

SOLANA BEACH CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

JOINT **SPECIAL** MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008
6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
635 S. HIGHWAY 101,
SOLANA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The City Council acts as the City of Solana Beach Redevelopment Agency and the Public Financing
Authority.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor Roberts called for the roll call.

Angela Ivey, City Clerk, announced that all Council was present with Councilmember Campbell present via teleconference.

Present: Roberts, Nichols, Campbell, Heebner, and Kellejian.

Absent: None.

Also Present: David Ott, City Manager
Johanna N. Canlas, City Attorney
Angela Ivey, City Clerk
Wende Protzman, Dir. Admin. Services/Deputy City Mgr
Dennis Coleman, Finance Director
Tina Christiansen, Comm. Dev. Dir.
Mo Sammak, City Engineer

FLAG SALUTE:

Pete Cohen led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Moved by Heebner and seconded by Nichols. **Motion carried unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Submit speaker slips to the City Clerk.

A.1. November 2008 General Municipal Election - Consideration of Facts.
(File 0430-20)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Review the Certification of Facts and choose one of two options:
 - a. Adopt Resolution 2008-150 appointing nominees to elected offices. OR
 - b. Elect to hold the November 4, 2008 General Municipal Election as planned.

David Ott, City Manager, introduced the item.

Pete Cohen thanked Council for their service and encouraged Council to forgo the election and save the funds.

Mary Jane Boyd thanked Council for their service that the process supports the best candidates and provides their positions to the public, that there are three good candidates for the three positions and support the Council deciding to forgo the election which would save time, that she believed that citizens are satisfied with the current Council, and that the only disadvantage the cancellation of an election would have is the disallowing of an opportunity for write-in candidates but that with three incumbants would make a write-in candidate potential difficult.

Jack Hegenauer said that he supported certifying the nominees rather than having an election. He said he considered running when he thought there may not be three candidates, that he was satisfied with the current Council and deserve another term, that holding an election would achieve a neutral position and a waste of funds and therefore a meaningless election.

Julie Ustin stated that she supported a decision to forgo the election since there was no opposition.

Marion Dodson said that she supported forgoing the election to save funds and time.

Deputy Mayor Nichols said he had heard the same sentiment in the community.

Councilmember Campbell said his only concern was eliminating the option for a write-in candidate.

David Ott, City Manager, stated that there had not been a write-in candidate in the history of the City.

Councilmember Kellejian said that there is a direct disadvantage of a write-in candidate and asked staff to verify.

Angela Ivey, City Clerk, stated that a write-in candidate does not receive a candidate statement and their name would not be listed on the ballot.

Councilmember Kellejian asked if there are any other disadvantages.

Angela Ivey, City Clerk, said that the only other thing that comes to mind that the candidate would have to educate the community of their candidacy during a shorter time period than candidates that were declared beforehand.

Deputy Mayor Nichols asked staff to review what notification is done to alert the community of open positions.

Angela Ivey, City Clerk, stated that when elections approach the information is posted on the website and bulletin board, that there are calls received throughout the year, that it was not the practice of the City to actively advertise but consistently noticed appropriately by publishing as required in four languages.

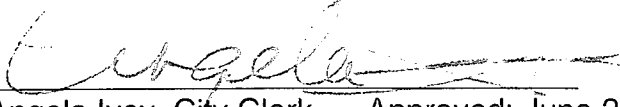
Councilmember Heebner appreciated the process, the notification of the meeting tonight, and the speakers that did show and supported the cancellation of the election.

Mayor Roberts said that the public would not want the City to spend the funds and was surprised that was not automatic to cancel elections when there was not any opposition.

MOTION: Moved by Nichols and seconded by Roberts to adopt Resolution 2008-150 appointing nominees, David W. Roberts, Lesa Heebner, and Joe Kellejian, to office of councilmember (commencing on December 10, 2008) and cancelling the Solana Beach General Municipal Election on November 4, 2008 and to remain with the current seating. **Motion carried 4/1** (Noes: Campbell.)

ADJOURN:

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.


Angela Ivey, City Clerk Approved: June 24, 2009