

**LINKED MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL ANNEX
BUILDING ON MAY 18, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present:	Dale Janway	Mayor
	Lisa A. Anaya Flores	Councilor
	Leo B. Estrada	Councilor
	Wesley A. Carter	Councilor
	Jason Shirley	Councilor

Absent:	Ward 4	Vacancy
	Edward T. Rodriguez	Councilor
	J. R. Doporto	Councilor
	Richard Doss	Councilor

Also Present:	Steve McCutcheon	City Administrator
	Eileen P. Riordan	City Attorney
	Annette Barrick	City Clerk
	Jeff Patterson	Planning Director

Time Stamps and headings below correspond to recording of meeting and the recording is hereby made a part of the official record.

0:00:00 **Call Meeting to Order**

0:00:01 Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance

0:00:25 **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

0:00:28 **Motion**

The motion was made by Councilor Carter and seconded by Councilor Estrada to approve the Agenda

0:00:33 **Vote**

The vote was as follows: Yes -Estrada, Shirley, Carter, Anaya Flores; No - None; Absent- Doss, Rodriguez, Doporto; The motion carried.

0:00:45 **2. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPOINT JANELL E. WHITLOCK AS THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF CARLSBAD**

Mayor Janway explained Municipal Judge Janet Ellis recently announced her resignation from her elected position. He said the city appreciates Judge Ellis' dedication and are deeply sorry to see her go. He said in January Janell Whitlock

stepped down from her position on City Council to fill in as Municipal Judge, a position she has filled most capably. **Mayor Janway** said he is honored to recommend Janell Whitlock's full appointment to the position of Municipal Judge to serve out Judge Ellis' term until the next regular municipal election.

Mayor Janway gave a recap of Janell Whitlock's accomplishments. He said Janell was married to the late Senator Louis Whitlock; she has five daughters, 13 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren. He explained Janell began with the Chamber of Commerce in 1968 and has worked with the Potash Industry, the City of Carlsbad, and has been a business owner. He explained her public service career began as a court administrator leading to her 18.5 year position as Municipal Court Judge. He said Ms. Whitlock retired and was elected to the County Commission for 4 years and then became Director of Retirement for the Chamber of Commerce, and served on the City Council. He said Janell Whitlock has been President of the New Mexico Municipal Judge's Association, President of the New Mexico Court Clerk's Association and Vice President of the Carlsbad Community Foundation. He explained Ms. Whitlock has led the recent effort to see Carlsbad certified as an Age Friendly Community. He said Ms. Whitlock has received the New Mexico Outstanding Woman of the Year Award, the Elks Distinguished Citizen of the Year, and the Eddy County Bar Association Liberty Bell. He said none of that comes close to capturing Janell Whitlock, who always goes the extra mile in every effort she puts forth.

Mayor Janway said the citizens of Carlsbad deserve a Municipal Judge who will lead with dignity and wisdom and there is no better choice than Janell Whitlock.

0:04:19 **Motion**

The motion was made by Councilor Carter and seconded by Councilor Anaya Flores to approve appointment of Janell E. Whitlock as the Municipal Judge for the City of Carlsbad

0:04:27 **Vote**

The vote was as follows: Yes -Estrada, Shirley, Carter, Anaya Flores; No - None; Absent- Doss, Rodriguez, Doportio; The motion carried.

0:06:25 **Councilor Anaya Flores** said as a child she always looked up to Ms. Whitlock. She said it was a great honor to serve on the Council with her and she has been missed dearly. She thanked Ms. Whitlock for being such a great role model.

0:07:01 **Mr. McCutcheon** explained he has received a lot of help, advice, and support from Janell Whitlock. He said he respects her very much and has missed her being on the Council. He said he considers her a dear friend and is thankful that she has accepted the position of Municipal Judge.

0:08:17 **3. ADJOURN**

0:08:22 **Motion**

The motion was made by Councilor Anaya Flores and seconded by Councilor Shirley to Adjourn

0:08:34 **Vote**

The vote was as follows: Yes -Estrada, Shirley, Carter, Anaya Flores; No - None; Absent- Doss, Rodriguez, Doporto; The motion carried.

0:08:50 **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

/s/Dale Janway
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Annette Barrick
City Clerk