

MINUTES

CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING and CITY OF CUDAHY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY and HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CUDAHY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

April 25, 2021 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor / Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council / Agency Member Guerrero (left at 9:21 a.m.)
Council / Agency Member Lomeli
Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Alcantar
Mayor / Chair Gonzalez

ABSENT: Council / Agency Member Lozoya

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney, Victor Ponto, Assistant City Clerk, Richard Iglesias, and
Human Resources Manager, Jennifer Hernandez

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Guerrero.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Guerrero, expressed his concerns about closed session proceedings involving the city manager selection process going back to the begging of the process. First, he stated that the council shut out the public from the process with no opportunity for public input, informing them that California sunshine laws set a high hurdle for closed session proceedings. Then he commented that the council repeatedly defaulted to closed session proceedings, even for simple planning or general strategy regarding the approach to the process, claiming no justification for a closed session. Lastly, informed council regrettably and disappointed that out of principal he will withdraw from the closed session proceeding yet is committed to participating in all open sessions involving the process.

Elizabeth Alcantar, expressed her disappointment in the council member's continued absence in the process, ongoing for over a year, having had community meetings, council planning sessions involving closed session matters. She stated that if the council member had participated in the process, he would have known today's happenings and what they will be participating in the next two weeks. He would also have seen that they are asking community members to join by way of a community panel. He would also have seen the link and application on the website, on social media, also by staff letting people know that they may participate in that matter. Lastly, she asked the council member to reconsider and commented that they are committed to the work promised to the voters, transparency, accountability, growing the city, and supporting the residents.

Jose Gonzalez, mentioned that they have done everything they can do to be open and transparent and referred to the vice mayor. He stated that there is a lot of inclusivity, and it is

the best hiring process the city has had. He mentioned that certain things need to happen only in closed session, particularly protecting the candidates' names from being released, respecting their privacy because they may not have told their employer that they have applied for the job. He commented that it is vital to have the entire council present for such a historical and essential process, informing the council that someone will be the next CEO for the city, possibly for the next five years or more. Lastly, he requested that Council Member Guerrero join them to do the work they were elected to do.

5. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Recruitment Title of Position Under Consideration: City Manager

6. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Victor Ponto announced that for the closed session item 5A, read into the record, counsel was given, direction was received, and there was no further reportable action at the time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council / Agency meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Jose R. Gonzalez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richard Iglesias
Assistant City Clerk