



**FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
APRIL 4, 2017
7:00 P. M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
128 S. 5TH STREET
FOWLER, CA 93625**

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1. Meeting called to order
2. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance - led by Girl Scout Troup 3664
3. Invocation
4. Roll call
5. Public Presentations - (This portion of the meeting reserved for persons desiring to address the Council on any matter not described on this agenda. Presentations are limited to 5 minutes per person and no more than 15 minutes per topic.)
6. Communications
7. Staff Reports
 - A) Update on formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); discussion and direction on options, and on proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Consolidated Irrigation District with respect to implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) proposed for the Cities of Fowler, Kingsburg, Parlier, Sanger and Selma

- B) City Manager's Report
 - ◆ Discussion: Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner
 - ◆ Update on Police Chief recruitment
- C) Public Works Director's Report
- D) Finance Director's Report
- E) Police Department Report
- F) Fire Department Report
- 8. City Attorney's Report
- 9. Consent Calendar - *Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and shall be approved by one motion of the council. If a Councilmember requests additional information or wants to comment on an item, **the vote should be held until the questions or comments are made, and then a single vote should be taken.** If a Councilmember **objects** to an item, **then** it should be removed and acted upon as a separate item.*
 - A) Ratification of Warrants - April 4, 2017
 - B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - March 21, 2017
- 10. Committee Reports (No action except where a specific report is on the agenda)
 - Mayor Cardenas
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Parra
 - Councilmember Hammer
 - Councilmember Kazarian
 - Councilmember Rodriguez
- 11. Closed Session - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
Public Employee Appointment/employment
Title: Interim Chief of Police (Specify description of position to be filled)
- 12. Adjournment

Next Ordinance No. 2017-01

Next Resolution No. 2366

CERTIFICATION: I, Jeannie Davis, City Clerk of the City of Fowler, California, hereby certify that the foregoing agenda was posted for public review on Thursday, March 30, 2017.



Jeannie Davis, MMC
City Clerk

CITY OF FOWLER
 WARRANTS LIST
 April 4, 2017

<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECKS</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>CHECK DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Regular checks	32149-32205	March 21 thru March 30	\$ 97,107.54
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECKS			<u>\$ 97,107.54</u>
<u>PAYROLL COSTS</u>			
Second March Bi-Monthly Payroll		March 31, 2017	\$ 75,432.30
TOTAL PAYROLL COSTS			<u>\$ 75,432.30</u>
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS			<u>\$ 172,539.84</u>



CITY OF FOWLER CHECK REGISTER

Check #	Check Date	Name	Check Total	Dept	Acct	Amount	Description
32149	3/21/17	ELIAS, DAVID	994.51	6020	5110		REFUND
32150	3/21/17	TODD COMPANIES	16,955.50	2300	5220		2016 ST MAINTENANCE
32151	3/30/17	PARRA, DANIEL	262.15	6010	5260		LEAGUE OF CITIES CONF
32152	3/30/17	ACCELA INC #774375	11,982.50	5000	5230	9,326.25	NEW SOFTWARE
				6030	5230	2,656.25	NEW SOFTWARE
32153	3/30/17	ADMINISTRATIVE SOLUTIONS	37.40	5000	5080	6.11	INV105611
				6020	5080	0.79	INV105611
				6025	5080	0.74	INV105611
				6030	5080	0.74	INV105611
				6120	5080	18.22	INV105611
				6150	5080	0.68	INV105611
				6160	5080	1.35	INV105611
				6200	5080	7.42	INV105611
				6400	5080	0.68	INV105611
				6700	5080	0.67	INV105611
32154	3/30/17	AGRICHEM	937.90	6200	5110		SUPPLIES
32155	3/30/17	ALLIED 100	1,495.00	6130	5110		SUPPLIES
32156	3/30/17	AMAH, SHARON	48.31		2050		UB REFUND
32157	3/30/17	AT&T MOBILITY	126.00	6120	5160		SERVICES
32158	3/30/17	BATTERY SYSTEMS INC	184.62	5000	5200	95.66	SUPPLIES
				6120	5110	88.96	SUPPLIES
32159	3/30/17	BELMONT NURSERY	344.98	6260	5190		SUPPLIES
32160	3/30/17	BORCHARDT, CORONA & FAETH	3,950.00	5000	5220		AUDIT
32161	3/30/17	BSK LABORATORIES	182.00	5000	5220		SERVICES
32162	3/30/17	BUSINESS COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	1,500.00	5000	5230	750.00	SERVICES
				6030	5230	750.00	SERVICES
32163	3/30/17	CAPITAL COLLECTIONS	147.10	6270	5110		SERVICES
32164	3/30/17	CASCADE FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	2,377.39	6130	5110		SUPPLIES
32165	3/30/17	CERVANTES, LEROY JR	80.44		2050		UB REFUND 2ND CHK
32166	3/30/17	CHEVRON & TEXACO CARD SERVICES	126.90	6120	5210		FUEL
32167	3/30/17	COOK'S COMMUNICATIONS	174.33	5000	5160		SERVICES
32168	3/30/17	DAVIS FARR	6,500.00	6030	5220		SERVICES
32169	3/30/17	FOWLER BUTANE SERVICES	13.97	5000	5210		SUPPLIES
32170	3/30/17	FRESNO MADERA CHIEFS ASSN.	150.00	6120	5250		MEMBERSHIP DUES



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32171	3/30/17	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS	66.88	6700	5160		SERVICES
32172	3/30/17	H & H TIRE SERVICES #3, INC	65.00	6120	5205	15.00	FLAT REPAIR
32173	3/30/17	HDL SOFTWARE LLC	495.00	6120	5205	50.00	AUTO MAINTENANCE
32174	3/30/17	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	130.97	6030	5220		BUS LIC FEE
32175	3/30/17	IMAGE 2000	20.15	6700	5190		SUPPLIES
32176	3/30/17	J'S COMMUNICATIONS, INC	539.66	5000	5220		SERVICES
32177	3/30/17	KANE, DEBRA	84.19	6130	5110		SUPPLIES
32178	3/30/17	KLUDJIAN, MIKE	94.84	2050	2050		UB REFUND 2ND CHK
32179	3/30/17	LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES - SAC	300.00	2050	2050		UB REFUND
32180	3/30/17	LOZANO SMITH	17,927.25	6010	5260	125.00	MEETING
32181	3/30/17	MARQUEZ, TIFFANY	94.46	6020	5260	25.00	MEETING
32182	3/30/17	MECHIGIAN, GINA/SELMA PROP MAN	52.88	6200	5220	150.00	SERVICES
32183	3/30/17	NEW ENGLAND SHEET METAL	1,151.00	6060	5620	1,346.00	SERVICES
32184	3/30/17	NUBEN, LLC	2,000.00	6060	5620	16,581.25	SERVICES
32185	3/30/17	OFFICETEAM	1,615.68	6060	5620		UB REFUND
32186	3/30/17	P G & E - SACRAMENTO	6,439.76	2050	2050		UB REFUND
32187	3/30/17	PBM SUPPLY & MANUFACTURING, INC	295.41	5000	5190	287.75	SERVICES
				6020	5190	287.75	SERVICES
				6120	5190	287.75	SERVICES
				6160	5220	287.75	SERVICES
				6400	5110		RECGRANT-YTH FOOTBALL
				5000	5220	385.44	OFFICE ASSISTANCE
				5000	5220	422.40	OFFICE ASSISTANCE
				6020	5220	385.44	OFFICE ASSISTANCE
				6020	5220	422.40	OFFICE ASSISTANCE
				2250	5170	65.60	UTILITIES
				2250	5170	101.73	UTILITIES
				2250	5170	5,828.59	UTILITIES
				6200	5170	13.24	UTILITIES
				6200	5170	105.83	UTILITIES
				6200	5170	324.77	UTILITIES
				6200	5200	11.79	SERVICES
				6200	5200	22.67	SERVICES
				6200	5200	121.50	SERVICES
				6200	5200	139.45	SERVICES



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32188	3/30/17	PHOENIX COATINGS INC	322.00	6130	5190	125.00	127 S 6TH ST
				6700	5190	197.00	108 N 3RD ST
32189	3/30/17	PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,500.00	5000	5175	750.00	POSTAGE TO RESERVE
				6020	5175	375.00	POSTAGE TO RESERVE
				6120	5175	375.00	POSTAGE TO RESERVE
32190	3/30/17	PRECISION SUPPLY	444.72	6200	5110		SUPPLIES
32191	3/30/17	PROVOST & PRITCHARD	9,208.32		2082	1,227.80	SPR 14-05 MAXCO
				6150	5220	205.80	SPR 17-01 BEE SWEET
				6150	5220	1,102.50	JOCYS 17-01
				6150	5220	6,672.22	SERVICES
32192	3/30/17	QUILL	330.92	5000	5110	28.06	SUPPLIES
				6020	5110	93.51	SUPPLIES
				6120	5110	87.19	SUPPLIES
				6150	5110	116.13	SUPPLIES
				6200	5110	6.03	SUPPLIES
32193	3/30/17	RADIO EXPRESS	1,178.00	6130	5110		RADIO PAGERS
32194	3/30/17	ROBERT V JENSEN INC	1,172.88	5000	5210	95.44	FUEL
				5000	5210	95.44	FUEL
				5000	5210	132.65	FUEL
				5000	5210	149.64	FUEL
				6160	5210	38.96	FUEL
				6200	5210	183.29	FUEL
				6200	5210	217.40	FUEL
				6260	5210	94.47	FUEL
				6260	5210	165.59	FUEL
32195	3/30/17	RUIZ, GRACIELA	92.10		2050		UB REFUND
32196	3/30/17	SITE ONE	9.72	6260	5190		SUPPLIES
32197	3/30/17	SWANSON-FAHRNEY FORD	122.32	6120	5205	39.96	AUTO MAINTENANCE
				6120	5205	82.36	AUTO MAINTENANCE
32198	3/30/17	TRIPLE STACKED LLC	86.62		2050		UB REFUND
32199	3/30/17	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	331.43	5000	5130	84.17	SUPPLIES
				5000	5130	84.31	SUPPLIES
				6020	5110	12.08	SUPPLIES
				6020	5110	12.08	SUPPLIES
				6120	5110	12.08	SUPPLIES



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32199...	3/30/17...	UNIFIRST CORPORATION...	331.43 ...	6120	5110	12.08	SUPPLIES
				6200	5130	84.95	SUPPLIES
				6700	5110	14.28	SUPPLIES
				6700	5110	15.40	SUPPLIES
32200	3/30/17	VELIZ, LARRY C	100.00		2050		UB REFUND
32201	3/30/17	VERIZON WIRELESS	366.09	5000	5160	38.01	SERVICES
				6025	5160	63.40	SERVICES
				6030	5160	-21.49-	SERVICES
				6120	5160	1.27	SERVICES
				6120	5160	38.01	SERVICES
				6120	5160	63.40	SERVICES
				6130	5160	63.40	SERVICES
				6160	5160	63.40	SERVICES
				6200	5160	56.69	SERVICES
32202	3/30/17	VINCENT COMMUNICATIONS	320.69	6120	5200		SUPPLIES
32203	3/30/17	VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY	556.50	6200	5190	150.52	SUPPLIES
				6200	5190	185.50	SUPPLIES
				6200	5190	220.48	SUPPLIES
32204	3/30/17	ZOOM IMAGING SOLUTIONS INC	348.60	6020	5220	195.68	SERVICES
32205	3/30/17	NBS	672.50	6120	5220	152.92	SERVICES
					5804		FEES
		CHECK REGISTER TOTAL	\$97,107.54				

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez

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

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence and reflection for the U.S. armed forces abroad, conducted by Councilmember Kazarian.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Fowler business owner Andy Gonzales asked about the status of some fast food restaurants that may be built in the City, and if there would be an acknowledgment of former Mayor Jim Simonian at the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the Valley Children's/Adventist Health project. Councilmember Kazarian stated that he spoke with a representative of Valley Children's and expressed the importance of recognizing Jim and Eileen Simonian for their active support of the project.

George Apostolopoulos of Ygrene, spoke of their loan program for homeowners or businesses to finance energy efficiency projects. The cost for the improvement would be placed on the annual property tax assessment on the property, similar to the PACE and HERO financing programs in place in the City.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR YOUTH SPORTS FUNDING FROM FOWLER/MALAGA YOUTH FOOTBALL

Patric Jones, representing Fowler/Malaga Youth Football, requested Youth Sports Funding in the amount of \$4,000 that will be used for new jerseys made from recycled materials, and blocking bags. Interim City Manager Davis said that the City's funding policy provides for a maximum annual donation per sports group in the amount \$2,000. Fowler resident George Bacon commented on the group's insurance certificate.

Councilmember Hammer made a motion to approve Youth Sports Funding in the amount of \$2,000 for Fowler/Malaga Youth Football, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Interim City Manager Davis mentioned the upcoming S.S.J.V. League division meeting on April 13, 2017, in Hanford; the Recreation Commission's Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2017 and Springfest on April 22, 2017; and a reminder of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Valley Children's/Adventist Health project on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS

APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN FRESNO COUNTY'S URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR YEARS 2018-19, 2019-20 AND 2020-21

Interim City Manager Davis stated that the City has participated in Fresno County's three-year cycle CDBG program for several years. The funding helps pay for projects such as ADA compliant curbs and sidewalks. The City must inform Fresno County on whether the City intends to participate in the program for fiscal years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, which requires Council approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to approve participation in the Fresno County's Urban CDBG Program for years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and authorize the Interim City Manager or Mayor to sign the Joint Powers Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kazarian, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

UPDATE: FORMATION OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA); DIRECTION REGARDING PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (CID) WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

City Attorney Wolfe and City Engineer Peters reported on developments concerning the State's requirement for the formation of a GSA by June 30, 2017. City Attorney Wolfe said that negotiations with CID on their proposed MOU to form the GSA have resulted in some modifications that are acceptable to the five cities involved - Fowler, Selma, Kingsburg, Sanger and Parlier. He gave an overview of the provisions of the MOU. One sticking point is the fact that there are no voting rights granted to the cities by CID. The only participation offered is for a technical advisory committee for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Money from the groundwater funds from each of the cities will be used to fund the GSP, so no new money will need to come from the cities. He noted that an important revision was made to the MOU concerning limitations on groundwater pumping. Limitations will be allowed only if the GSP calls for it, or the State requires it, and such limitations will also be applied to agricultural growers by the same proportion. Mr. Wolfe said that each of the cities has an existing cooperative agreement with CID that will be tied to the MOU.

If the five cities cannot reach an agreement with CID, one option is to form a separate JPA and elect to become a GSA within their boundaries. Another option is for the City to form its own GSA. City Engineer Peters said that Fresno Irrigation District's (FID) general manager has indicated that they are willing to work with the City in an effort to join with the district, since Fowler is approximately 1/2 mile away from FID infrastructure. Mr. Peters said he will speak with representatives of FID to get more information on this option.

Councilmember Kazarian gave information on research he conducted concerning SGMA related to GSA's, stating that he is opposed to the MOU for reasons that included: having no representation by means of voting rights is in opposition to the language of SGMA; examples of several GSA's that have a shared governance structure; representation being linked to financial contributions - if an agency contributes funding, it should have a right to vote. The five cities are paying 90 percent of costs with no voting power.

Fowler resident Melissa Squeo commented that the City should have a vote in the matter. The Council directed City Engineer Peters to report back to them on developments at the next meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Davis reported that City staff met with COG staff regarding the draft Golden State Corridor Plan, and a public meeting on the plan will be set in the near future. Also, she met with an individual for a possible interim Police Chief appointment while the recruitment for a permanent chief concludes.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

◆ Consider and Approve Budget Adjustment for Emergency Repairs for Wellsite 8A

Public Works Director Weisser stated that there are some urgent repairs that need to be made on Wellsite 8A. He has been working on the problem with Valley Pump, who discovered plugged perforations in the well casing that they attempted to hydro-wash without success. A new treatment for the well casings, Rediclean, is recommended, along with other repairs, totaling \$60,514.58. Since there is not enough funding in the current Water Department budget, he requested that a budget adjustment be made to allow use of AB1600 Water Development Funds, and to authorize the repairs to proceed by way of a change order with the current vendor without formal bidding. Normally, absent an emergency, the cost of the repairs would require the bid process. However, this would likely cause delays that could result in health and safety consequences due to the imminent spring weather water demands.

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve the budget adjustment and authorize work by way of a change order for emergency repairs to Well No. 8A. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

◆ Adoption of Resolution No. 2364 - Designating the Sixth Street/Vine Street Intersection as a Four-way Stop

City Engineer Peters explained that staff performed traffic counts and analyzed accident records for the Sixth and Vine Street intersection, which is currently a two-way stop. It was determined that there is a need to make the Sixth and Vine Street intersection a four-way stop for safety reasons.

Councilmember Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2364, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Designating the Sixth Street/Vine Street Intersection as a Four-way Stop." The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

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 - March 21, 2017; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - March 7, 2017; and C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2365, "A Resolution the City Council of the City of Fowler Authorizing the Designation of the AB 939 MOU Committee to Serve in the Capacity and Perform the Functions of the LTF, in Order to Facilitate the Development of AB 939-related Plans and Programs That Are Best Accomplished and Coordinated on a Regional Basis." 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, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Kazarian attended a Chamber of Commerce mixer for the cities of Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler, held at S.K.F. Sanitation District. He spoke with chamber representatives and received offers of support on plans to reactivate a Chamber in Fowler.

Councilmember Rodriquez said that he received complaints that there are people driving on the grass at Donny Wright Park, and some individuals are spending the night there. He also received a request for the City to install no parking signs along Fowler Avenue due to commercial trucks being parked there.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:31 p. m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 - 1 case. The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:48 p. m. with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p. m.