

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2013**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p. m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, Monis, & Simonian. Councilmember Hammer arrived at 7:25 p. m.

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong, Public Works Director Weisser, City Attorney Cross, Fire Chief Lopez, City Engineer Peters

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Councilmember Simonian. Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias mentioned the upcoming Fresno County Fruit Trail kick-off event in Fresno on May 24, 2013.

STAFF REPORTS:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2274

City Engineer Peters stated that the Engineer's Report for the City's landscape and storm drainage facilities maintenance district has been completed. Resolution No. 2274 initiates the process to collect the assessments, and sets a public hearing on June 18, 2013 for final approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to adopt Resolution No. 2274, "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." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Councilmember Hammer absent.

DESIGNATE VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE(S) FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simonian, to designate David Cardenas as the voting delegate, Dan Parra as the alternate, and Jim Simonian as the second alternate, for the business meeting at the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Councilmember Hammer absent.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Elias asked that the June 4, 2013 Council meeting be canceled, and that special meetings be tentatively scheduled for June 11th and 25th to discuss the Fiscal

Year 2013-14 budget. The consensus was to cancel the meeting and hold the special meetings.

1) Approve Funding Agreement between the City of Fowler and the Fowler Chamber of Commerce - Fiscal Year 2012-2013

City Manager Elias stated that the funding agreement with the Fowler Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2012-13 has been updated to add a requirement for holding regular office hours, as directed by Council during prior discussions. The agreement now provides that office hours be posted in a visible place at the Chamber office along with telephone contact information. Chamber President Craig Mellon stated that the Chamber Board has approved that regular office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. The hours and contact numbers are now posted outside the office.

City Manager Elias noted that at the upcoming F. Y. 2013-14 budget meetings, next year's agreement with the Chamber, along with other contractual agreements, will need to be carefully considered. The City was informed of an unexpected financial obligation of approximately \$147,000, due to a recent determination by the Department of Finance concerning the former Redevelopment Agency's financial transactions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve the Funding Agreement between the City and the Fowler Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2012-13. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2) Approve Use Agreement between the City of Fowler and the Fowler Chamber of Commerce - Fowler Hospital (Office space)

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to approve the Use Agreement between the City and Fowler Chamber of Commerce for office space in the old Fowler Hospital building. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Weisser reported on current activities, including cleaning up Golden State Boulevard, pothole patching and tree trimming.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director Wong gave information on developments between the City and the Department of Finance (DOF), as mentioned by the City Manager. The DOF has been reviewing the Successor Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules, which sets forth financial obligations of the former Fowler RDA. The DOF has disallowed some of the listed obligations, which will create an impact to the City's F. Y. 2013-14 budget.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lopez gave a report of emergency calls for April 2013. Several of the firefighters have received their DMV endorsements to drive the fire engine.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - May 21, 2013; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Regular and Special Meetings - May 7, 2013; C) Approve Dispatching Services Agreement for F. Y. 2013/2014 with Fresno County Fire Protection District; and D) Accept the City of Fowler 6th/7th Street Alley Reconstruction Project constructed by Serna Construction, Inc. and authorize the City Engineer to file the Notice of Completion. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas commented on the annual Mayor's Breakfast event. He attended a Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District meeting where it was discussed that a West Nile Virus case has already been reported for the season.

Councilmember Hammer attended Fowler High School's College Signing Day, for the many graduates who have been accepted into a four year college or honors program. Fresno State University President John Welty was a guest speaker, along with Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer, a former Fowler High graduate.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p. m.