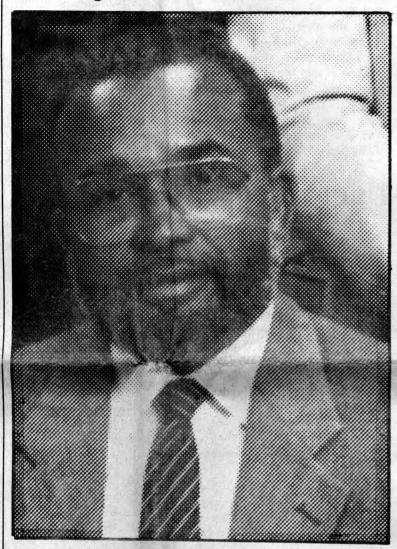# Coats And Johnson Elected New Mayor And Vice Mayor Of E.P.A.

Warnell Coats

Pat Johnson

The Monday night meeting of the East Palo Alto City Council produced a new mayor and vice mayor.

A notice was posted on the council chambers stating the meeting for Monday night, November 19, had been cancelled until December 3, and only two council members, Warnell Coats and Pat Johnson, showed up. Mayor William Vines, councilwoman Barbara Mouton and Vice Mayor John Bostic were not present, apparently believing the council meeting was cancelled.

Councilmembers-elect Sharifa Wilson and Navida Butler were present to be sworn in.

City Attorney Robert Booth, present at the Monday night meeting, informed the council members present that the county actually conducts the canvas and certifies the results, "accordingly Sharifa Wilson and Navida Butler had already been certified by the county to have been elected to the City Council of the City of East Palo Alto. There is no requirement of the law that they must be sworn in at a regular meeting. Accordingly it would be proper at this time the city clerk to swear in those two persons for the council seats."

City Manager Stan Hall then directed Deputy City Clerk Lou Hicks to administer the oaths of office, and the two new councilmembers were seated, thereby having four members present.

In the packet for the council meeting was a prepared resolution for the old council's adoption.

City Manager Hall then presented each of the new councilmembers with a certificate certifying them as being members of the City Council.

The very next order of business was to elect a new mayor and vice mayor. Councilmember Pat Johnson nominated Warnell Coats, seconded by Councilmember Navida Butler, and by a 3 to 1 vote, with Councilmember Wilson voting against the motion. Coats became the new mayor of East Palo Alto.

Councilmember Butler then nominated Pat Johnson for vice mayor, and by the same three-to-one vote, Mrs. Johnson became vice mayor of the City of East Palo Alto.