

**CITY OF COLTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2009
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 650 NORTH LA CADENA DRIVE, COLTON, CA**

The meeting was called to order by Veronica McCoy.

Commissioners Present

Edward Martinez, Commissioner
Gary Mitchell, Commissioner
Frank Navarro, Commissioner
Joe Perez III, Commissioner

Staff Present

Mark Nuaimi, Assistant City Manager
Veronica McCoy, Associate Planner
Jeff Ballinger, Assistant City Attorney
Amanda Rhinehart, Senior Project Manager

Commissioners Absent

Cynthia Ramirez, Chairperson
Thomas Archuleta, Vice-Chairperson
Richard Prieto, Commissioner

Ms. McCoy requested that the Commission elect a Pro-Tem Chairperson. Commissioner Perez III nominated Commissioner Mitchell; seconded by Commissioner Navarro, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Mitchell assumed the Chairperson's duties. The Commission called for a five minute recess.

ITEM II – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM III – PUBLIC HEARING

1. FILE INDEX NUMBER: DC-57-95 & D-54-98 LA VILLA/EL TORO

Mr. Ballinger administered an oath to the two witnesses who would be testifying during the proceeding.

Ms. Yolanda Flores-Burt, attorney for the entities holding the Conditional Use Permit, objected to a possible conflict of interest with Attorney Jeff Ballinger and Attorney Jim Touchstone due to their employment by the same law firm. Mr. Jim Touchstone with the Law Offices of Jones and Mayer introduced himself and stated that he is representing City of Colton staff during the proceedings. He stated that he left employment with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger in January 2009 and that he has not discussed the aspects of this case with Mr. Ballinger.

ITEM IV - ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner ? moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner ?, the meeting was adjourned.