

**CITY OF WILDOMAR
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER – CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

The closed session of December 5, 2012, of the Wildomar City Council was called to order by Mayor Benoit at 6:31 p.m. at the Wildomar Council Chambers, 23873 Clinton Keith Road, Suite 111, Wildomar, California.

City Council Roll Call showed the following Members in attendance: Mayor Benoit, Mayor Pro Tem Walker, Council Members Cashman, Moore and Swanson. Members absent: None.

Staff in attendance: City Manager Oviedo, Assistant City Manager Nordquist, City Attorney Jex, and City Clerk Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Andre, resident, stated he wished City Manager Oviedo well in his new position.

CLOSED SESSION

City Clerk Lee announced the following:

1. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54957 regarding Public Employee release: Title-City Manager.
2. The City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54957 regarding Public Employee appointment: Title-City Manager.

At 6:32 p.m. the City Council convened into closed session with all Council Members present.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

At 7:39 p.m. the City Council reconvened into open session, with all Council Members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jex announced that regarding the first closed session item, the City Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation of City Manager Oviedo to be effective December 31, 2012. The City Council also waived the provision in the City Manager's contract requiring a 60 day notice of the resignation. There will also be additional discussion on this matter as item #1.1 on the agenda. In regard to the second closed session item, the City Council unanimously voted to appoint Assistant City Manager Gary Nordquist as the City Manager effective January 1, 2013 subject to the negotiation of an employee contract which will come to the City Council in an open meeting.

OPEN SESSION BUSINESS

1.1 Accept Resignation of City Manager

City Clerk Lee read the title.

Mayor Benoit stated it has been an honor to work with City Manager Oviedo and accepting the resignation is difficult. Waiving the extra 30 days is actually a savings to the City. It is hard to lose someone whom everyone has come to admire.

City Manager Oviedo stated it has been a highlight of his career to come to Wildomar. This was a difficult decision for him. When he started at Wildomar the outlook was not real bright, but he never thought about leaving. He had the good fortune of working with Assistant City Manager Nordquist who possesses a solid finance background and has enjoyed that relationship. Revenue is up, sales tax is up, property values have stabilized, Measure Z has passed and there is now some development occurring. Everything is pointing in the right direction and the future is brighter. The leadership in the City is great and he believes he has the best City Council in Riverside County and it has been a pleasure to work with the City.

Councilwoman Swanson stated at the recent League meeting she was told Wildomar has the best City Manager in the County, so it is going to be very difficult to let the City Manager go. Assistant City Manager Nordquist is very capable of taking over the duties. She thanked City Manager Oviedo for his service to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker stated not only has the City had the best City Manager, we will once again have the best City Manager. He is very confident this will be a smooth transition.

Councilwoman Moore stated Wildomar has been blessed with City Manager Oviedo. When the City needed him he was there and he will be missed.

A MOTION was made by Councilwoman Swanson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker, to accept the resignation of City Manager Oviedo, and waive Section 5 Termination of Employment, Subsection E Voluntary Resignation, and the last day of employment to be December 31, 2012.

MOTION carried, 5-0.

1.2 City Manager Ad-Hoc Committee Appointments

City Clerk Lee read the title.

Gary Andre, resident, stated the City Council made a good choice with Mr. Nordquist.

A MOTION was made by Councilwoman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Moore, to appoint Mayor Benoit and Mayor Pro Tem Walker to serve as an Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate the terms of a City Manager contract.

MOTION carried, 5-0.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

There being no further business, Mayor Benoit declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:



Debbie A. Lee, CMC
City Clerk



Timothy Walker
Mayor