

**SPECIAL ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL/  
ONTARIO HOUSING AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
February 8, 2019**

**JOINT MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Ontario City Council/Ontario Housing Authority were held on Friday, February 8, 2019, in the Community Conference Rooms at the Ontario City Hall, 303 East B Street, Ontario, California.

**CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION**

The Mayor called the special Ontario City Council/Ontario Housing Authority meetings to order at 3:04 p.m., and requested the City Clerk/Secretary call the roll.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mayor/Chairman	Paul S. Leon
	Mayor pro Tem/Vice Chairman	Ruben Valencia
	Council/Authority Members:	Alan D. Wapner, Jim W. Bowman, and Debra Dorst-Porada

**ABSENT:** None

Also present were City Manager/Executive Director Scott Ochoa, City Attorney/Legal Counsel John Brown and Assistant City Clerk/Assistant Secretary Vicki Kasad.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Wapner.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**AGENDA REVIEW/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no updates or announcements.

**STAFF MATTERS**

There were no staff matters.

**COUNCIL MATTERS**

***CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS & APPOINTMENTS BY RESOLUTION OR MOTION***

City Manager Ochoa noted that some assignments listed on the appointments list were no longer applicable and should be removed. He also stated that the Chaffey College

Downtown Committee had been added as an assignment and inquired if the City Selection Committee should be added.

Mayor Leon indicated that his intent during this meeting was to focus people's attention on the fact that the residents elect the City Council to serve the community; and he wanted to look at a more even distribution of responsibilities among the City Council. He further indicated that he had recommendations to try to create a "new normal" and to accomplish some goals over the next four years. Mayor Leon noted that the City has a great reputation for being stable, consistent and reliable; and he is proud of what has been accomplished over the years. He noted that some assignments to particular Council Members are necessary due to current commitments and continuity, but he feels it is important to try and spread some of the workload. He then noted the opportunity to change assignments, and addressed each outside board individually as follows:

**Chino Basin Desalter Authority Board** – Mayor Leon indicated that Council Member Bowman has served in an exemplary manner for several years and is irreplaceable in that position. He recommended Council Member Bowman remain as the Primary with Utilities General Manager Burton as the Alternate. Mayor pro Tem Valencia volunteered as the Council Alternate. Mayor Leon concurred.

**Chino Basin Watermaster Board** – Mayor Leon suggested that Council Member Bowman remain the Primary with Mayor pro Tem Valencia as the Alternate. Council Member Bowman noted that the City rotates off this Board in two-year increments, but will be rotating back on soon.

**Chino Valley Unified School District (Measure G)** – Mayor Leon recommended Mayor pro Tem Valencia as Primary with Deputy City Manager Sheasby as Alternate.

**Council Nomination Committee** – Mayor Leon recommended striking this committee completely and leaving future nominations of City Council Members' assignments up to the Mayor. After discussion, it was clarified that the purpose of this committee is to make recommendations with regard to at-large City commission positions, not City Council assignments. It was recommended that Council Member Dorst-Porada and Mayor pro Tem Valencia serve on this committee.

**County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Advisory Task Force** – Mayor Leon noted that staff usually attends this meeting, but he could remain as the Primary.

**Inland Empire Utilities Agency – Regional Sewerage Policy Committee** – Council discussion recommended that Council Member Bowman remain the Primary and Council Member Dorst-Porada remain the Alternate.

**League of California Cities** – Council discussion suggested that these positions should not appear on the City Council assignments list as they were positions that individual Council Members choose to participate in as members of the League, not an appointed representative of the City Council per se.

**Library Board of Trustees Liaison** – Mayor Leon indicated that Council Member Dorst-Porada has been actively participating in this role so she should be the Primary with Mayor Leon as the Alternate.

**Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority – Board of Directors** – Mayor Leon indicated that this was not a City appointment and therefore should not be listed.

**Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension JPA** – Mayor Leon recommended that he continue as the Primary with Council Member Dorst-Porada serving as the Alternate.

**Museum of History and Art Liaison** – Mayor Leon commented about the passion that some people have for certain things or areas of interest. He noted that Council Member Dorst-Porada's passion for the Museum has had a positive impact, and he expressed pride in the work she has done. He therefore recommended that Council Member Dorst-Porada remain the Primary with Council Member Bowman remaining as the Alternate.

**Omnitrans Board of Directors** – Mayor Leon noted that Council Member Wapner had expressed a preference to remain as the Primary on that Board; therefore the Mayor recommended Council Member Wapner stay on as the Primary and Council Member Dorst-Porada serve as the Alternate.

**Ontario Heritage Liaison** – Council Member Dorst-Porada noted that was really not a committee for the purpose of this discussion. Council concurred to remove from the assignment list.

**Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA)** – Mayor Leon commented that there was no doubt that the airport has excelled in the last couple of years with cargo, passenger and pride being up. He noted his personal opinion that the City's Mayor should be on this Authority; but for consistency it is just not the right time. Stressing the importance of doing the right thing and keeping the status quo, Mayor Leon recommended staying with the same composition, with representatives being Council Members Wapner and Bowman. Council Member Dorst-Porada concurred, and she noted that the airport got off to a bit of a rough start during the transition; but with Council Member Wapner on the Board it did not go as badly as it could have. She suggested that other Council Members need to have a role with the airport. Council Member Bowman suggested that there is an opportunity to address the Ontario International Airport Authority Board to request an amendment to their bylaws to allow for two alternates from the City to be considered. He recommended that staff pursue this possibility.

**ONT-IAC Mediation Board Liaison** – It was noted that this appointment follows the OIAA appointments by resolution.

**Recreation & Parks Commission Liaison** – Mayor Leon noted that Council Member Wapner had been serving as the liaison for 24 years and thanked him for

his service. He recommended that Mayor pro Tem Valencia serve as the Primary with Council Member Wapner serving as the Alternate.

**SBCTA** – Mayor Leon indicated that he felt it would be important to be part of this group to tie the knot between Gold Line and San Bernardino, but noted that Council Member Wapner does a spectacular job for the City. Mayor Leon noted that he is passionate about the Gold Line, but if Council Member Wapner is not the Primary Wapner cannot serve on the regional SCAG Board, so it does not benefit the City for Wapner to leave that position. Mayor Leon recommended that Council Member Wapner remain the Primary and Mayor Leon serve as the Alternate so he can attend the meetings.

**School Districts Subcommittee** – Mayor Leon recommended Council Member Dorst-Porada serve as the Primary with Mayor pro Tem Valencia serving as the Alternate.

**Sister Cities Liaison** – Mayor Leon recommended that Mayor pro Tem Valencia and Mayor Leon serve in this capacity. Council Member Dorst-Porada indicated that she would like to have City Council presence when Economic Development periodically meets with delegations from other countries. Mayor pro Tem Valencia concurred as this is important in other cultures.

**Water Facilities Authority – Board of Directors** – Mayor Leon noted that he had been the Primary for several years and suggested a change to Mayor pro Tem Valencia as the Primary with Mayor Leon as the Alternate.

**West Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District – Board of Trustees** – Mayor Leon indicated that he would like to stay on this Board, as it runs pretty smoothly now. Council Member Wapner concurred that it helps to have the Mayor in that capacity from the policy standpoint. Mayor Leon recommended resident Daisy Ocegueda as the Alternate to this Board, if allowed by the District.

**Chaffey College Downtown Ontario Campus Construction Committee** – Mayor Leon recommended himself as the Primary and Council Member Dorst-Porada as the Alternate.

**City Selection Committee** – City Manager Ochoa questioned the duties and responsibilities of the City Selection Committee. Council Member Wapner explained the role in making appointments to LAFCO and other Countywide boards.

Mayor Leon stressed the importance of respectful relationships and good communication among the Council Member, and he committed to doing his part toward accomplishing the common goals for the good of the City.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mayor pro Tem Valencia, seconded by Council Member Dorst-Porada and carried by unanimous vote to ratify the proposed appointments as discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Leon adjourned the meetings of the Joint Agencies at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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VICKI KASAD, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK/SECRETARY

APPROVED:



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PAUL S. LEON, MAYOR/CHAIRMAN