

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2015**

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong, Public Works Director Weisser, Police Chief Brand, Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Wolfe, City Engineer Peters, Planning Consultant O'Neal

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 or communications.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE SOUTHWEST AREA TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY**

City Manager Elias said that the Council has had ongoing discussions to find solutions to traffic impacts at the 10th and Merced Street intersection, ultimately deciding not to construct a proposed roundabout with funding from CalTrans. With several projects on the horizon in the nearby vicinity, the Council asked that a traffic impact study be conducted for a broader development area.

Planning Consultant O'Neal explained that there are 15 development properties in the City's southwest area, with 21 intersections and 13 street segments. Several projects, some that are major, are underway. As such, there is a need to plan for accommodating the increased traffic flow and to assess traffic impact fees to fund improvements. Staff recently sent out an RFP for a traffic study, and received and reviewed proposals from 4 different firms. Staff recommends awarding the project to Omni-Means Engineering of Visalia, who provided the highest response to the work proposal and schedule. Gary Mills, of Omni Means, spoke to the Council about their proposal and answered questions.

After a discussion, Councilmember Hammer made a motion to approve the contract for the Southwest Area Traffic Impact Study to Omni-Means Engineering in the amount of \$59,845.19, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Monis, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis & Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Brand reported on recent burglary cases at Fowler High School.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Lopez circulated a Fire Department training schedule for 2015.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Wolfe mentioned that amendments to the City's Medical Marijuana regulations will be brought to the Council for consideration in February.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - January 6, 2015; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - December 16, 2014; and C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2312, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, Fresno County, Approving the Application for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grant Program: New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase." Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, 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**

Councilmember Parra attended a High Speed Rail groundbreaking ceremony in Fresno.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Monis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p. m.