

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2015**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

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, Planning Consultant O'Neal

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Fowler resident Paul Logan asked the Council to consider putting a dog park in the City.

PRESENTATION: DRAFT 2015-2023 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HOUSING ELEMENT

Planning Consultant O'Neal introduced Veronica Tan, a consultant assisting the City with the task of updating its Housing Element (HE) as part of a multi-jurisdictional effort with other local cities. Ms. Tan gave an overview of the project, explaining that State law requires an update to be done every eight years. The current update covers the planning period of December 31, 2015 through December 31, 2023. An HE is part of a city's General Plan, and must identify and analyze existing and projected housing needs to ensure adequate housing exists for all economic segments of the community.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) identifies a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for each region of the State. Fresno COG distributes the regional need to local cities, and in turn, they must revise their HE's to show how they will accommodate their share. Fowler's RHNA shows a need for 524 units, including 206 affordable units. Ms. Tan showed a map of possible housing sites in the City, and a summary of housing units planned, approved or under construction. The data indicates that the City is able to meet its share of the RHNA and provide for future low income and affordable housing needs. The HCD must review and certify an HE to ensure it complies with State law. The update process will include public outreach and future public hearings, followed by final certification by the HCD. The anticipated date for an adopted HE is January 2016.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer, to authorize the submittal of the Draft 2015-2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element to the HCD for review and comments. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, & Monis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simonian.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p. m.