

The City of Galena Park

Special Meeting

Date: September 15, 2014

A special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Galena Park was held at City Hall in the Council Chambers, Monday evening at 4:30 P.M. on September 15, 2014.

Present were:	Esmeralda Moya	Mayor
	Danny Simms	Commissioner
	Lois Killough	Commissioner
	Maricela Serna	Commissioner
	Juan Flores	Commissioner
	Mayra Gonzales	City Secretary
	Robert Pruet	City Administrator
	Jim DeFoyd	City Attorney

Mayor Moya called the meeting to order.

Item #2- Consider nominating and appointing the members of the Charter Review Advisory Committee. Mayor Moya states that first she would to say that the initial item was tabled and it was never taken off the table therefore, she calls it out of order. The second resolution was presented while the first one was still on the table therefore that was called out of order.

Commissioner Simms states that he believes that Mr. DeFoyd had read the resolution for the Charter Review Advisory Committee and they had the vote on the table, and that is when Mayor Moya adjourned the meeting and walked. Commissioner Simms asked Mr. DeFoyd if they did everything correctly. Mr DeFoyd stated that everything was done correctly. Mayor Moya states that the second resolution Mr. DeFoyd presented was a different number. Mr. DeFoyd states to the Mayor that he doesn't want to argue with her. Mayor Moya states that he doesn't have to argue, she is just telling him that he never took the first resolution off the table when it was tabled. Mayor Moya stated that she just wanted to let him know ahead of time that she will not participate in this because it is against the charter. Mr. DeFoyd tells Mayor Moya Good-Bye. Mayor Moya asks Mr. DeFoyd if he just told her good-bye. Mayor Moya states that she is not going to participate in nominating the committee, because it's against the charter and if they want to continue that is fine. Commissioner Simms states to Mayor Moya that at the time when this was presented the council let her move it on the agenda from one place to another. Commissioner Simms asked Mayor Moya if she didn't think it would be nice to address these concerns at that time instead of using her gable saying she Veto's the vote then gets up and hits the gable and states no announcement I adjourn. Commissioner Simms stated to Mayor Moya that she should have brought those concerns up then not now. Mayor Moya states to Commissioner Simms that he didn't take her into consideration on the 7th of July when he took over as Mayor Pro Tem and she was present. Commissioner Simms states that she was not conducting the meeting as by law and someone had to and as Mayor Pro Tem he conducted the meeting. Mayor Moya asked Commissioner Simms if he can state what the charter states as to him taking over the meeting? Mayor Moya states that the charter states he is to take over as Mayor Pro Tem only if she is not there. Commissioner Killough states the question is to nominate and appoint the members of the Charter Review Advisory Committee. Commissioner Simms states that he feels like this helps everybody on the council and the Mayor included. Commissioner Simms states that they can be there two years trying to nominate 15 people going back and forth and not resolve anything or move on. Mayor Moya states that the people have spoken and she is not going to go against the people that signed the petition. Commissioner Simms states that their people have spoken too.

Mayor Moya states to Commissioner Simms that if they want to go against them it is up to him and they can proceed, she is not going to participate. Commissioner Simms asked how many people signed the petition. How do we know that they are registered voters? Commissioner Simms states to the Mayor he has also heard people outside of Galena Park talk and Galena Park is getting a bad name. Mayor Moya states they will just follow whatever needs to be followed afterwards, but she will not participate in nominating the committee. Commissioner Flores states that is her choice. Mayor Moya answers it is her choice and she is not going to do anything that is against the charter or anything that is still tabled. Commissioner Killough moves that the Mayor Pro Tem finishes the meeting. Mayor Moya asks while she is still there? Mayor Moya states to Commissioner Killough to go ahead and that is also against the charter. Commissioner Simms states that the Mayor is refusing to follow the agenda. Mayor Moya states that they haven't taken something that was on the table off the table. Commissioner Simms asks Mr. DeFoyd if he has the authority to make nominations as Mayor Pro Tem, since the Mayor refuses to act on this agenda item. Mr. DeFoyd states that he can move to take the nominations and he suggest that each of them come up with names and move to appoint the names and they will need a motion and a second to do that. Mayor Moya states to make sure to put that on the records, that Mr. DeFoyd is the one that carried on. Commissioner Killough made a motion. Mayor Moya states go ahead and put that on the records Mr. DeFoyd is the one that took over the meeting. Commissioner Simms states that Mr. DeFoyd was asked by the Mayor Pro Tem a question and he was answering. Commissioner Simms states that he takes Mr. DeFoyd's legal advice extremely prevalent because he has represented this community and Jacinto City for a very long time. Commissioner Flores asks if each one can go ahead and select their representative and once they list those they will make that motion. Mayor Moya states that Mr. Flores is talking to a citizen and stating that it is not going to get anywhere. Mayor Moya states that she would like it recorded on the minutes that it will get somewhere.

Commissioner Simms states that the representatives that he would like to to represent the community are Mrs. Carmen Garcia a long time resident of Galena Park, Pastor Marcos Romos of Galena Park, and Mr. Tony Gardea Principal of Galena Park High School and a longtime resident of Galena Park. Commissioner Simms states that he has a couple of other people as back up if they needed extra people. Commissioner Simms states he thinks all three of this people are very strong representatives for this community.

Commissioner Killough states that her representatives to be summited for the Charter Review Committee are: Mr. Don Greene 2101 Center St, Mr. Joe Thibodeaux 708 Sage Dr., Mrs. Jean Sims P.O Box 352 Galena Park, and Ms. Carol Thompson 1718 Wolfe St.

Commissioner Serna states she has Antonio Marroquin on Eastway a long time resident of Galena Park, Maria Perez she is a teacher at Galena Park Elementary, and Estefania Tamez, she was born and raised in Galena Park.

Commissioner Flores states that he will like to nominate Cruz Hinojosa, Ernesto Cantu and Rene Serna Junior.

Commissioner Killough moves to appoint the people nominated as members for the committee. Commissioner Flores asks Mayor Moya if she would be adding three people to the committee. Mayor Moya states she is not going to do anything that goes against the Charter and the first resolution is still on the table. Mayor Moya states to Ms. Gonzales that she would like to say for the record that Commissioner Flores keeps speaking over me her.

Commissioner Simms states that as Mayor Pro Tem they have a list of candidates that they would like to have as representatives of the Charter Review Committee. Commissioner Flores states to Commissioner Simms to make sure and cover all of their t's. Commissioner Flores stated to make a motion and then have a second and they will give the mayor the opportunity to move the motion,

if she chooses not to then Commissioner Simms can take over. Mayor Moya states that the Mayor Pro Tem has already taken over and they cannot be going back and forth. Commissioner Flores said he just corrected it by saying what he said. Commissioner Simms thanks him. Mayor Moya states that they cannot do that and she is not going to participate. Commissioner Serna states that since she is not participating wouldn't it be appropriate for each one of them to appoint one more person to make a total of 15. Commissioner Killough asks Mr. Defoyd if they need a number of 15 or could they go with what they have? Mr. DeFoyd states they could do whatever, but the resolution states 15. Commissioner Killough states that they need two more members. Commissioner Serna states that she has Jaslyne Tamez and Commissioner Simms will recommend Mr. Paul Henry long time resident of Galena Park.

Commissioner Flores states that the motion on the floor is that they accept the 15 names to be on the committee. Commissioner Simms states, yes and that the Mayor did not present any names.

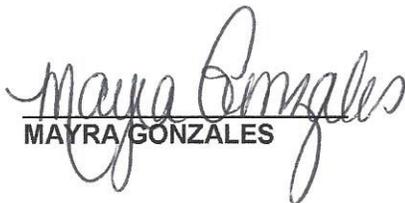
Commissioner Flores makes that motion to accept the 15 members to be on the committee. Commissioner Serna, 2nd Vote: 4 Ayes. Commissioner Simms asks the Mayor if she wishes to vote on this resolution. Mayor Moya Veto the vote. Commissioner Killough makes a motion to overrule the Mayor's Veto. All in favor Vote: 4 Ayes... Motion Carried

Commissioner Simms calls for a motion to adjourn the special call meeting. Commissioner Flores 2nd Vote: 5 Ayes.... Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned: 4:42 p.m.



APPROVED



MAYRA GONZALES