

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
AND SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018**

Mayor Cardenas called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by an invocation given by Mayor Cardenas. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Cardenas called the concurrent special meeting to order. It was noted that the special meeting consisted of a closed session item that would be added to the closed session items on the regular meeting agenda. Roll call was taken for the special meeting.

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

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

George Bacon, of Fowler, offered suggestions related to the City's risk management and loss ratios, and the City's unfunded liabilities.

Roger Wilson, of Fresno, introduced himself as a candidate for Fresno County Superior Court Judge, Seat 4.

Michael Bedrosian, of Fowler, representing Boy Scout Troop 354, mentioned he was working to earn a merit badge by attending a City Council meeting and reporting on an issue discussed at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Davis reminded the Council of the City's upcoming Annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m., and the FIA's Annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, March 15th.

STAFF REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Davis reported that staff will be participating in a conference call the following day with bond counsel to finalize required documents for the new fire station loan. The City will be organizing and hosting a public outreach meeting for the Golden State Corridor Realignment project, scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 5:30 – 7:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers. She mentioned that the Planning Commission recently met to consider a C.U.P for a proposed truck parking business near Adams and 8th Streets. The applicant asked that the hearing be continued to a future date.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Lopez said that staff has been working on cleaning up the Oleander bushes, and will also be cleaning up the alleys. Staff will be receiving training on the SCADA water well monitoring system. He noted that some road work causing traffic congestion at Merced and 10th Streets, was due to installation of water main connections for the Fowler Medical Plaza project.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

City Manager Davis reported that the Department is continuing to work on the audit and catching up on billing for some of the development projects.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Alcaraz circulated February 2018 crime statistics.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez reported that the new firefighters are completing their emergency vehicle drivers training, and two have almost completed their EMT training.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Wolf mentioned that he recently went on a bicycle tour of the Blossom Trail.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants - March 6, 2018; and B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting - February 20, 2018. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra attended a League of California Cities Policy Committee meeting, where the board allocated funding to support SB1 and the Water Bond, if needed. They also discussed the new bill, which puts restrictions on revenue ballot measures, taking away local control.

Councilmember Hammer mentioned the Recreation Commission's upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th in Panzak Park.

Councilmember Kazarian met with the South Kings GSA Technical Advisory Committee and the engineering consultant to work on a Ground Water Sustainability Plan (GSP).

Councilmember Rodriquez attended an Athletic Awards Ceremony where teacher Mark

Feaver was recognized. He will be taking a new coaching position at Fresno City College. He noted that a long time Fowler resident, Richard "Ricky" Valdez, passed away recently.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:28 p.m., pursuant to:

- Government Code Section 54957- Public Employee Appointment/Employment - Title: Finance Director/City Treasurer
- Government Code Section 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation) 1 case
- 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 (Anticipated claim for damages from David Weisser)
- Concurrent special meeting closed session item, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - Property: A.P.N. 343-310-03ST, 343-310-04ST, 343-233-02ST, 343-233-03ST - 7th and Vine Street, 7th and Main Street. Agency Negotiators: City Manager, City Attorney. Negotiating Parties: Fresno County Rural Transit Authority. Under Negotiation: Price/terms.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:56 p.m. with the following reportable action taken: Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve the appointment of Randy Uyeda as Finance Director/City Treasurer for the City of Fowler at Step A of the salary range for Finance Director on the City's Salary Schedule. (Salary to be confirmed in open session at the next meeting). The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, and carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Absent/Abstain: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Hammer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p. m.