

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
AND FOWLER PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY JOINT MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2013**

Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice-Chairman Parra called the meeting to order at 7:06 p. m.

Councilmembers/Directors Present: Parra, Monis, & Simonian
Councilmembers/Directors Absent: Cardenas, Hammer

City/Authority Staff Present: City Manager/Executive Director Elias, City Clerk/Secretary Davis, Finance Director/Treasurer Wong, Public Works Director Weisser, City Attorney Wolfe, Fire Chief Lopez, City Engineer Peters

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Councilmember/Director Simonian. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Reyna Villalobos, a representative of the Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program, spoke of their Central California Healthy Stores (CCHS) initiative, which aims to improve access to healthy, locally grown food in under-served areas. She invited the Council to attend a CCHS community celebration event to be held at Lee's Market in Fowler on Wednesday, August 21, 2013.

Juan Garza, a representative of California Consulting, LLC, thanked the Council for the opportunity to work with the City over the years, and circulated a list of grants that the firm helped the City secure.

PRESENTATION: HEALTHWISE SERVICES

Healthwise Services representative Kacey Auston gave an update on their sharps and pharmaceutical waste disposal kiosk program. City Manager Elias reminded the Council that S.K.F. Sanitation District gave a recent presentation to ask Fowler, Kingsburg, and Selma to join with them in Healthwise's program, but they did not proceed with implementation. He noted that Waste Management already provides the City a sharps mail-in disposal program, though it is not frequently used. Ms. Auston said that Healthwise's kiosk program is much simpler for the residents to use, and they will offer the City a six month trial at no cost. City Manager Elias recommended that the City go forward with a trial of only the sharps disposal program, as the Fowler Police Department is implementing a pharmaceutical disposal kiosk through a Fresno County Sheriff's Department program. The consensus was to participate in the six month trial sharps disposal program.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR AUDITS

Gus Corona, of Borchardt Corona & Faeth, presented the 2011-12 Fiscal Year Audits for the City and Public Financing Authority (PFA). The PFA audit summarized financial activity related to the City's debt service fund. He noted that long term debt decreased

by \$300,000 during the fiscal year. The City's audit report showed that the total net assets for all City operations is \$27,897,354, which includes the value of equipment, land and infrastructure. For the fiscal period, General Fund (GF) revenues totaled \$3.43 million, and expenditures were \$3.67 million. After adding in operating transfers and the July 1, 2011 fund balance of \$326,000, the ending GF fund balance was \$254,483 at June 30, 2012. Mr. Corona also gave recommendations for more efficient accounting procedures.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias mentioned the upcoming League of California Cities S.S.J.V. Division general membership meeting on August 8, 2013 in Fresno.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Approve Award of the South Fowler Avenue Reconstruction Project to A. J. Excavation, Inc.**

City Engineer Peters said that a total of eleven bids were received for the South Fowler Avenue Reconstruction Project. He recommended that the Council award the project to the low bidder, A. J. Excavation, in the amount of \$278,826.30.

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to award the South Fowler Avenue Reconstruction Project to A. J. Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$278,826.30. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote, with Mayor Cardenas and Councilmember Hammer absent.

Public Works Director Weisser reported that staff is handling a problem with squirrels at the neighborhood park property, where planned improvements are scheduled to take place.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lopez announced that with the assistance of California Consulting, the Fire Department was awarded a \$51,000 FEMA grant for installing smoke detectors in

homes.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - August 6, 2013; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Regular Meeting: June 18, 2013 and Special Meetings: June 18, 2013, June 25, 2013 and July 17, 2013; and C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2282, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler of Authorization to Contract." Councilmember Monis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simonian, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Monis mentioned a food distribution event at the Senior Center the following day.

Councilmember Simonian commented on the good attendance and variety of vendors at the Fowler Farmer's Market.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember/Director Monis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember/Director Simonian, to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p. m.