

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2017**

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

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

City Staff Present: Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Attorney Wolfe, Fire Chief Lopez

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Police Chief Alcaraz, followed by an Invocation given by Pastor Bryan Mays.

City Attorney Wolfe asked that a “subsequent need” item, a matter that came to the attention of staff after the agenda was posted which requires immediate action, be added to the agenda. The item relates to a closed session matter, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Title: Finance Director. The Council must confirm adding the item to the agenda by a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to approve adding the subsequent need agenda item pertaining to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Title: Finance Director, to the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Absent: Hammer.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Jess Chambers, former executive director of the Kingsburg District Chamber of Commerce, circulated his resume and offered assistance in the formation process for the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Kazarian stated that he would put Mr. Chambers in contact with the formation committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis said that the Council received an invitation to attend a Selma Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer, to be held at the Second Chance Animal Shelter on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Also, the annual Tour-de-Fresno bicycle event is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017, and will begin and end in Fowler this year, at Panzak Park. The Recreation Commission is preparing for the event.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03:CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis explained that the purpose of Ordinance No. 2017-03 is to streamline, improve and simplify the code enforcement and property abatement processes, including cost recovery procedures.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance No. 2017-03, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Adding Chapter 21 of Title 5 Pertaining to Nuisances, Chapter 22 of Title 5 Pertaining to Abatement, Appeals, and Administrative Hearings, and Chapter 23 of Title 5 Pertaining to Cost Recovery, and Repealing and Amending Various Sections in the Municipal Code Pertaining to Code Enforcement to Conform with the Adoption of Chapters 21, 22 and 23." The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kazarian, and carried by a unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hammer.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis announced that a special meeting is being scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. regarding an appeal on the MAXCO packaging facility project. She explained that the Planning Commission recently approved the site plan and a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project, however, an environmental group subsequently appealed the Planning Commission's action.

Ms. Davis reported that the architectural and engineering costs for the fire station redesign is estimated to be about \$69,000, with another \$25,000-\$30,000 for preparation of bid specifications, reports and drawings.

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

No report was given.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Alcaraz gave a report of current crime statistics compared to the same time last year, which showed that various crimes are down.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Lopez gave an emergency call response, stand-by and training report for July, totaling 58 for the month, and 439 year to date. The firefighters recently attended a five-hour training session at Fresno County Fire Department's facility.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - August 15, 2017; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - August 1, 2017; C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2375, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Adopting Policies Related to Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Consultant Contract Selection and Procurement for Services Related to Federal and State Funded Transportation Projects"; and D) Adoption of Resolution No. 2376, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Designating the Sixth Street/Modesto Street Intersection as a Two -Way Stop."

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hammer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra attended the SSJV Division of the League of California Cities general meeting in Fresno where information was received on SB 649, which proposes to allow telecommunication antennas to be freely placed on utility poles in cities.

Councilmember Kazarian attended the SSJV League meeting, and a South Kings GSA meeting. He is in discussions with the Central Kings GSA about the sharing of grant funding between the two GSA's. He and Interim City Manager Davis met with representatives of the Fresno County EDC to discuss retail business in the City.

Councilmember Rodriquez has been approached by several residents regarding algae growth in the Veterans Monument Park fountain. Chief Lopez stated that the chlorine level of the water has tested as normal, so they plan to pressure wash the fountain to remove the algae and re-chlorinate.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p. m. to a closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Title: Finance Director. The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:42 p. m. with no reportable action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.