

# 2.a. 4/17/2023

# MINUTES March 23, 2023

Present

Michael Vargas, Chair

Commissioners:

Stephen Tomanelli, Vice-Chair

Steve Sanchez

Yxstian Gutierrez

Steven Pastor, Alternate

Absent

Commissioners:

Kevin Jeffries

Present Staff:

Gary Thompson, Executive Officer

Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer

Elizabeth Valdez, Commission Clerk Melissa Cushman, Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

Chair Vargas called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.

- 1.2. ROLL CALL.
- 1.3. POTENTIAL REQUEST BY ONE OR MORE COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY AND UTILIZE AB 2449'S JUST CAUSE OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, POTENTIAL VOTE ON LATTER.

There was no action required.

1.4. PRESENTATION TO FORMER COMMISSIONER NANCY WRIGHT.

Chair Vargas read a proclamation recognizing Nancy Wright for her dedicated service as the Special District Member on the LAFCO Commission.

1.5. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Counsel Cushman made a statement to the public regarding disclosure of contributions made to Commissioners.

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
  - a. February 23, 2023

Moved (Gutierrez) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting.

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Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Sanchez, Gutierrez, and Pastor.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Jeffries.

ABSTAINED: None.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. 3.

There were no public comments.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR (NON-HEARING ITEMS): 4.

a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Pastor) to approve the LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Sanchez, Pastor, and Gutierrez.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Jeffries. ABSTAINED: None.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS: 5.

Continued: There were no continued public hearing items.

New: There were no new public hearing items.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

a. 6216 Brockton Ave., Suite 111-B Office Lease Renewal Proposal, Discussion/Approval of Gary Thompson as LAFCO Negotiator.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Commission would need to appoint a negotiator to renew the office space lease. He stated that the terms of the lease would be discussed in closed session.

Moved (Sanchez) seconded (Tomanelli) to approve Gary Thompson as the LAFCO Negotiator for 6216 Brockton Ave., Suite 111-B Office Lease Renewal Proposal as recommended by staff.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Sanchez, Pastor, and Gutierrez.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Jeffries.

ABSTAINED: None.

b. Approval Revising the April Commission Meeting Date/Time.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Commission agreed to reschedule the April meeting to the 17th at 10:30 a.m. He stated this item was to formally approve the change.

Chair Vargas stated he would not be able to attend the April meeting and to contact Alternate Commissioner Newton.

Moved (Gutierrez) seconded (Pastor) to approve the change in date and time for the April commission meeting to April 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Sanchez, Gutierrez, and Pastor.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Jeffries. ABSTAINED: None.

c. Discussion/Approval Regarding Commissioner Stipends.

Mr. Thompson stated this was requested by the Chair at the last meeting.

Chair Vargas stated that the increase was mainly to offset the cost of fuel and moved to increase the stipend by \$25.00.

Commissioner Gutierrez amended the motion to increase the stipend to \$225.00.

Commissioner Tomanelli amended the motion to include all committee meetings at the rate of \$225.00.

Moved (Tomanelli) seconded (Sanchez) to change update the Commissioner stipend to \$225.00 for all commission meetings and committee meetings.

Chair Vargas called for the vote.

AYES: Vargas, Tomanelli, Sanchez, Gutierrez, and Pastor.

NOES: None. ABSENT: Jeffries. ABSTAINED: None.

- 7. INFORMATION ITEMS: No action to be taken by the Commission.
  - a. Proposals Received and/or LAFCO Initiated (Government Code Sections 56751 and 56857):

There were no new proposals.

b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings.

There was no report.

# 8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL POSITIONS.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on pending legislation. He stated that the Omnibus bill was written and being circulated. He stated that the CALAFCO was now tracking 21 bills.

#### 9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.

Mr. Thompson congratulated Chair Vargas and Commissioner Sanchez on being reelected by the City Selection Committee. He stated that Greg Newton was elected as the Alternate City Member.

Commissioner Newton stated he looked forward to working with Commission.

Mr. Thompson stated that a quorum had been met in the Special District Selection Committee election. He stated the IID study was being reviewed by staff. He stated the public review draft would be posted and distributed by next week. Mr. Thompson stated he would be out of the office for eye surgery next week.

Commissioner Sanchez asked if there was a list of districts that had not yet voted. Mr. Thompson replied that he did not have a list as of today's meeting, however, 28 districts had voted.

# 10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

There were no commissioner comments.

#### 11. CLOSED SESSION:

The commission recessed to closed session at 9:23 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

There was no reportable action.

# 12. ADJOURNMENT.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth R. Valdez Commission Clerk