

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 11, 2011**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

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, City Attorney Wolfe, Acting Fire Chief Lopez, Acting Police Chief Snow, Planning Consultant O'Neal

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Fowler resident Cirilo Medina read a statement to the Council concerning a Recreation Commission member's problematic behavior at the recent Springfest event.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Elias mentioned the upcoming Mayor's Breakfast on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Approval of Agreement between the City of Fowler and the Fresno County Sheriff's Office for Prisoner Processing; B) Adoption of Resolution No. 2214, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler of Intention to Levy and Collect the Annual Assessments for Landscaping and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District No. 1"; and C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2215, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Rescinding Portions of Resolution No. 2146 Concerning the Approval of the Reduction of the Performance Bond for Tract No. 5090."

Councilmember Parra asked that item C of the Consent Calendar be removed, due to a conflict of interest from owning property near the subject property of Resolution No. 2215.

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

Councilmember Parra left the dais. Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo, to approve item C of the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Aguayo, Darling and Simonian. Noes: None. Absent (recused): Parra.

**PRESENTATION BY QUAD KNOFF: MEASURE C GOLDEN STATE CORRIDOR**

## **DESIGN OPTIONS**

Mike Knopf, and other representatives of Quad Knopf Engineering, gave a presentation on design options for the City's Golden State Corridor area. Quad Knopf has been working with Fresno COG, Fresno County and the cities of Kingsburg, Selma and Fowler to develop a revitalization plan for the Corridor that addresses land use, preserves the agricultural industry, and promotes tourism and economic development.

He showed street realignment options for Golden State Boulevard (GSB), which included eliminating access to and abandoning portions of 8th Street, and providing alternative access to nearby parcels. The plans showed realignment of a portion of GSB from Mariposa to Vine Streets so that the southbound lane is adjacent to buildings that currently front 8th Street. 8th Street from Vine to Peach Street would be made into a one-way street headed south, with diagonal parking on one side. The plans included installation of large roundabouts on GSB at the Adams and South Avenue intersections.

The realignment project would create new parcels for future development, slow traffic where needed, and create a "Main Street" type of environment. Mr. Knopf also mentioned an alternative improvement option for the Corridor, with no street realignment, only curb and gutter as needed.

The Council discussed the design options and the roundabouts. Mr. Knopf assured that roundabouts increase traffic flow and are built to easily accommodate large trucks. It was noted that if the realignment project was to move forward, there are land entitlement questions that need to be answered, costs to abandon and demolish roadways need to be determined, and more information on Measure C funding availability is needed. Mr. Knopf said that future community meetings will be scheduled in Selma, Kingsburg and Fowler for public input on the proposed design plans.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Parra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Aguayo, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.