

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 5:36 p. m. Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

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

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Police Chief Alcaraz, Fire Chief Lopez, City Engineer Peters, City Attorney Wolfe, Planning Consultants Marple and Stearns, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Official Baxa, Police/Planning Secretary Burrola

WORKSHOP: SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI) UPDATE, GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) PROCESS

Planning Consultant Marple introduced Dave Fey, Executive Officer of Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and Bruce O'Neal, retired former Planning Consultant. Mr. Fey gave an overview of the functions of LAFCO, and the SOI update process. To begin the process, a city must first complete an MSR, which determines such matters as: does the City's General Plan support the growth of the SOI, is the City able to provide police, fire, sewer and water services to the expansion area, and other important factors for LAFCO to consider approval of an SOI expansion.

Planning Consultant O'Neal gave information on procedures to update the City's General Plan, which must be addressed as part of the SOI expansion. The process also necessitates completion of an Environmental Impact Report, along with the MSR. He noted that the various undertakings will not be a quick process. Mr. O'Neal said that a pre-application was submitted the prior year to LAFCO for including approximately 700 acres in the Clovis Avenue Corridor area. He spoke of the situation that several properties in the proposed SOI expansion area are still in the Williamson Act. These properties would have to be dealt with as part of the process, with some properties coming up for renewal that may choose to be taken out. Others that are not up for renewal would be subject to a penalty to be removed from the Williamson Act.

City Planner Marple asked for direction on moving forward with the various processes. She noted that costs for the GP update and EIR, along with a possible traffic analysis for the purpose of implementing future traffic mitigation fees, would cost approximately \$200,000.00. The consensus of the Council was to continue with the GP update, MSR and SOI expansion process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p. m.