



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING March 18, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco, Randy Rowse, Bendy White.

Staff present: City Attorney Ariel Pierre Calonne, Administrative Services Director Kristine Schmidt, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, March 12, 2015, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

WORK SESSIONS

Subject: Public Hearing On Proposal To Establish District Boundaries (110.03)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Continue the public input process on the establishment of district elections; and
- B. Hold a public hearing pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010 to consider a proposal to establish district boundaries.

Documents:

Affidavit of Publication.

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Subject: Public Hearing On Proposal To Establish District Boundaries (Cont'd)

Public Comment Opened (continued from February 28, 2015):

6:04 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Administrative Services Director Kristine Schmidt, City Attorney Ariel Calonne.
- National Demographics Corporation (Consultant to City): Douglas Johnson.
- Members of the Public: Howard Green; Wendy Welkom, Cappello and Noel; Milt Hess, Upper East Association; Greg Freeland; Lucas Zucker, CAUSE; Rose Aldana, Community Neighborhood Alliance; Cruzito Herrera Cruz, La Comunidad; Tony Vassallo; Mary O’Gorman; Hillary Blackerby; Tom Williams; Alice San Andres-Calleja; Eric Bensen; Daniel McCarter, Friends of Arroyo Burro.

Discussion:

Mr. Johnson reviewed the various criteria that must be met in the establishment of election district boundaries. He then described the district boundary plans submitted by members of the public in terms of: 1) whether the plan is based upon one of the three draft plans proposed by the City; 2) if based upon a draft plan, how it is different from the draft plan; and 3) whether the plan meets the required criteria. Members of the public made comments relative to one or more of the proposed boundary plans.

City Administrative Services Director Schmidt explained that Mr. Johnson would prepare a written summary report of the public input received thus far, which report will be posted online on Monday, March 23, 2015. This report will be presented to the City Council during an additional public hearing which is scheduled for the evening session of the March 24, 2015, Council meeting. At that time, the Council will begin to debate the decision to be made to divide the City into six election districts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK