

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

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

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, & Monis

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Wolfe, Police Chief Brand, Public Works Director Weisser

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence to reflect on and be thankful for Fowler Veterans. There were no public presentations.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO MARK RODRIQUEZ

City Clerk Davis administered the Oath of Office to Mark Rodriquez, appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council due to the recent passing of Councilmember Jim Simonian. Ms. Davis provided a Certificate of Appointment to Mr. Rodriquez.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to a brief reception in honor of new Councilmember Rodriquez.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Elias mentioned the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

STAFF REPORTS:

PROVIDE DIRECTION TO SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SOLID WASTE COMMISSION (SERSWC) REPRESENTATIVE: DINUBA AVENUE DISPOSAL SITE MAINTENANCE

City Manager Elias explained that SERSWC is asking member agencies their preference concerning a cost sharing formula to maintain the Dinuba Avenue disposal site. The cities of Fowler, Selma, Parlier, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Sanger, and Reedley, and Fresno County, established a JPA several decades ago to develop and maintain the landfill, which closed in 1990. The post-closure maintenance costs, paid by surcharge revenues, have increased. Due to the passage of Propositions 218 and 26, SERSWC is unable to increase the surcharge to cover costs, and a contribution will be needed from each agency beginning in F. Y. 2017-18. Two cost sharing alternatives were provided that establish each agency's contribution. A blended cost table that places a larger liability on Fresno County and lowers costs for most of the cities, had resulted in a slightly higher cost increase for Fowler and one other city. After discussion, the consensus was for SERSWC representative Dan Parra to convey that the City wishes to stay with the lower cost, original formula, rather than the blended formula.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

— Approve Consultant Service Agreement with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for Planning Services

City Manager Elias stated that Planning Consultant Bruce O'Neal will soon be retiring, and staff recommends commencing with a contract for planning services with the Provost and Pritchard Group, which will help with the transition. Mr. O'Neal has worked with Provost for many years, and the firm is familiar with the City's planning history and future needs. Donald Ikemiya, Vice President, spoke to the Council about their services, stating that they intend to have a long term relationship with the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra asked that the 15 percent charge added to the IRS rate mileage reimbursement cost in the contract be deleted. Mr. Ikemiya agreed to the change. Councilmember Monis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve the Consultant Service Agreement with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group for Planning Services. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Absent/Abstain: None.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Weisser said that the Department has been busy putting up holiday decorations. A preconstruction meeting took place for the Fowler Avenue Sidewalk project, which will begin in early December.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Brand circulated a crime statistics report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Wolfe reported that new legislation requires that elected officials and commissioners be given mandatory sexual harassment prevention training.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - November 15, 2016 and B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - November 1, 2016; and C) Approve Supplemental Employment Agreement Between the City of Fowler and

Michael Brand. 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, Monis, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas attended an S. K. F. meeting where they discussed the financing for a solar project. He commented on the Veterans Day ceremony at the Fowler Veterans Monument. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, Councilmember Monis and Councilmember Hammer also reported on attendance at the Veterans Day ceremony.

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 7:44 p. m.