

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Public Works Director Weisser

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Raj Singh. There were no public presentations.

**APPROVE CLOSING CITY STREETS FOR THE GURDWARA GUR NANAK PARKASH PARADE**

Representatives for the Gurdwara Gur Nanak Parkash annual parade gave details on traffic control plans and other arrangements for the event, scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2016.

Councilmember Simonian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to approve the request to close City streets for the Gurdwara Gur Nanak Parkash parade on Sunday, October 23, 2016. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**REQUEST TO NAME PICKLEBALL COURTS IN PANZAK PARK THE “JOHN BROWNING PICKLEBALL COURTS”**

Fowler resident Cirilo Medina requested that the Council approve naming the pickleball courts in Panzak Park in honor of Fowler resident, educator, and pickleball advocate John Browning, who is celebrating his 80th birthday. He noted that Mr. Browning was instrumental in bringing the sport to Fowler and petitioning the City to build the courts, the first of their kind in the Valley. Several pickleball players from local areas made comments on how Fowler’s pickleball courts have helped to promote the sport, and spoke in favor of naming the courts after Mr. Browning.

After discussion, Councilmember Monis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to name the pickleball courts in Panzak Park as the “John Browning Pickleball Courts.” The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Elias reported on the status of the Valley Children’s/Adventist Health project, stating that where 10th Street crosses into the property, the street name will become Leon S. Peters Boulevard. He also mentioned that Fowler Dry Cleaners will be closing.

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

### **— Approve Agreement with Peters Engineering Group for CDBG Project No. 16-231: ADA Compliant Curb Ramps and Automated Door Openers**

Public Works Director Weisser stated that after conducting an RFP process, Peters Engineering Group was selected to do the engineering work on a CDBG funded project. The project consists of ADA compliant curb ramps at Fresno and 5th Streets and 5th and Vine Streets, and ADA compliant automated door openers for five public doors at City Hall. Upon approval, Peters will be preparing design plans for the project.

Councilmember Monis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Peters Engineering Group for CDBG Project No. 16-231: ADA Compliant Curb Ramps and ADA Compliant Automated Door Openers (City Hall). The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

City Manager Elias said that the auditors will be at City Hall during the week to work on the Fiscal Year 2015-16 audit.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

City Manager Elias mentioned that a new patrol vehicle has been purchased for the department.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - September 6, 2016 and B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - August 16, 2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Monis, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, Simonian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Cardenas attended a dedication ceremony for the St. Lucy's Catholic Church expansion project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra invited the Council to an upcoming League of California Cities Latino Caucus networking event on September 28, 2016.

Councilmember Monis mentioned that the Fowler Library will be having a presentation on the Sikh religion, and a book sale.

## **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 8:03 p. m.