

**CITY OF SOLANA BEACH**  
**SOLANA BEACH CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, & HOUSING AUTHORITY**



# MINUTES

## Joint SPECIAL Meeting

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018 \* 5:30 P. M.**

City Hall / Council Chambers, 635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

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### CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

**Vacant, Mayor**

**David A. Zito, Deputy Mayor**

**Jewel Edson, Councilmember**

**Judy Hegenauer, Councilmember**

**Lesa Heebner, Councilmember**

Gregory Wade  
City Manager

Johanna Canlas  
City Attorney

Angela Ivey  
City Clerk

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Deputy Mayor Zito called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Present: David A. Zito, Jewel Edson, Judy Hegenauer, Lesa Heebner

Absent: None

Also Present: Greg Wade, City Manager  
Johanna Canlas, City Attorney  
Angela Ivey, City Clerk,  
Dan King, Assistant City Manager  
Mo Sammak, City Engineer/Public Works Dir.  
Marie Berkuti, Finance Manager  
Joseph Lim, Community Development Dir.

### FLAG SALUTE:

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** Moved by Councilmember Edson and second by Councilmember Heebner to approve. **Approved 4/0.** Motion carried.

### D. STAFF REPORTS: (D.1.)

*Submit speaker slips to the City Clerk.*

**D.1. Consideration of the Council Applications for City Council Appointment.** (File 0410-85)

Recommendation: That the City Council

1. Consider applications, interview applicants if desired, and make an appointment.
2. Adopt **Resolution 2018-045** appointing a new Councilmember to complete the term of the vacant seat until December 2018.
3. Have the City Clerk administer the oath to the new appointee.

[Item D.1. Report \(click here\)](#)

[D.1. Updated Report #1 \(4-25-18\)](#)

[D.1. Supplemental Documents \(updated 4-25 at 400pm\)](#)

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City Attorney Johanna Canlas spoke about the last Council meeting where Council decided to fill former Mayor Ginger Marshall's position through an appointment process rather than a special election, and that Council would be considering applications for a potential appointment among individuals registered in the City of Solana Beach.

Applicant Richard Hendlin said he would like to withdraw his application since Peter Zahn's application was submitted later, and that he would like to speak as a public speaker instead following the applicants.

Applicant Robert Secretrest spoke about how the citizens of Solana Beach could benefit from his 24 years' experience as a public works officer in a municipal setting, with SDG&E over the past 15 years on delivering renewable energy solutions to San Diego County, with local municipalities in districting, as a public works manager establishing utility rates, and in municipal budget development.

Applicant Peter Zahn said that Joe Kellejian and Rick Hendlin were well experienced candidates who had previously served on the Council and cared deeply about the City, that his own skills and experience set him apart in that he had the most recent service on the Council and a citizen committee, that there were development projects that came before him then that were still under consideration and would be coming back for important decisions, that he had kept up-to-date on many issues affecting the City as well as the City's Work Plan and Budget, that he had been involved with the formation and implementation of the City's community choice energy program, Solana Energy Alliance, as well as the City's Climate Action Plan and that he had continued to serve as a member of the City's Climate Action Commission. He spoke about his professional experience in the legal and non-profit sectors, his proven ability to exercise independent judgment, taking on unpopular positions when he believed it was in the interest of the City's residents, and that he was able to hit the ground running and would be honored to serve.

Applicant Erin McKinley spoke about her 15-year residency in Solana Beach, her work in the development industry and in conjunction with local municipalities, her family, intention to stay in the area, balanced approach about development, and her understanding of how development was a necessary change of the community but also should reflect upon the nostalgia of the community. She spoke about what set her apart from other applicants

including being a mother of two small children, she lived in the Eden Garden community which was often underrepresented on the Council, was a lower-income person and there were not a lot of opportunities for these people, affordable housing issues, that she would be a good presence for Solana Beach, and had a good background for the work.

Applicant Isiah Titus spoke about his current position on the Board of Trustees for MiraCosta Community College, his work in community service, his diverse background, his residency in Solana Beach for six years and San Diego for 36 years, his service on the Marine Corps at Miramar, and that he represented diversity in both experience and social issues.

Applicant Joe Kellejian spoke about his knowledge of the current 2017-2018 Solana Beach Work Plan, his understanding of Council's challenges ahead with voting-by-district, the Zephyr project, S. Nardo project, the train station, and the C.C.A. and S.E.A. which he favored. He said that the areas where he could be of service to the community were sand on the beach since he had spent 20 years on the Council lobbying and raising funds from local, state and federal sources for various sand projects, transportation which was a key factor in the City and region and where he had spent years serving on various committees, public safety concerns, complaints about the selling of products and services door-to-door, making citizens feel bothered, harassed and threatened and not comfortable going to work and coming home, and that nothing else mattered more to this Council and the City than public safety which should be a priority, and that he could help with this issue.

Applicant Joel Sedeno spoke about his professional career in higher education, his service on a committee which assisted developing countries to enhance their economies, his own immigration and development through education, his interest in assisting the City with security, transportation, Del Mar and the noise issues, ensuring the benefit of the majority and not the few, his work with the Small Business Association developing small businesses mainly in Chula Vista and bringing it to Solana Beach.

Applicant John Towart spoke about his work with Mo Sammak, Public Works/Engineering Dir., on the calming of traffic on Highland Drive for the past four years, service on the Board of his Homeowners Association for several years and changing its adversarial situation with the homeowners to a partnership, his experience as a project manager for the past 50 years in aerospace, automotive and government industries, and that his primary job had been to lead people, communicate and solve problems.

### Public Speakers

Richard Hendlin said he would have liked to have filled the vacancy, that he left the Council 26 years ago, he submitted an application recently before he learned that Peter Zahn submitted his application shortly afterwards, he felt that Peter's recent service on the Council would enable him to walk in and have immediate familiarity and participate constructively, collaboratively and successfully, that he appreciated all of the applicants and particularly the service of Joe Kellejian, and that Peter Zahn would bring the most recent experience and analytical skills to the position.

Reena Kaiser stated that she supported Peter Zahn for the position, that he did a good job during his previous service and could get up to speed easily, was glad that Lesa Heebner had returned, and thanked the Council for their hard work.

Cindy Clemons said that she urged Council to appoint Peter Zahn to fill the Council seat since he was the best qualified with the most recent experience on the Council, he had stayed active and involved with the City since his term ended, had given many hours of expertise supporting workshops and supporting the C.C.A., and would like to see him back on the Council.

Victoria Cypherd said she supported the appointment of Peter Zahn due to his most recent experience and his ongoing involvement in many issues, that Ginger Marshall had not been elected and instead appointed so filling her seat with someone similar was not necessary as she had never formulated positions and expressed opinions in order to get elected, that prior to her appointment the seat was held by Tom Campbell who served five 4-year terms, that he held very different viewpoints from Ginger Marshall, and that Peter Zahn was the candidate best prepared for a seamless transition to Council.

Council thanked all of the applicants for applying, that the seats of the individuals who had resigned would be vacant for the November election, that this appointment was for a sixth-month period which made it ideal to choose someone who had served and was up to date on the issues before Council, that what was needed at this time was a full Council to get on with the business in a seamless manner, and asked all the applicants to stay involved with the City.

**Motion:** Moved by Councilmember Heebner and second by Councilmember Hegenauer to appoint Peter Zahn. **Approved 4/0.** Motion carried.

## **D.2. Consider appointment to the CSA17 Committee.**

**Motion:** Moved by Councilmember Edson and second by Councilmember Heebner to appoint Peter Zahn. **Approved 4/0.** Motion carried.

### **ADJOURN:**

Deputy Mayor Zito adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Angela Ivey, City Clerk

Approved: October 10, 2018