

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 23, 2011**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong, Community Development Director Deaver, Public Works Director Weisser, Acting Police Chief Snow, City Attorney Wolfe, Acting Fire Chief Lopez

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Reverend Paul Irwin. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Andy Gonzales spoke to the Council about installing benches and tables near the Verizon building on Merced Street.

PRESENTATION BY PAUL LOGAN: SERVE FOWLER EVENT - MAY 21, 2011

Paul Logan gave a presentation on Serve Fowler, an event open to members of the community that will be taking place on May 21, 2011. The event will be focused on cleaning up areas of the City and working on landscaping, and improving the City. City Manager Elias stated that staff would be provided for assistance and traffic control.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING PROVIDING LETTERS TO LEGISLATORS IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) PROGRAM

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias gave an update on the League of California Cities concerning CRA's proposal in lieu of eliminating redevelopment, as proposed by Governor Brown. He also mentioned that the next SSJV Division meeting will be hosted by the City of Fowler on April 14, 2011.

City Manager Elias asked that the April 5, 2011 meeting be canceled, as he and Councilmember Parra will be attending the Sacramento One Voice coalition. If any business items need to be addressed, as special meeting could be scheduled. The consensus was to cancel the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

A) FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02

Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Darling, to waive the first reading and approve Ordinance No. 2011-02, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Amending the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Annual Business License Fees for Fortune Telling." The motion failed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Aguayo, Darling; Noes: Simonian, Cardenas and Parra; Absent/Abstain: none.

B) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

◆ **Discussion: Method of Recruitment for Police Chief Position**

City Manager Elias discussion

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C) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

D) PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Approve going out to bid for Veteran's Monument project

Public Works Director Weisser

Councilmember Darling made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo, to approve going out to bid for the Veteran's Monument project. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D) FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

◆ Approve CDBG Loan Agreements with:

- 1) Remy Juarez and Rosa Espinosa
- 2) Zaida España

Finance Director Wong stated that there were two CDBG revolving business loan agreements before the Council for approval. One loan, in the amount of \$23,500 was for Remy Juarez and Rosa Espinosa, who plan to use it for restaurant equipment for a new seafood restaurant in the downtown area. The other loan, in the amount of \$10,000, was for Zaida España, who is the owner of an insurance service business, that will use the funds to update business office equipment. Both loans are at zero percent interest for a term of seven years.

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Darling, to approve a CDBG business loan agreement between the City of Fowler and Remy Juarez

and Rosa Espinosa. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Simonian made a motion to approve the CDBG loan agreement between the City of Fowler and Zaida España. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

◆ Monthly budget summary

Finance Director Wong gave a budget summary for July 2010 - February 2011.

E) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Approve sale of surplus Police Department weapons to highest bidder, and purchase of new service weapons with proceeds

Acting Chief Snow reported

Councilmember Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Darling, to approve the sale of surplus weapons to the highest bidder, and purchase new service weapons with the proceeds. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

F) FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Acting Fire Chief Lopez

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A)A) Ratification of Warrants - March 23, 2011

B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - March 1, 2011

C) Approve Communications Site Lease Agreement - Unwired Broadband

D) Adoption of Resolution No. 2211, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California to Approve the Application for a Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 California Department of Transportation Community Based Transportation Planning Grant"

E) Approve Agreement for Professional Services with Peters Engineering Group: HSIP Cycle 4 Traffic Signal Battery Backup Project

. Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Darling, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p. m.