

The City Council met in special session at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written, for Mayor Swarengin's Community Forum on an Independent Police Auditor for the City of Fresno.

President Sterling called the meeting to order and roll was called. Present were Councilmembers Borgeas, Brand, Caprioglio, Dages and President Sterling, Mayor Swarengin, City Manager Souza, ACM Rudd, City Attorney Sanchez, City Clerk Klisch, Assistant City Clerk Salazar and necessary staff. Councilmembers Perea and Xiong were absent. Councilmember Dages gave the invocation.

(6:00 P.M.) MAYOR'S COMMUNITY FORUM ON AN INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR (IPA)

President Sterling welcomed everyone and stated this informational forum was called for the purpose of taking community input on the creation of an IPA, advised because there was going to be a Council quorum this forum was duly noticed and being handled as a public Council meeting, clarified this forum would run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., no vote would be taken this evening, and each speaker would have three minutes to speak, and stated the meeting would be facilitated by Mayor Swarengin.

Mayor Swarengin noted at a press conference two weeks ago she indicated she would be bringing forth a proposal for an IPA and tonight would begin the process of obtaining full community participation in the development of the proposal, requested speakers be thoughtful and provide specific comments on elements to include or not include in the proposal and for everyone to focus their comments as much as possible on problem solving and policy matters that support their views and not demonize people on the other side of the issue, and displayed a document on the overhead entitled "Framework for Independent Police Auditor" which contained some of the major issues Council will need to debate and reviewed each of the issues in detail.

Speaking in support of an IPA and/or expressing concerns were: Irma Martinez, southeast Fresno resident; Robert Morris; Gloria Hernandez; and Markanthony Sanchez. Former council member Brian Calhoun spoke in opposition to an IPA. Continued speakers in support were: Alfonso Williams, 3044 N. Fruit; Mickey Manuel, 2120 S. Tupman; Ray Ensher (2 - 0); Eric Wardwell, resident of District 3; Reverend Walt Parry, 1584 N. Ferger; Steve Updike; Carole Jacoby, 2995 W. Wellington; Robert Duchesne, 1161 S. Isla; Pastor Jerry Jones; Rebecca Rangel, 130 E. Harvard; and Juan Avitia, 1619 Fifth Street.

Bishop John A. Sims, 5812 W. Magill, on behalf of NAACP Local Chapter 1048, spoke in opposition to an IPA and in support of a citizens review committee. Continued speakers in support of an IPA and/or expressing concerns were: Francine Farber, 707 W. Fairmont, representing the League of Women Voters; Yasmine Viney, 3908 N. Fruit; Paul Hurlbut, 4701 W. Swift; Al Perry, 8374 N. Chance; Kao Her, 389 N. Glenn (3 - 0); Mai Summer Vue, 8153 N. Cedar; Xiong Vue, through interpreter Mai Summer Vue (MSV); Vang Mee Xiong, through interpreter MSV; Moua Vue through interpreter MSV; Bill Milton; Richard Nieto; Kimberly Estrada, 2203 E. University; and Sherry Smith, 4727 W. Swift.

Mayor Swarengin stated at this time the City Council meeting would be adjourned whereupon President Sterling thanked everyone for their presence and input and thanked Mayor Swarengin for scheduling this forum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the City Council, the hour of 8:06 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objection, President Sterling declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved on the ___3rd___ day of ___March___, 2009.

_____/s/_____/ ATTEST _____/s/_____

Cynthia Sterling, Council President

Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk