

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

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

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas Parra, Hammer, & Monis

Councilmembers Absent: Simonian

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Public Works Director Weisser, Police Chief Brand, Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Cross

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

**PRESENTATION BY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL CA: REGIONAL MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECT**

Randy Dodd and Tim Curly, representatives of Children's Hospital and Adventist Health, gave a presentation on plans to build a joint regional medical facility that will be located on 16 acres near Highway 99 and 10th Street. The facility will offer adult and pediatric outpatient services and dental offices. The property was chosen because of its great visibility and convenient location. Conceptual drawings showed large green spaces, walking paths and children's play areas. The anticipated completion date for the first of the medical buildings is late 2016. Periodic updates on the project will be given at future meetings.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01**

Chief Brand explained the proposed ordinance amendment to the City's Medical Marijuana (MMJ) regulations. The amendment specifies the allowable area of cultivation; prohibits evidence of cultivation from being visible or otherwise known to the public; requires notification to the police department of intent to cultivate medical marijuana; requires a property owner's authorization to cultivate; and requires that medical marijuana cultivation only occur as an incidental use of property.

Mayor Cardenas opened the duly noticed public hearing on the matter at 7:35 p. m. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 7:35 p. m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to waive the first reading and approve Ordinance No. 2015-01, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Amending Section 5-18.03 of Chapter 18 of Title 5 of the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining To Medical Marijuana Cultivation Regulations." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, & Monis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simonian.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Elias said that a community open house for Omni Means Engineering's Southwest Area Traffic Study will be set for early March. He mentioned that the Planning Department received an application to build a laundromat in the downtown area, which would require a General Plan amendment process, as they are not a permitted use in the downtown.

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

#### **— Animal Control Update**

Public Works Director Weisser said that he is continuing to search for shelters that can take stray dogs. He located and cited a few dog owners who were allowing their dogs to roam. Fowler resident Wendy Shresta spoke about problems with a pack of dogs attacking her dogs when she is out walking with them. City Manager Elias said that the City will continue to send out public reminders for dog owners to keep their dogs secured. He recently spoke to the owner of the Second Chance shelter in Selma about the possibility of contracting with them.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Lopez gave a statistical report for January 2015 showing a total of 85 calls, events and training sessions attended.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - February 17, 2015; and B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - February 3, 2015. 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. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simonian.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Cardenas reported that S. K. F. received a "Plant of the Year" award. He attended a Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District meeting where committee appointments were made.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra commented on the recent SSJV League of California Cities division meeting in Reedley where Proposition 47 was the speaker topic.

Councilmember Monis attended a Recreation Commission meeting where they discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and Springfest events.

### **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 8:15 p. m.