

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2016**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p. m.

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

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

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Minister Bryan Mays. Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

INTRODUCE POLICE OFFICERS/PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Chief Brand introduced new Police Officer Michael Allison, and formally introduced Officer Nathan Moon, employed several months prior, to the City Council.

Mayor Cardenas presented employee service plaques to Account Clerk Eva Cavazos for 15 years of service, and to Police Officer Adam Garza and Sergeant Joe Miranda for 10 years of service. The Council thanked them for their dedicated service to the City.

UPDATE ON VALLEY CHILDREN'S/ADVENTIST HEALTH'S REGIONAL MEDICAL FACILITY

Jessie Hudgens, Vice President of Construction for Valley Children's Hospital, gave a progress report on their planned regional medical facility in the City, in conjunction with Adventist Health. He showed a site plan and renderings of the buildings, which will include pediatric and adult medical offices, dental offices, and a 2.5 acre park. The first phase of medical buildings are expected to be open by Summer 2018.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to a brief reception in honor of the employees recognized earlier in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias mentioned the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Friday, May 13, 2016 at Favoritos Restaurant. City Clerk Davis mentioned an invitation to the Council to attend College Signing Day at Fowler High School on Friday, May 6, 2016.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Elias reported that the Edwin Blayney Senior Center recently received a Certificate of Achievement from the Community Food Bank for distributing over 96,000 pounds of food in 2015. Also, Jack-in-the-Box Corporation has acquired a site location for a restaurant near Merced and 10th Streets.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Weisser reported that Water Well No. 7 is back in service. A slurry seal project is planned for the Ahronian Subdivision, and a sidewalk project is planned for Fowler Avenue between Merced and Fresno Streets.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director McDonald reported on a training conference he attended, sponsored by the City's financial software vendor, Pentamation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

— Approve the Surplus and Donation of Ballistic Body Armor

Chief Brand recommended approving the donation of 6 ballistic body armor vests to the Fresno City College Police Academy. The Police Department is utilizing grant programs to reissue new vests every five years, and as a result, has a surplus of out of date body armor. Since the Police Academy has no equipment funding for the cadets and relies on donations, donating the unused vests would help their program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve the donation of surplus ballistic body armor to the Fresno City College Police Academy. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, & Monis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Simonian.

Chief Brand circulated a statistical crime report for April 2016.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez distributed a statistical report for March 2016 showing 52 emergency calls, training sessions and events.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - May 3, 2016 and B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - April 5, 2016. 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 Cardenas reported on a Fresno COG meeting where they discussed the City of Fresno's request to use funds from the Rail Consolidation Fund for a Metro Trail project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra reported on a Washington, D. C. trip with the One Voice advocacy group.

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 8:12 p. m.