

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:06 p. m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, & Hammer

Councilmembers Absent: Monis, Simonian

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, Finance Director Wong, City Attorney Wolfe, Police Chief Brand, Public Works Director Weisser, Fire Chief Lopez, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 18, 2015: CONSIDER GENERAL PLAN (GP) AMENDMENT NO. 15-02 AND REZONE NO. 15-02

Planning Consultant O'Neal stated that applicant Jaime Chavero proposes to rezone property at 314 S. 5th Street to RM-3 which will allow up to three units to be built. There is an existing home on the property and the applicant wants to add a duplex residence. Mr. O'Neal noted that all zoning matters require a majority vote, and with two Councilmembers absent, the three Councilmembers present must vote in favor if the project is to be approved.

Mayor Cardenas opened the duly noticed public hearing on the matter at 7:12 p. m. Contractor Cesar Rodriguez stated that Mr. Chavero has decided to withdraw the proposed project. A two-unit project will be submitted instead, as allowed under the current zoning. With no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:14 p. m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to adopt Resolution (No. 2333) "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Denying General Plan Amendment No. 15-02 and Rezone No. 15-02 (Chavero). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hammer and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, & Hammer. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Monis & Simonian.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias mentioned that a refreshment stop will be held in Panzak Park for the Tour de Fresno bicycle event on September 12, 2015. He asked that the September 15th Council meeting be cancelled due to a lack of business. The consensus was to cancel the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Hammer made a motion to continue the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-07, concerning the rezoning of property at 522 S. 6th Street from RM-2 to RM-3, to the October 6, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, & Hammer. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Monis & Simonian.

FIRST READING OF UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08: MEMORIALIZING THE CITY'S WATER RATE SCHEDULE

City Attorney Wolfe asked that the item be tabled until the October 6, 2015 meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Discussion/direction on Transferring Measure C Funds from a Slurry Seal Project to a Manning Avenue Overlay Project**

City Manager Elias asked that the item be removed from the agenda.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director Wong circulated a quarterly sales tax report from HDL Company.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Brand stated that a new intern is working in the Police Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Lopez reported on upcoming training opportunities for the volunteer firefighters.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Wolfe mentioned that he will be attending the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Jose.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - September 1, 2015; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - August 18, 2015; and C) Proclamation declaring October 18-24, 2015 as Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week. 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. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Monis & Simonian.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas recommended appointing Fowler resident Shellie Garcia to a vacancy on the Recreation Commission. Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to appoint Shellie Garcia to the Recreation Commission. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, & Hammer. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Monis & Simonian.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra invited the Council to an upcoming Latino Caucus networking event on September 11, 2015. He attended a Fresno COG event where the topic was local control of transportation matters.

CLOSED SESSION

The closed session item was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p. m.