

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 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: Police Chief Brand, Public Works Director Weisser, City Attorney Wolfe, Finance Director McDonald, Fire Chief Lopez

City Staff Absent: City Manager Elias, City Clerk Davis

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence and reflection. There were no public presentations.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Attorney Wolfe mentioned an invitation to an upcoming League of California Cities Proposition 64 informational briefing in Fresno on January 25, 2017.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

— **Committee Assignments**

The Council discussed assignments for the various committees and boards on which they serve. On a motion by Councilmember Rodriquez, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian, the following Committee appointments were approved by a 5-0 unanimous voice vote:

Fresno County Council of Governments (COG)/FCRTA/RTMF AGENCY

Mayor Cardenas; Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem Parra

Highway 99 Beautification Committee – Councilmember Rodriquez; Alternate Councilmember Hammer

S.K.F. Sanitation District – Mayor Cardenas; Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem Parra

Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District – Mayor Cardenas

Five Cities Economic Development Authority – Councilmember Kazarian; Alternate Councilmember Rodriquez

Southeast Regional Solid Waste Commission – Councilmember Rodriquez; Alternate Mayor Pro-Tem Parra

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Special City Selection Committee

— Councilmember Hammer; Alternate Councilmember Kazarian

Fowler Recreation Commission – Councilmember Hammer

In addition, the Council provided direction for representation on the Friends of Fowler Library, and Finance Committee as follows:

Friends of the Fowler Library – Councilmember Rodriguez  
Finance Committee – Mayor Pro-Tem Parra and Councilmember Kazarian

City Attorney Wolfe noted that there were members of the public that wished to speak about a potential new business in the City and requested that the public presentations item be reopened. The Council reopened public presentations and heard comments from Kevin Draughton and Rodney Hayes about possibly opening a brewery in the City, to be located in the Fowler Grange building.

#### — **Update Regarding Consolidated Irrigation District's (CID) Proposed GSA**

City Attorney Wolfe provided a brief update on the Ground Water Sustainability Agency (GSA) discussions with CID. He recommended that the City work with the other cities to form their own GSA and provide an opportunity in the GSA structure for CID to become a member now or in the future, as well as other interested parties.

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

Public Works Director Weisser said that the Fowler Avenue Sidewalk project is nearing completion. The City received almost two inches of rain during a recent rainstorm that caused a trench failure that had to be repaired. A traffic study is being conducted, as additional stop signs may be needed on certain streets.

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

Finance Director McDonald spoke about the timeline for implementing a new accounting software program.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Brand gave a statistical crime report, and mentioned that a new reserve officer, Fong Yang, has joined the Department.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Lopez gave a report on emergency call response for 2016.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - January 10, 2017 and B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - December 6, 2016, and Minutes of the City Council Special Meetings - December 13, 2016 and December 20, 2016.

The Council pulled the Minutes of the December 13, 2016 and December 20, 2016

meetings to vote on separately as Mayor Pro-Tem Parra noted that he was not present. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, to approve Consent Calendar item A, and from item B) Minutes of the City Council Meeting - December 6, 2016. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian, to approve the Minutes of the City Council Special Meetings - December 13, 2016 and December 20, 2016. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Parra.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Mayor stated that applications were received for a vacancy on the Planning Commission, and recommended that applicant Kevin Kandarian be appointed to the vacancy. Councilmember Rodriguez commented on his support for Kevin Kandarian but recommended that in the future, all applicants be provided an opportunity to make a presentation to the Council.

Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian, to accept the appointment of Kevin Kandarian to the vacancy on the Planning Commission. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Councilmember Kazarian spoke about the possibility of reestablishing a Chamber of Commerce. The Council provided direction to place a future item on the agenda to discuss the matter.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Council took a brief recess at 7:45 p. m. before the closed session began. City Attorney Wolfe stated that after the closed session, the Council would move to the special meeting agenda scheduled for 7:45 p. m.

The meeting adjourned to the closed session to discuss, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Property: 130 S. 6th Street, A.P.N. 343-171-09. Agency Negotiators: David Elias. Negotiating party: Kevin Draughon and Rodney Hayes. Under Negotiation: price, terms. The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:50 p. m., as the Council decided not to hold the closed session discussion due to the City Manager's absence.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hammer made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p. m.