



City of Phoenix

Minutes

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City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

City Council Policy Session

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

2:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

The Phoenix City Council convened in Policy Session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 2:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: 8 - Councilwoman Betty Guardado, Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington, Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Councilwoman Laura Pastor, Councilman Kevin Robinson, Councilman Jim Waring, Vice Mayor Debra Stark and Mayor Kate Gallego

COUNCIL INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS

Vice Mayor Stark opened with a tribute to Lovey Borstein, co-founder of Chompies, who recently passed away. She acknowledged her contribution to the community through her establishment of Chompies along with her husband. Vice Mayor Stark recalled fond memories of the original Chompies and shared stories from residents who grew up visiting the establishment. Vice Mayor Stark shared the importance of Chompies as an institution in the City and pledged to continue patronizing the establishment in her honor.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington provided updates on her recent activities. She stated she participated in a ceremonial sign unveiling in honor of Vernell Myers Coleman. She also attended Future Stars Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Competition held at South Mountain Community College, and the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) Legacy Project at East Lake Park and Community Center. Councilwoman Hodge Washington celebrated the opening day with the Phoenix Mercury in the historic Warehouse District. She also served as a panelist at the Teen Engaged Conference 2024, where she engaged with a group of young individuals working towards inspiring the next generation of civically engaged citizens. She attended three Community Budget Hearings, gathering insights from the community to work on a budget that meets their needs. In addition, Councilwoman Hodge Washington co-hosted a free community event with Zion Institute, attended the Laveen and South Mountain

Community Picnic, and shared upcoming events in April and May, including Coffee with a Cop, Fiesta on Central Avenue, and Party at Pierce Park.

Councilwoman Guardado announced the upcoming budget hearing at Maryvale Community Center on April 10th, encouraging residents to voice their opinions on the City Manager's Trial Budget. She also announced a Spanish language hearing taking place on Tuesday, April 16th, at the same venue. Councilwoman Guardado said District 5 is organizing the Maryvale Jobs and Resource Fair on Saturday, April 13th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Maryvale Community Center. Councilwoman Guardado will also host two park activation events on Saturday, April 20th. The first event is a community cleanup at Washington Park followed by a family fun event near the dock park area. The second event is the Spring Festival at El Oso Park, featuring games, music, educational information, resources, and free haircuts in partnership with the Estrella Super Moms.

Councilwoman Pastor began by sharing a personal story about a photo with Cesar Chavez from 1992 during her time at Arizona State University. She shared CVS's investment of over three million dollars to support health organizations in Phoenix, offering free screenings for diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. She also mentioned her upcoming coffee chat at Luana's, and the 3rd Annual 5K event with the African American Reconstruction Group, which raised over \$1,000 for scholarships and supported local black vendors. Councilwoman Pastor congratulated the Public Works Department for their recognition at the 42nd Annual Environmental Excellence Awards for their food waste program. The City launched a new Spanish-language Facebook page to connect with Spanish-speaking residents. She announced her participation in the Joint District Four and District Five budget hearing at the Maryvale Community Center, offering translation services. She announced a neighborhood concert at Steel Indian School Park and an Earth Day Festival at South Mountain Park hosted by Chispa Arizona on April 20.

Mayor Gallego expressed gratitude to those involved in producing a recent Phoenix history video series, highlighting the contributions of dedicated residents, Councilmembers, and City staff. She then discussed recent significant news for Phoenix and Arizona, including President Biden's announcement of \$6.6 billion in funding for the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company to build a new fabrication facility for advanced

microchip production, which is expected to create many well-paying jobs. Mayor Gallego also congratulated Aviation staff for winning the Employer of the Year award from Women in Transportation Seminar. She also addressed the news of the Arizona Supreme Court upholding the 1864 territorial abortion ban. She reaffirmed Phoenix as a pro-choice City and emphasized the importance of women's rights to make their own healthcare decisions. She called for hope and urged lawmakers to defend women's basic rights. Mayor Gallego mentioned the Council's past decision to deprioritize calls related to abortion law violations and confirmed that the policy remains in effect. She extended congratulations to Monica Villalobos on her recent marriage and invited residents to contact her office with any questions. Mayor Gallego took a moment to honor Robin Reed, the Chief Executive Officer of the Black Chamber of Arizona, who recently passed away. She acknowledged Mr. Reed's contributions to the community, describing him as a champion for Phoenix and the region and expressed gratitude for his dedication to service. She emphasized the importance of carrying on Mr. Reed's legacy of service to others and extended condolences for his loss.

City Clerk Denise Archibald read the 24-Hour Paragraph.

CONSENT ACTION

This item is scheduled to allow the City Council to act on the Mayor's recommendations on the Consent Agenda. There is no Consent Agenda for this meeting.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A vote may be held to call an Executive Session for a future date.

REPORTS AND BUDGET UPDATES BY THE CITY MANAGER

This item is scheduled to allow the City Manager to provide brief informational reports on topics of interest to the City Council. The City Council may discuss these reports but no action will be taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEMS 1-2)

1 Recommended Ballot Proposition for Fall 2024 Election

Discussion

Budget and Research Director Amber Williamson provided an overview of the State Expenditure Limitation, which is a constitutional amendment approved by Arizona voters in 1980. She said the amendment restricts spending for cities and towns to levels based on 1979-80 adopted budgets, adjusted for population and inflation. Ms. Williamson said as the fifth largest city in the country and a regional leader, the City has been unable to meet the strict formulaic limit. The City's expenditure growth across all departments and funds exceeds the population and inflation factors. She said complying with the limit would require a reduction of approximately \$2 billion in annual expenditures across all departments and funds, representing about 30 percent of the total City operating budget. Ms. Williamson stated failure to comply with the State spending limit, or failure to have voters approve an alternative, could result in a non-compliance penalty based on State Statute. This penalty is estimated to be one-third of the City's state shared income tax revenue, which is allocated entirely to the general fund. This would result in an estimated revenue loss of \$120 million in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Deputy Budget and Research Director Aaron Mertz discussed three main alternatives that cities and towns, including Phoenix, can use as alternatives to the formula the State uses to limit expenditures. He said the first option is the alternative expenditure limitation, also known as the home rule option, which must be approved by voters and allows for exemptions of any and all expenditures for a four-year period, setting the City's expenditure limitation equal to the City's adopted budget. Mr. Mertz said the second option is the permanent base adjustment, which permanently increases the base limit for calculating annual spending but must be for a specific dollar amount. He then shared the third option, the one-time override, effective for only one year and typically used for emergencies. Mr. Mertz said Phoenix voters have historically approved the home rule option 10 times since 1981. He said Phoenix is projecting to be approximately \$2 billion over the formulaic limit. The City has also considered permanent base adjustments, but these were rejected by voters in 1985 and 1997. Mr. Mertz noted the City's successful history

with the home rule option and highlighted the involvement of community members in the decision-making process.

Expenditure Limit Task Force Chairwoman Monica Villalobos thanked Councilwoman Pastor for the opportunity to address the Council and expressed gratitude for the recognition of her colleague, Robin Reed. She then outlined the Task Force's activities, which included three meetings dedicated to studying the state spending limit, reviewing the City's finances, and analyzing financial forecasts. She said after thorough deliberation, the Task Force unanimously recommended the continuation of the alternative spending limitation, or home rule option. She said this option, which establishes the expenditure limit at the adopted budget, provides flexibility, transparency, and annual involvement of residents in setting the spending limit. Chairwoman Villalobos stated that this option supports local control and ensures that Phoenix's open budget process remains intact. She mentioned the task force considered other options, such as the permanent base adjustment and one-time override, but concluded that these options would not provide the necessary flexibility for the City's current and future needs. Chairwoman Villalobos said the permanent base adjustment was deemed impractical due to its potential confusion for voters and lack of annual community involvement. Chairwoman Villalobos congratulated City staff for effectively managing Phoenix's growing needs.

Ms. Williamson outlined the next steps following the Task Force recommendation. She said the Council would proceed to set two statutorily required public hearings, scheduled for May 1 and May 15, 2024. She said after the second public hearing, the Council would adopt a resolution to refer an alternative expenditure limitation proposition to the voters. Ms. Williamson said on June 12, 2024, the Council would adopt the form of the ballot set for the election to take place on Nov. 5, 2024.

Ms. Williamson requested action from the Council to accept the Task Force recommendation and approve the alternative spending limit, home rule option. This action would also authorize staff to prepare for the Nov. 5th election.

Mayor Gallego expressed appreciation to the Chairwoman and the entire team, including the Citizen Committee, for their work on the expenditure limitation proposition. Mayor Gallego urged voters to pay attention to local government issues, noting that essential services would be deeply impacted by the outcome of this proposition. She highlighted the City's progress in this area over the last quarter-century and underscored the importance of voter participation in the upcoming November election.

Vice Mayor Stark made a motion to approve this item. Councilwoman Guardado seconded the motion.

Mayor Gallego opened the floor to public comment.

Dianne Barker expressed her support for the home rule option. She said the importance of local oversight in determining how revenues are spent and suggested that consistency in reporting, especially regarding regional transportation projects like Proposition 479, is crucial. Ms. Barker stressed the need for appropriate documentation of City spending to ensure compliance with State constitutional requirements. She asked for consistency in reporting across various departments and agencies.

Mayor Gallego closed the floor to public comment.

Councilwoman Guardado expressed gratitude towards Chairwoman Villalobos as well as staff for their leadership and work on the expenditure limitation item. She stated the importance of complying with the state expenditure limit and voiced support for the Task Force's recommendation to refer an alternative spending limit to the voters in the upcoming November ballot.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Guardado, that this item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 8-0

Yes: 8 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman O'Brien, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Councilman Waring, Vice Mayor Stark and Mayor Gallego

No: 0

2 **Appointment for Interim Council Member for Council District 7**

Discussion

Mayor Gallego addressed the appointment for an interim councilmember for District 7. She stated according to the City Charter, when a vacancy occurs with more than one year remaining in the term, the Council must appoint an individual until a special election can be held. Mayor Gallego acknowledged the significance of serving on the Phoenix City Council, quoting her predecessor, the late Mayor Thelda Williams. She thanked each candidate for their willingness to serve and noted the process outlined by the City Charter, and the memo sent to the City Manager on March 23, 2024.

City Clerk Denise Archibald stated the appointed individual will serve from their appointment until the canvas of the vote for the November 5th election. During this election, voters will select a person to fill the remainder of the Council term and if no candidate receives over 50 percent of the votes, a runoff election will be held, with the top two vote-getters. Ms. Archibald said the runoff election is tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2025 and the appointed individual will serve from the March 27 until April 21, 2025, for approximately three and a half weeks.

Gilbert Arvizu expressed his interest in the interim Council appointment for District 7, sharing his family's history of serving downtown and south Phoenix. He emphasized his extensive leadership experience, including chairing the programming of a large health and housing provider and coordinating a coalition of community organizations. Mr. Arvizu recounted his involvement in Rio Reimagined and his commitment to community engagement efforts. Mr. Arvizu stated the importance of being responsive to constituent concerns, citing an example where he

successfully advocated for updated parking signs in a downtown neighborhood. He emphasized the significance of seemingly small victories for overlooked neighborhoods and expressed readiness to continue such efforts. Mr. Arvizu concluded by noting his choice of attire in tribute to Cesar Chavez.

Carlos Galindo-Elvira presented his case for the interim Council appointment for District 7, sharing his deep roots in the district and extensive experience in the nonprofit sector, including advocacy and leadership development programs. He emphasized his commitment to public service, citing his background as a former Mayor and Councilmember for the Town of Hayden and his pledge not to run for the District 7 Council permanent seat in the upcoming election. Mr. Galindo-Elvira outlined his three pledges, including reinvesting his salary into District 7 to support nonprofit agencies and residents, and protecting the nonpartisan role of the district office. He expressed his dedication to connecting, communicating, and creating solutions for the community, addressing key issues such as crime, public safety, homelessness, and parks and recreation. Mr. Galindo-Elvira emphasized his willingness to collaborate with others and find solutions to issues impacting District 7 and the City as a whole. He highlighted his record of direct constituent assistance and nonpartisan service, underscoring his suitability to represent the residents of District 7.

Michael Nowakowski expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to present his case for the interim Council appointment for District 7. He shared his personal connection to the district, having lived there for over 30 years with his family. Mr. Nowakowski shared his experience, having served as the Councilmember for District 7 for 13 years. He stressed the importance of effective leadership, especially during tough times like economic downturns, and praised the dedication of City Staff. Mr. Nowakowski underscored his commitment to collaboration and finding common ground to address the needs of the community. He expressed his passion for advocating for District 7 in areas such as economic development, public safety, and infrastructure improvements. Mr. Nowakowski also addressed the need for transparency and accountability in addressing community concerns, such as the delayed construction of the light rail and the lack of amenities in south Phoenix.

He pledged to continue being a champion for District 7 and ensuring that it receives its fair share of resources and amenities.

Lisa Perez expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to present her case for the interim Council appointment for District 7. She highlighted her deep involvement in community service, driven by a genuine desire to improve the quality of life for herself and her neighbors. Ms. Perez emphasized the importance of bringing essential services and amenities to District 7. She underscored the significance of community activism and the importance of voicing concerns even in cases of disagreement, while also respecting the decisions made by the Council. Ms. Perez shared her admiration for Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari and her responsive and respectful approach to community issues. Ms. Perez discussed her experience serving on the City Planning Commission, where she gained valuable insights into Citywide issues and developed relationships with individuals across different neighborhoods. She also highlighted her involvement in various committees and task forces, demonstrating her commitment to civic engagement. She thanked her friends for their encouragement and urged everyone to continue speaking out on important issues.

Mayor Gallego opened the floor to public comment.

Oscar Cota expressed his support for Mr. Nowakowski, citing his 13 years of experience as a former Councilmember. Mr. Cota saw Mr. Nowakowski's experience as invaluable for the interim position considering the short duration of the appointment. He questioned the eligibility of another candidate who previously ran for a race in District 8 and now seeks to represent District 7, raising concerns about residency boundaries. Mr. Cota advocated for Mr. Nowakowski's candidacy, highlighting his familiarity with City governance, as qualifications that make him well-suited for the role.

Onesimus Strachan expressed his support for Mr. Nowakowski's appointment to District 7, citing Nowakowski's deep investment in the area and his track record of addressing community issues. Mr. Strachan highlighted Mr. Nowakowski's involvement in economic development

projects as evidence of his commitment to the City's growth. Mr. Strachan emphasized the importance of collaboration in addressing the challenges faced by a rapidly growing City, expressing confidence in Mr. Nowakowski's ability to work with colleagues and support the needs of all residents. He underscored his trust and confidence in Mr. Nowakowski's ability to serve effectively on the Council.

Mayor Gallego closed the floor to public comment.

Councilman Robinson inquired about the candidates' intentions regarding seeking the position permanently. He specifically addressed Mr. Arvizu, Mr. Nowakowski, and Ms. Perez, seeking clarification on whether they plan to run for the office on a permanent basis.

Mr. Arvizu stated that he would not be running in the November election.

Mr. Nowakowski stated that he would be running in the November election.

Ms. Perez stated that she was considering running in the November election but was leaning towards entering the race.

Councilman Robinson inquired about Mr. Nowakowski's previous land dealings with his employer and allegations of insider trading during his last term as the Councilmember for District 7. He requested clarification from Mr. Nowakowski regarding these issues and asked why voters should consider Mr. Nowakowski for the position.

Mr. Nowakowski clarified that the allegations against him were dismissed by the Arizona Supreme Court. He explained that the issue stemmed from a bidding process for affordable housing in downtown Phoenix, which involved his employer, the Cesar Chavez Foundation. He stated that he was not involved in the housing aspect of the project but rather managed the radio aspect for the foundation. Mr. Nowakowski suggested reviewing the bidding scoring and details to understand the situation. He stated that advocating for affordable housing

and minority communities often involves facing political challenges.

Councilman Robinson expressed understanding of the importance of Mr. Nowakowski's explanation in dispelling any appearance of impropriety. He then asked each candidate if they had spoken to former Councilwoman Ansari about their bid to become the interim Councilmember for District 7.

Ms. Perez expressed her respect for former Councilwoman Ansari's work but explained that she did not reach out to her on this subject to avoid putting her in a difficult position. She also shared about discussions which took place before Ansari's departure regarding general issues in District 7 and expressed her appreciation for Ansari's service to the District.

Mr. Nowakowski mentioned that the last time he spoke with the Councilwoman was at the Laveen Barbecue where she won a cow milking contest. He indicated that was their most recent interaction.

Mr. Galindo-Elvira stated that he had not spoken to former Councilmember Ansari regarding the appointment.

Mr. Arvizu answered that he had not spoken to the former Councilwoman about the position.

Councilwoman Hodge Washington asked the candidates about their perspectives on the major issues facing District 7 and their plans to address them. She inquired about their approach to addressing the proposed homeless shelter at 75th Avenue and Van Buren Road, considering the reported lack of neighborhood support.

Mr. Arvizu stated the importance of community engagement in addressing the major issues facing District 7, particularly the proposed homeless shelter. He shared his commitment to listening to the community's needs and responding accordingly. He then addressed the broader issues in District 7, identifying the lack of services and amenities as a concern. He suggested exploring initiatives such as creating a cultural plaza to recognize the residents' contributions to Phoenix.

Mr. Galindo-Elvira stated the importance of resiliency and genuine

community engagement, particularly regarding the proposed homeless shelter in District 7. He stressed the need for culturally appropriate communication in both English and Spanish to effectively address concerns within the community. Mr. Galindo-Elvira stated the importance of listening to the neighborhood's input and implementing safeguards for the shelter, such as behavioral services. He also recognized the significance of addressing these issues transparently and proactively to ensure the community's involvement and investment in the project's success.

Mr. Nowakowski provided an overview of the major issues facing District 7, highlighting the diverse needs of different areas within the district. He discussed the revitalization of downtown Phoenix, including the need for amenities like grocery stores and addressing parking concerns. He also emphasized the importance of investing in youth programs and recreational facilities, particularly with the potential loss of soccer fields in the area. He touched on public safety concerns and the need for more Police officers recruited from the communities they serve. Mr. Nowakowski advocated for attracting businesses like Costco and creating job opportunities, particularly in the tech sector. He also addressed infrastructure issues, such as the ongoing light rail construction affecting Central Avenue and the need for better communication with businesses impacted. Mr. Nowakowski expressed concerns about the proposed homeless shelter in District 7, citing the need for genuine community engagement and transparency in decision-making processes. He emphasized the importance of adhering to promised bed capacities and involving residents in the planning and zoning process to ensure their voices are heard.

Ms. Perez addressed several key issues facing District 7, starting with the navigation center and expressing her initial support for its establishment. She acknowledged the concerns raised by residents regarding safety and security, particularly those related to the proximity of the center to a school, but emphasized the importance of having resources available for homeless individuals and supporting law enforcement efforts. She also highlighted the need for infrastructure improvements and expanded transportation options in the district, including better connectivity of bus lines. She also stressed the lack of

medical facilities. She discussed challenges posed by county land and jurisdictional issues, particularly regarding law enforcement responsibilities and coordination between the City and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Perez acknowledged the rapid growth of District 7 and emphasized the importance of managing urban development while ensuring the cleanliness and livability of the downtown area. She also discussed the potential impact of future transportation projects, such as extending the light rail and construction of the State Route 30 Freeway, on the district's infrastructure and connectivity.

Councilwoman O'Brien inquired about each candidate's views on public safety, including issues related to officer recruitment and firefighter response times.

Ms. Perez stated her full support for law enforcement and firefighters, sharing her active involvement in community engagement efforts. She expressed her positive relationship with police officers and her commitment to understanding their work through firsthand experiences.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked candidates to share their views on whether current City leadership can reform the Police Department without external oversight like a consent decree or Department of Justice monitor.

Ms. Perez expressed her belief that a consent decree is not the preferred path for reforming the Police Department.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked candidates whether they would sign an agreement in principle without fully reviewing the Department of Justice findings report, which would commit the City to negotiate in good faith toward a consent decree.

Ms. Perez stated the importance of fully reviewing documents before signing any agreement, especially when it pertains to matters as significant as police reform and potential consent decrees. She expressed concern about committing to negotiations without having a clear understanding of the contents of the Department of Justice findings report.

Mr. Nowakowski stated his unwavering support for law enforcement and shared his initiatives to honor fallen police officers and firefighters. He highlighted the importance of community engagement through events. He expressed confidence in City leadership's ability to enact changes without the need for a consent decree or Department of Justice monitor. He also asserted that he would not sign any agreement without first fully reviewing the Department of Justice findings report and seeking advice from past law enforcement officials like former Maricopa County Sheriff Paul Penzone.

Mr. Galindo-Elvira expressed his support and respect for the City's public safety. He believes in the capability of the current City leadership to reform the Police Department without the need for a consent decree and Department of Justice monitor. He stated that he would not sign any agreement without fully reviewing its contents.

Mr. Arvizu expressed strong support for public safety, citing his father's experience as one of Arizona's first Emergency Medical Technicians and a 20-year volunteer firefighter for the City. He stressed the City's capability to reform the Police Department without a consent decree and Department of Justice monitor. Mr. Arvizu stated that he attended community meetings and appreciated the information provided by City leadership. However, he expressed skepticism about adopting policies from other cities without careful consideration and indicated that he would not sign an agreement without more information.

Councilman Waring inquired about the eligibility of former Councilman Nowakowski for an appointment since a full term had not elapsed since Mr. Nowakowski termed out. He expressed confusion about the eligibility criteria. Councilman Waring also expressed concerns about the eligibility of someone who did not apply due to their previous role as a State Legislator. He called for consistency and clarity in the appointment process to avoid confusion in the future.

City Attorney Julie Kriegh explained that the City Charter is silent about the specifics of a break between consecutive terms of office. She said the lack of clarity could pose an issue regarding eligibility for interim

appointment.

Councilman Waring expressed concern about potential legal ramifications if an individual ineligible for interim appointment were to be appointed, leading to a lawsuit and District 7 lacking representation. He noted that while lawyers could provide guidance, it ultimately was not the Council's responsibility to resolve such matters or determine what a judge might do in such a situation.

Ms. Kriegh shared the possibility of a legal challenge, indicating that it could involve determining if the individual is eligible to hold the office, which is known as a quo warranto action.

Councilman Waring expressed the need for clarity on the eligibility of candidates for interim appointments, suggesting that staff seek guidance from the State Attorney General. He also mentioned the desirability of a process that allows for residents of District 7 to participate more directly in the appointment process, rather than relying solely on non-residents.

Vice Mayor Stark made a motion to appoint Carlos Galindo-Elvira to serve as the interim District 7 representative.

Councilwoman O'Brien stated that she would be voting for Mr. Galindo-Elvira since he has committed not to run for the full four-year term.

Councilman Robinson stated that he would be voting for Mr. Galindo-Elvira. He appreciated that Mr. Galindo-Elvira has stated he is not interested in running for the position permanently and stressed that the decision of who should represent this district should be made by the residents of District 7.

Councilman Waring expressed his intention to vote no, acknowledging that he had discussions with Mr. Galindo-Elvira regarding his position. He commended Mr. Galindo-Elvira's presentation on the Ethics Commission and his impressive resume. He believes Mr. Galindo-Elvira will make an excellent Councilmember, but has concerns about the process, particularly regarding the independence of appointees who may run for

future office.

Vice Mayor Stark commended Mr. Galindo-Elvira for his dedication to District 7, noting his 20 years of residence there and his willingness to donate his salary to nonprofits, which she saw as a testament to his commitment to the residents. She expressed her appreciation for all the candidates who expressed interest in serving District 7.

Mayor Gallego expressed her support for Mr. Galindo-Elvira, highlighting 15 years of working together, including efforts in setting up leadership programs for the Latino and African American communities, and fighting against hate. She endorsed Mr. Galindo-Elvira, stating that she believes he will be an excellent interim Councilmember.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Stark that this item be approved to appoint Carlos Galindo-Elvira to serve as the Interim Councilmember for Council District 7. The motion carried by the following vote: 7-1

Yes: 7 - Councilwoman Guardado, Councilwoman Hodge Washington, Councilwoman O'Brien, Councilwoman Pastor, Councilman Robinson, Vice Mayor Stark and Mayor Gallego

No: 1 - Councilman Waring

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gallego declared the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.