

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 3, 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, Finance Director Wong, City Attorney Wolfe, Public Works Director Weisser, Police Chief Brand, Fire Chief Lopez

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Pastor Mark Almlie. Roll call was taken.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Paul Logan, of Fowler, suggested that the City put in a dog park on a vacant lot near 5th Street and Harris Court.

Fowler resident Rich Riberich spoke of numerous cats that are coming into his yard and neighborhood, and asked for suggestions on handling the problem.

**PRESENTATION: LEARN FOR LIFE**

Rafael Aguilar and Mary Frances, representatives of Learn 4 Life Charter Schools, gave a presentation on their organization. The schools are designed to help dropouts and at-risk students by providing a flexible studying schedule, convenient locations for learning, and other options, as an alternative to traditional school programs.

**ADJOURN TO SPECIAL MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned to the City Council/Public Financing Authority special meeting at 7:47 p. m. The Council meeting reconvened at 8:11 p. m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Elias recommended cancelling the March 17, 2015 meeting due to a lack of business. The Council's consensus was to cancel the meeting. City Clerk Davis reminded the Council of the deadline to file their annual FPPC Statement of Economic Interests.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

### **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01**

Ordinance No. 2015-01 amends the City's Medical Marijuana (MMJ) regulations to include requirements such as: specifying the allowable area of cultivation; notifying the police department of intent to cultivate MMJ; and that MMJ cultivation only occur as an incidental use of property.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to waive the second 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.

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02**

City Manager Elias said that the State of California mandates recycling for commercial businesses and multi-family dwellings. The proposed ordinance calls for mandatory recycling requirements for businesses within the City, which will help the City meet its 50 percent waste diversion mandate. The ordinance applies to businesses that discard 4 yards of waste or more per week and apartments that have five or more units. Liz Gomez, of Waste Management, stated that they will help the City with the process by sending notification to applicable businesses that are currently not in compliance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to waive the first reading and approve Ordinance No. 2015-02, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Adding Article 2, Recycling, to Chapter 2 of Title 6 of the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Solid Waste Collection, and Making Other Conforming Amendments to Article 1 Definitions and Article 4 Violations." The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, & Monis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simonian.

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

City Manager Elias reminded the Council that a community open house for the Southwest Area Traffic Study is scheduled for March 9, 2015 at Sutter Middle School. A new restaurant, 99 Grub Shak, has opened in the kiosk building on Manning Avenue.

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

Public Works Director Weisser said that after a recruitment process, a former temporary employee was appointed to a full-time maintenance worker position.

## — **Animal Control Update**

City Manager Elias and Public Works Director Weisser attended a presentation given at a recent Selma City Council meeting on the Second Chance Animal Shelter in Selma. Mr. Elias said that City of Selma's use of the shelter has been very successful, and he will be discussing options for Second Chance to provide services to the City of Fowler.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Brand gave a statistical report for February 2015.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Wolfe circulated a new Brown Act workbook.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - March 3, 2015; and B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council Meeting - February 17, 2015.

Councilmember Monis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, 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 Pro-Tem Parra attended a Fresno County EOC retreat, noting that they will soon be giving a presentation to the Council on their services.

Councilmember Hammer invited all to attend the upcoming Easter Baseball Classic at Fowler High School.

Councilmember Monis commented on the recent Cornerstone Theater play with community members performing. She mentioned that the upcoming annual Employee Appreciation Dinner will be held on April 24, 2015.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.