

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COTATI
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Barich, Gilardi, Orchard and Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor

Staff present: Sergeant Steve Bournes, Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes, Assistant to the City Manager/Acting Community Development Director Marsha Sue Lustig, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Damien O'Bid, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor, City Manager Dianne Thompson.

Pledge of allegiance

Councilmember Orchard led the pledge of allegiance.

Council discussion and possible action to make an appointment to fill the current vacant seat on the city council to fulfill a term ending in 2010.

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor announced the order of business, ending time and the requirements of the Council to fill the vacancy.

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the applicants to the front of the Chamber where they introduced themselves to the audience.

Citizen Business

Joyce Garcia of Cotati addressed the Council regarding the City Council code of ethics.

Ken Coleman commented on the November 17th election.

Adrienne Lauby addressed the Council regarding the City Council code of ethics.

Tony Adler read a statement regarding various past and present political issues.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor closed Citizen Business.

Applicant Interviews

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor announced the names of the applicants in random order and requested that all applicants except for the first one announced recess to the City Hall conference room. He indicated that they would be called in one at a time for their interview.

City Attorney Nancy Thorington responded to question from the Council regarding the appointment procedure.

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor directed that each applicant would be interviewed in the order previously announced and allowed up to five minutes for an opening statement followed by questions from each Council member in turn.

Applicants were interviewed by the Council in the following order:

Eric Kirchmann

Linell Hardy

Chris Cone

John Rock

Michael Kurvers

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor called a recess at 8:45 p.m., reconvening at 8:58 p.m. and continued interviewing the applicants as follows:

Jeanne Blake

Mark Landman

Brad Yearwood

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor called a recess at 9:56 and reconvened at 10:16 p.m.

Public Comment

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comment.

Ken Coleman expressed support for John Rock and Mark Landman

Dennis Wallach, on behalf of the Cotati Police Management Association, expressed support for Mark Landman.

Adrienne Lauby indicated support for Linell Hardy.

Michelle Berman of Cotati indicated support for Linell Hardy.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor closed the public comment period.

The Council narrowed down the candidates to Mark Landman, John Rock and Linell Hardy.

Discussion ensued regarding the three final applicants, their qualifications and experience, and the difficulty in choosing a single appointment.

The majority of Councilmembers concurred to narrow the final candidates to Mark Landman and Linell Hardy. Councilmember Barich continued support for John Rock. After additional discussion the Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor called for a nomination.

Moved by Councilmember Orchard to appoint Linell Hardy to the City Council to fulfill the unexpired term of John Guardino ending in 2010. The motion was not seconded.

Moved by Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed 3-1 (Councilmember Barich voting no) to appoint Mark Landman to fulfill the unexpired term of John Guardino ending in 2010.

Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor administered the oath of office to Mr. Landman, after which he took his seat at the dais.

Adjournment

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk