

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2011**

Chairman Cardenas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p. m.

Directors Present: Cardenas, Aguayo, Darling, Parra & Simonian

City/RDA Staff Present: Executive Director Elias, Secretary Davis, Treasurer Wong, Community Development Director Deaver, Public Works Director Weisser, City Attorney Wolfe, Acting Police Chief Snow, Acting Fire Chief Lopez, Planning Consultant O'Neal

Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

DISCUSSION ON ELIMINATING THE FOWLER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Executive Director Elias and City Attorney Wolfe summarized recent actions of the California legislature calling for elimination of redevelopment agencies (RDA's) and transferring the assets to successor agencies by October 1, 2011. There is a voluntary alternative to keep an RDA in place by adopting a continuation ordinance that complies with the provisions of AB 1X 27, by November 1, 2011, and remitting revenues to a successor agency in amounts determined by the State Director of Finance. Also, an RDA must adopt an Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule (EOPS) by August 26, 2011, in order to pay it's debt service and certain other legal obligations incurred by the agency. The California Redevelopment Association recently filed a lawsuit against the State's legislation and the court has issued a stay on some of the requirements until there is a final ruling on the matter. In the meantime, RDA's are prohibited from entering into new contracts and incurring new indebtedness until the court rules.

Executive Director Elias recommended adopting a continuation ordinance to keep Fowler's RDA in place, rather than surrendering accumulated funds to the local housing authority. In this way, the City can act as the successor agency and continue funding housing programs to benefit the citizens.

The Board of Directors discussed whether to dissolve the RDA or move forward with adoption of a continuation ordinance. The consensus was to move forward with an ordinance.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. RDA 2011-01

City Attorney Wolfe said that the requirement to adopt an EOPS, which allows for payment of legal obligations of the RDA, had not been stayed by the courts. A resolution approving the EOPS, which lists the RDA's debt service and other legally binding commitments, was

provided for adoption.

Director Parra made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian, to adopt Resolution No. RDA 2011-01, "A Resolution of the Fowler Redevelopment Agency Adopting the Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule Required By AB 26." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Aguayo, to approve the Minutes of the Fowler Redevelopment Agency Meeting - February 1, 2011. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Director Parra made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Aguayo, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by general consent at 6:47 p. m.