

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**December 20, 2016**

*The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority, Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and Lemon Grove Successor Agency*

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**Call to Order**

Members present: Councilmember Racquel Vasquez, Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza, Councilmember Jerry Jones.

Members absent: None.

City Staff present: Lydia Romero, City Manager, David De Vries, Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; Mike James, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director; James P. Lough, City Attorney; and Lt. May, Sheriff's Department.

**November 8, 2016, General Municipal Election Certified Results and Administration of Oath of Office**

The certified canvass declares that Racquel Vasquez was elected as Mayor and David Arambula and Matt Mendoza were elected as Members of the City Council for full terms of four years. In addition, Measure V the Initiative to rescind the prohibition of marijuana dispensaries and add the Medical Marijuana Regulatory Ordinance to the Lemon Grove Municipal Code, was approved by the voters.

**Action: Motion by Councilmember J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Vasquez, Jones, J. Mendoza**

**Resolution No. 2016 – 3481:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove City Council Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Conducted on November 8, 2016, and Declaring the Results

James Lough administered the Oath of Office to David Arambula Councilmember and Matt Mendoza Councilmember.

Superior Court Judge Randa Trapp administered the Oath of Office to Racquel Vasquez Mayor.

**Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Public Comment**

Lani Stacks commented on animals in pet stores and on the condition of pet stores in Lemon Grove.

The following citizens recognized Mayor Vasquez's achievement and conveyed congratulations.

JoAnn Fields

Jordan Marks, Representing Diane Harkey State Board of Equalization's Fourth District.

Chris Williams

Derrick Lockett, National Association of Real estate Brokers.

Reverend Shane Harris, National Action Network.

Master Spears, Spears Academy.

Anthony Nguyen, Representing Congressman Scott Peters.

Amelia Simon

**1. Consent Calendar**

**A. Approval of City Council Minutes**

December 6, 2016 Regular Meeting

**B. Ratification of Payment Demands**

**C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**

**D. Mayor Pro Tem Rotation**

**E. Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with NBS Government Finance Group for the Sanitation District Rate Study**

**Action: Motion by Councilmember J. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Vasquez, Arambula, Jones, J. Mendoza, M. Mendoza**

**Resolution No. 2016-3482:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Confirming the Rotation of Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza to Serve as the Mayor Pro Tem for the Period of December 20, 2016 through December 19, 2017 and Establishing the Mayor Pro Tem Rotation Schedule for the Subsequent Three Years

**Resolution No. 2016-284:** Resolution of the District Board of the Lemon Grove Sanitation District Approving Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with NBS Government Finance Group for the Sanitation District Rate Study (Contract No. 2016-01)

**City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))**

Councilmember Jones reported that as the Metro Wastewater representative he attended City of San Diego meetings, an MTS meeting, Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting, SANDAG Board meetings and the grand opening of imaging plant at Grossmont Hospital.

Councilmember Arambula expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve Lemon Grove.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Mendoza thanked City staff for the Mary Sessom's retirement celebration, and she attended Christmas on the Promenade, League of Cities meeting, interfaith breakfast, Assemblywoman Weber's gift giving celebration, Heal Zone open house, and thanked the San Diego County Sheriff's Department for a holiday giving event.

Mayor Vasquez expressed appreciation to those who supported her campaign, voters who elected her and added that it will be an honor to serve the City of Lemon Grove as the first woman African American Mayor. She provided an overview of her vision for Lemon Grove.

## **City Manager and Department Director Reports**

Lydia Romero noted that City Hall will be closed from December 26 to December 29, 2016.

Mayor Vasquez reported that the regular City Council meeting scheduled for January 3, 2017 meeting will be cancelled and the next City Council meeting will be held on January 17, 2017.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

*Susan Garcia*

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Susan Garcia, City Clerk