

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2014**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p. m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis & Simonian

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2304 - ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR LANDSCAPE AND STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

City Engineer Peters said that Resolution No. 2304 approves the annual assessments for the City's Landscaping and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District, as set forth in the Engineer's Report.

Mayor Cardenas opened the duly noticed public hearing on the matter at 7:06 p.m. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed at 7:06 p. m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to adopt Resolution No. 2304, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Confirming Diagram and Assessment Annual Levy – 2014/15 Landscaping and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District No. 1." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis and Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias mentioned the upcoming annual 4th of July fireworks show at Fowler High School. City Clerk Davis announced that the nomination period for two Council seats at the November 4, 2014 General Election will begin on July 14, 2014.

STAFF REPORTS:

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12

City Engineer Peters explained that the City permits grading plans for private developments using policies contained in the California Building Code (CBC). Since the

CBC is generalized and lacks specific requirements necessary to ensure that projects in the City meet the standards and conditions placed on them at the approval phase, staff recommends adoption of an ordinance that will address these specifics. The proposed ordinance establishes policies and procedures for the issuance of grading permits, to help maintain development standards for excavation, grading and site improvements in the City. It also calls for establishing a fee to reimburse the City for costs associated with such development.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to waive the first reading and approve Ordinance No. 2014-02, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Adding Chapter 14 to Title 8 of the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Grading Permit and Site Improvement Requirements." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis and Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

— Consider and Approve Request for Youth Sports Funding from Fowler Babe Ruth Baseball

Councilmember Hammer left the Council Chamber and did not participate in the discussion due to a conflict of interest from involvement in the Fowler Babe Ruth Baseball organization.

Fowler Babe Ruth Baseball representatives Mark Stockwell and Brian Hammer explained the group's application for Youth Sports Funding in the amount of \$3,500. The funds will be used to assist with hosting upcoming regional tournaments for various age groups. The event will bring in hundreds of visitors to the City, many from out of state.

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to approve the request for Youth Sports Funding from Fowler Babe Ruth Baseball in the amount of \$3,500. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Monis and Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None. Recused: Hammer.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

— Approval of Sign Management Agreement between the City of Fowler and Safety Network Traffic Signs, Inc.

Public Works Director Weisser said that public agencies are required to adopt a program to assess and manage the retro-reflectivity of traffic signs on public streets to comply with standards established by the Federal Highway Administration. Staff proposes entering into an agreement with Safety Network Traffic Signs, Inc., who will inventory the City's traffic signs, measure the reflectivity to ensure that they meet standards, and periodically reassess them to determine if replacement or repair is

needed. This will establish uniformity for all of the City's traffic and street signs. He estimated the cost to be \$6,000 per year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve a Sign Management Agreement between the City of Fowler and Safety Network Traffic Signs, Inc., at a price of \$6,000 per year. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis and Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

Public Works Director Weisser reported that the walking path for the Neighborhood Park on Fresno Street has been paved, and the project should be completed by September.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez said that the Department has arranged for staffing for the 4th of July fireworks event at Fowler High School. He noted that there are now seven licensed operators for the Fire Engine.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - July 1, 2014; and B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council, Fowler Public Financing Authority and Fowler Successor Agency Special Joint Meeting - June 10, 2014; Minutes of the Fowler City Council and Fowler Public Financing Authority Special Joint Meeting - June 17, 2014; and Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - June 17, 2014. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Manager Elias said that four Recreation Commissioners whose terms are expiring have expressed that they wish to be reappointed, but only three of them have complied with the City's meeting attendance requirements. Mayor Cardenas recommended

reappointment of Sonia Smith, Roy Alattore, and Leticia Rubio to a new term on the Recreation Commission. Councilmember Hammer made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

Mayor Cardenas reported that at a recent COG meeting the matter of reallocating Measure C Funds from a rail consolidation and technology program to a street maintenance fund to be apportioned to member cities for street maintenance needs, was not approved due to a tie vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra also attended the COG meeting, noting that a proclamation against the bullying of the Sikh community was approved, similar to one that the City recently approved.

Councilmember Hammer attended the recent Fowler Chamber Community Awards Banquet, where John Browning was honored as Fowler's Citizen of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p. m.