

**PINOLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
August 13, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN HONOR OF THE US MILITARY TROOPS

The Special City Council Meeting was held at the Pinole Council Chambers located at 2131 Pear Street, Pinole, California. Mayor Fujita called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL, CITY CLERK/SECRETARY'S REPORT & STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Roy V. Swearingen, Council Member
Peter Murray, Council Member
Debbie Long, Mayor Pro Tem
Virginia Fujita, Mayor

B. STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Espinosa, City Manager / Executive Director
Inga Lintvedt, Assistant City Attorney
Patricia Athenour, City Clerk

3. BUSINESS ITEM

A. Conduct Interviews to Fill the Council Vacancy

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| 1. | George D. Parsons | 5:00 PM |
| 2. | Sean Duckworth | 5:30 PM |
| 3. | Phil Green | 6:00 PM |
| 4. | Thomas M. Brooks | 6:30 PM |
| 5. | Norma Martinez-Rubin | 7:00 PM |
| 6. | Timothy J. Banuelos | 7:30 PM |

The Council conducted public interviews with the six candidates, and asked them to describe their experience, to discuss their reasons for applying for office and the skills and knowledge that they bring to the Council. Questions asked included:

1. Ideas for raising taxes and/or revenues, and methods to attract new businesses
2. The city budget situation
3. The most important issues facing the city

4. Whether they had any potential conflicts of interest
5. How they would respond to criticism and pressure and whether it could affect their decisions making
6. Their understanding of the Redevelopment Agency
7. Familiarity on the PraxAir Pipeline projects
8. Familiarity with the General Plan, the Community Preservation and Safety Unit, and issues related to the West Contra Costa County School District, most specifically Pinole Valley High.
9. Opinion of fire service delivery in Pinole

Each member was provided approximately thirty minutes to respond to questions raised by the Council members and several minutes to make closing comments.

B. Remarks, Deliberation & Action* **[Council Discretion]**

The Council thanked the applicants and announced they would take action to appoint a Council member at the Regular Meeting on August 18, 2009.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 P.M., Mayor Fujita adjourned the Special Meeting to the Regular Redevelopment Agency/City Council Meeting of August 18, 2009 and in memory of the fallen US Armed Service members and Pinole citizen Amber Swartz.

Submitted by:

Patricia Athenour, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL: