

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p. m. Roll call was taken.

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

City Staff Present: Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Sergeant Miranda, City Attorney Wolfe, Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Cross

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Sergeant Joe Miranda, followed by an Invocation delivered by Pastor Bryan Mays.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Andy Gonzales, Fowler business owner, asked about permit fees for a neighboring business for placement of an advertising sign in the sidewalk planter. He asked about the proposed Taco Bell and when it would go before the Planning Commission. Staff confirmed that the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on September 21, 2017 for the project.

APPROVE REQUEST TO CLOSE CITY STREETS FOR THE GURDWARA GUR NANAK PARKASH PARADE

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis said that a request to close City streets was received for the annual Gurdwara Gur Nanak Parkash parade, to be held Sunday, October 29, 2017. She noted that the parade is very well planned and managed, and traffic control will be provided. The applicant has coordinated with Public Works and Public Safety to prepare for the event.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to approve the request to close City streets for the Gurdwara Gur Nanak Parkash Parade on Sunday, October 29, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/absent: None.

PRESENTATION BY STARRRHUB REGARDING: CALL CENTER

Interim City Manager Davis said that the presenter asked that the item be postponed.

STAFF REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

◆ **Discussion/direction for Voting Delegate(s) on Resolutions to be Considered at the League of California Cities Annual Conference**

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis stated that at the June 20, 2017 meeting, the

Council approved Councilmember Kazarian as the Voting Delegate, and Mayor Pro-Tem Parra and Councilmember Rodriguez as alternates, for the business meeting to be held at the upcoming League Annual Conference in Sacramento. The Council received a packet of information regarding the two resolutions that will be considered, both related to public safety. Police Chief Alcaraz and Fire Chief Lopez recommend support of the resolutions. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was that the voting delegate or alternates vote in support of the resolutions at the League Annual Conference.

Ms. Davis received information from Fresno COG that one of the projects that will be funded by SB1 transportation funds, is a \$99.9 million project for 32 miles of improvements on Highway 99 from Merced Street in Fowler to Rose Avenue in Selma. It is anticipated that the project will be underway very soon.

Ms. Davis said that according to a report received from the Fresno County Assessor's office, the City of Fowler's assessed property values increased by 11 percent over the previous tax year, which was the highest increase of all the cities within the County.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis distributed the HDL quarterly sales tax report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sargent Miranda reported that there has been an increase in property crimes, and the department is working on leads. The Department has started an official Facebook page to provide crime prevention information and tips.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez reported that the Department has started performing standby duty at youth football and high school football games. He said that City Engineer Peters should have a cost estimate for the new fire station by the following week.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - September 5, 2017; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - August 15, 2017; C) Approve Fourth Amendment to First Amended Joint Powers Agreement Creating the Five Cities Economic Development Authority (adding the City of Selma as a member); D)

Proclamation Declaring October 15-21, 2017, as "Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week" in the City of Fowler; E) Adoption of Resolution No. 2379, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Consenting to the Inclusion of Properties Within the Territory of the City in the CSCDA Open Pace programs; Authorizing the California Statewide Communities Development Authority to Accept Application from Property Owners, Conduct Contractual Assessment Proceedings and Levy Contractual Assessments Within the Territory of the City; and Authorizing Related Actions"; F) Approve Agreement and Consent to Joint Representation and Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest - Lozano Smith (South Kings GSA); and G) Approve staff's recommendation to reject: Claim against the City of Fowler - Allstate Insurance/Sandra Garcia. Councilmember Kazarian 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra invited all to attend the League of California Cities Latino Caucus event at the Fresno State Alumni House on September 12, 2017.

Councilmember Hammer spoke of the arrangements for the Tour-de-Fresno bike event that will begin and end in Fowler, on September 16, 2017. Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 25, 2017.

Councilmember Kazarian stated that the design for the fire station is moving forward. Some minor modifications are being finalized and will soon be sent out to the Council. He reported that the Del Rey Community Service District will be added to the South Kings GSA. He attended a 5 Cities JPA meeting where a presentation was given by the Governor's Go-Biz representative. He has suggested that the eastside cities form a cooperative in efforts to attract more retail businesses and restaurants to the area.

Councilmember Rodriquez announced several upcoming events at the Fowler Library.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p. m. to a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Appointment/Employment - Title: Interim Finance Director/Treasurer. The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:43 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 7:43 p. m.