



# Perris Press Release

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## Three Vacant City Positions Filled During Special Meeting

Perris officials filled three vacant City positions during a special meeting Tuesday, appointing a new City Clerk and new representatives the Planning and Public Safety Commissions.

Nancy Salazar, who has more than 10 years of office administrative service experience, was named to fill the unexpired term of Judy Haughney, who was hired as a full-time City records clerk. Salazar was appointed after the City Council interviewed all five candidates seeking to replace Haughney, whose term as an elected City Clerk expires in November 2014.

Duties of the City Clerk include attending all City Council meetings, keeping an accurate account of meeting minutes, administering oaths and serving as custodian of the City Seal. The position pays a stipend of \$890 per month.

Salazar was officially sworn in Wednesday, June 26, by Perris Mayor Daryl Busch. Moments later, in her first official act as City Clerk, Salazar swore in Haughney, Assistant City Manager Ron Carr and Executive Assistant Marilyn Fernholz as deputy city clerks.

"I am very excited to become Perris' new City Clerk," Salazar said. "It's a great opportunity to help the great City of Perris. I am a quick learner and team player. I believe the most important function of the City Clerk is to assist City Council members, staff and residents of our great City during our bi-monthly Council meetings so they can run as smoothly and efficiently as possible." Salazar and her family moved to Perris six years ago from Anaheim. Her work experience includes administrative duties for an engineering firm and home-builder. She speaks, reads and writes Spanish. Salazar is married to Cesar Salazar, who operates his own pest-control service.

The family includes four children—Joseph Salazar, 22, a Navy corpsman who has served in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay; Cody Salazar, 20, a student at Mount San Jacinto College; Alina Salazar, 15, who attends the California Military Institute and Khloe Salazar, 2. The family enjoys camping and bicycle riding and frequently visits the Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

The City Council also appointed Perris minister Chase McComack to the Public Safety Commission and Olivia Barnes to the Planning Commission. McComack will serve until December, when his term expires and the City Council will reappoint him or another candidate. The term for Barnes, a former Perris planning director, also expires in December.

At 25, McComack becomes the youngest elected or appointed City representative. He is an assistant pastor at Southland Community Church in Downtown Perris and part of the City's Cops-and-Clergy group, which works to establish better lines of communication between law enforcement and Perris residents. McComack also has volunteered at public events like Rods and Rails and at the first-ever community health fair, part of the ongoing Live Well Perris initiative.

The Public Safety Commission advises the City Council about issues involving police, fire, emergency service and other related issues. McComack said one of his concerns is that pedestrians sometimes fail to walk in designated crosswalks. He also said construction along D Street and Perris Boulevard has added delays to Downtown traffic flow.

McComack said his goal is to "provide a bird's eye view of what's happening" throughout the City on public-safety related matters and to "build the community in all respects in safety, morale and reaching out the community by promoting safety policies." He has received training in disaster relief from the Red Cross.

Barnes brings 29 years of planning experience to her position on the Planning Commission, including a stint in the mid-1990s when she served as Perris planning director. In her application for the position, Barnes said she enjoys the "dynamics of putting plans or concept in motion and being part of the team that brings those plans to fruition."

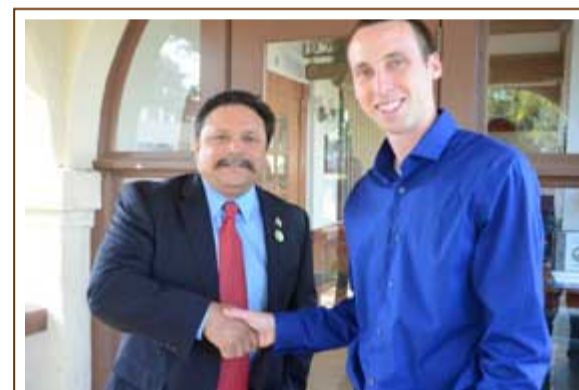
Barnes currently serves on the staff of Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone, where her responsibilities include planning, transportation and public safety issues. She said that Perris must balance its future planning between various "mixed-use" projects and needs to work to attract major commercial users and commercial services for shoppers. The City also should look to enhance "recreational amenities" such as walking trails, hiking and leisure recreational activities.

"I am excited and humbled to serve," Barnes said. "I am always looking for ways to continue learning and growing within my own community."

Barnes said she looks forward to serving as a Planning Commissioner because "we all work together, treat each other with respect and know our roles."



Perris Mayor Daryl Busch swears in new City Clerk Nancy Salazar Wednesday afternoon at Perris City Hall.



Perris Rene Avila, Perris Assistant Director of Development Services, welcomes new Public Safety Commissioner Chase McComack to the post. Avila is the staff liaison to the advisory board.



Newly appointed Perris Planning Commissioner Olivia Barnes brings 29 years of experience to her new post.