as member of the City Council, District 7 (Resolution No. 9562)

The City Clerk reported on the results of the March 7, 2017, Primary Nominating Election, with the following persons reported as re-elected to Office:

John J. Kennedy	Councilmember, District 3	(100%)
Victor M. Gordo	Councilmember, District 5	(63.5%)

The City Clerk also reported on the results of the April 18, 2017 General Municipal Election, with the following person reported as elected to Office:

Andy Wilson	Councilmember, District 7	(50.5%)
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It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve the City Clerk's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**INTRODUCTIONS/
PRESENTATIONS/
STATEMENTS**

Councilmembers Madison, Gordo, Wilson, Hampton, McAustin, Vice Mayor Masuda, and Mayor Tornek thanked and introduced respective members of their families, Council and District Liaison representatives, and guests in attendance.

**ADJOURN OUTGOING
COUNCIL - SINE DIE**

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to adjourn this City Council sine die. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**ADMINISTRATION OF
OATHS OF OFFICE**

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to re-elected Councilmembers John J. Kennedy and Victor M. Gordo, and newly-elected Councilmember Andy Wilson.

**STATEMENTS BY
NEW AND RE-ELECTED
COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Gordo thanked the voters of District 5, his family, colleagues, and City staff; expressed honor and gratitude for the support he received as candidate and Councilmember representing District 5; and spoke on the challenges he believes the City will be facing in the near future and the need for unity and cooperation in solving these issues.

Councilmember Kennedy thanked the residents and voters of District 3, for their support and confidence in his ability to serve as their representative on the City Council and spoke on the various issues he believes the City can resolve by working together and avoiding divisiveness. In addition, Mr. Kennedy introduced and thanked his district liaisons, family and guests in the audience.

Councilmember Wilson spoke on his campaign journey and his desire to work towards a brighter future as one united City; and expressed gratitude to the residents and voters of District 7, family, donors, his campaign staff, and volunteers.

The Mayor presented Vice Mayor Masuda with a token in appreciation and admiration for his service as the City's Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Masuda expressed appreciation to his wife and his constituents, and congratulated Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy and Wilson on winning their respective elections.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

The Mayor opened nominations for Vice Mayor.

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to nominate John Kennedy as Vice Mayor for a term of one year. There being no further nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed, and directed the City

Clerk to conduct a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Hampton, Kennedy, Madison,
Masuda, McAustin, Wilson, Mayor Tornek

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Vice Mayor Kennedy requested that the following be included as part of the record:

"Most importantly, I humbly and gratefully begin by paying homage to my parents, Leola Sudduth and Thomas Foster Kennedy who reared 10 children together in Pasadena. They are observing this ceremony from a beautiful vista called heaven.

This call to service as Vice Mayor is of tremendous personal significance to me as a life-long resident of this City. The first African American elected to the Pasadena City Council was the Honorable Henry (Hank) Wilfong. I worked on his election campaign in 1973, and he was highly-respected. Mr. Wilfong never served as Vice Mayor. The second African American elected to the Pasadena City Council was the Honorable Loretta Thompson-Glickman. In 1981, Loretta was chosen as Vice Mayor, by the then Council. She served honorably as Vice Mayor and then as Mayor. The Honorable Chris Holden followed in her footsteps. I recognize them all as trailblazers, and I am grateful to each of them as mentors and as friends.

With gratitude, I accept this role as Vice Mayor of all of the people of Pasadena. I shall honor all of those who preceded me in this important role, from the Honorable Gene Masuda to the Honorable Jacque Robinson, to their predecessors through our City's history. While our local elections tend not to be as divisive as our national elections, they can be divisive nevertheless. We have many critical issues to address as a City, and we need to put divisions aside so that we can succeed together as a City Council and succeed on behalf of our constituents to ensure that all of Pasadena residents have maximum quality of life and the fullest measure of opportunity. I need not remind anyone that it is our obligation to get along, to be forthright with one another, and to bring our different views to one table; because that is the call we have accepted. I look forward to this journey with all of you, all of you, one Pasadena.

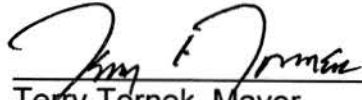
God bless the United States of America and God bless the people of Pasadena, California."

**STATEMENTS/CONCLUDING
REMARKS**

The Mayor thanked the community for fulfilling their role in supporting the work of the City Council and introduced the newly constituted 2017 City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special organizational meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Terry Tornek, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk