

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
UPLAND CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 2019**

OPENING The special meeting of the Upland City Council was called to order by Mayor Stone at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Debbie Stone, Council Members Janice Elliott, Ricky Felix, and Rudy Zuniga

Staff: City Manager Jeannette Vagnozzi, City Attorney James L. Markman, and City Clerk Keri Johnson

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jim McJoynt, Upland, suggested a process for selection the applicant to fill the City Council vacancy.

Marjorie Benesh, Upland, spoke in support of the appointment of Lois Sicking Dieter to the City Council.

Brigitte James, requested the City hold a special election to fill the City Council vacancy.

Sylvia Yan, spoke in support of the appointment of Lois Sicking Dieter to the City Council.

Barbara Papas, Upland, stated she was opposed to a special election and spoke in support of the appointment of Glenn Bozar to the City Council.

Jim Thomas, Upland, urged the Council to do what was best for all of the city and stated that compromise and civility were needed.

Terri D. spoke in support of the appointment of Lois Sicking Dieter to the City Council.

Tauvaga Ho Ching Upland, spoke in support of the appointment of Carlos Flores to the City Council.

Linda Lee Russell, Upland, stated the need for someone to help reunite the city and spoke in support of the appointment of Lois Sicking Dieter or Bill Velto to the City Council.

Karen May, Upland, suggested a ranked voting process for choosing the applicant to fill the City Council vacancy.

Dave Montoya Sr., Upland, stated opposition to the cost of a special election, but felt the appointment process was not democratic.

Steve Morris, Upland stated opposition to the appointment of Glenn Bozar to the City Council.

Steve Bierbaum, Upland, stated the cost for a special election was not the best use of funds and urged the Council to make the best decision for the City.

David Wade, Upland, urged the Council to take their time making a decision and stated that Glenn Bozar and Bill Velto were experienced applicants.

April McCormick, Upland, stated opposition to a special election due to the cost involved.

3. INTERVIEWS OF CITY COUNCIL APPLICANTS AND DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY FOR AT-LARGE COUNCIL SEAT

There was discussion regarding the procedure for interviewing and ranking the applicants.

The City Council asked each of the applicants interview questions which are on file in the City Clerk's office.

At 4:44 p.m. Mayor Stone called a recess and the City Council reconvened in open session at 4:49 p.m.

There was discussion regarding the applicants' qualifications and experience.

Motion by Councilmember Felix to appoint Glenn Bozar to the vacant City Council seat, seconded by Councilmember Elliott. The motion failed with Mayor Stone and Councilmember Felix opposed.

Motion by Councilmember Elliott to appoint Lois Sicking Dieter to the vacant City Council seat, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga. The motion failed with Mayor Stone and Councilmember Felix opposed.

Motion by Councilmember Zuniga to appoint Neil Gerard to the vacant City Council seat, seconded by Councilmember Elliott. The motion failed with Mayor Stone and Councilmember Felix opposed.

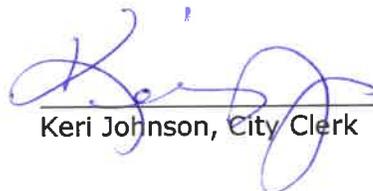
There was further discussion regarding the cost and timeline for a special election, and the qualifications of applicants.

Motion by Councilmember Zuniga to appoint Bill Velto to the vacant City Council seat, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, and carried with Councilmember Zuniga opposed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The next regular meeting of the City Council is Monday, January 28, 2019.

SUBMITTED BY:



Keri Johnson, City Clerk

APPROVED:

January 28, 2019