

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 17, 2018**

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: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Public Works Supervisor/Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Engineer Peters, Finance Director Uyeda, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by the Invocation delivered by Pastor Brian Mays of Fowler.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Cathy Hollins, Fowler resident, voiced her concerns regarding uncontained trash issues she's having in her neighborhood along N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Victoria Duran, Fowler resident, mentioned that there have been several people who have been injured due to sidewalks along certain areas of Fowler that are uneven and dangerous.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Davis mentioned an invitation to a workshop she received from the League of California Cities on Capitalizing on Climate Investments, to be held Thursday, July 19, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the City of Tulare.

The City is preparing for the start of the Farmers Market, which begins July 25, 2018; there is entertainment planned for every week in August.

She also mentioned that the City Council nominations period for the November 2018 election has begun. The period extends through August 10, 2018.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Davis mentioned the COG PAC Committee approved eliminating the shift for the Golden State Boulevard project and approved the revised engineering contract.

City Manager Davis, Finance Director Uyeda and Planning Consultant Marple met with Ms. Marple's colleague, who is very knowledgeable in the General Plan updating

process. They worked out a budget and timeline for updating the City's General Plan, which is long overdue.

Councilmember Kazarian addressed City Engineer Peters regarding additional information requested from COG on signage for the Golden State Boulevard project. City Engineer Peters reported that he met with COG staff; they are supportive of repaving 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the landscaping but he did not get a response on the large signage for the project. He is planning to appeal with Fresno County Transportation Authority Director to include those signs.

## **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **APPROVE AWARD OF BID FOR FIRE STATION PROJECT TO KLASSEN CORPORATION**

City Engineer Peters presented a request to award the fire station project to Klassen Corporation in the amount of \$2,061,985 which included the Base Bid minus Deductive Alternate A (structural system for second story floor). On June 21, 2018 the City received two bids for the City's fire station project, ranging from \$2,061,985 to \$2,208,572. The Engineer's estimate for this portion of the work is \$1.9 million. As staff is recommending, it would not include the kitchen cabinetry, kitchen equipment, or the evaporative coolers and space heaters in the truck bay. USDA has tentatively approved the award of the project to Klassen Corporation, and the Council's approval would be contingent upon USDA's final approval. Mr. Peters added that the project should begin in the next couple of months.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve the award of bid for the fire station project to Klassen Corporation, in the amount of the \$2,061,985, contingent upon USDA's final approval; seconded by Councilmember Hammer. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Lopez circulated the monthly water usage report for the months of May and June. The pamphlets for the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) have arrived and will be sent out in the mail next week.

Public works employees are taking care of the falling tree branches at the parks, and Golden State Boulevard is continually being maintained.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Finance Director Uyeda mentioned he is planning on providing the preliminary budget by next month's meeting.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOWLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF FOWLER**

Police Chief Alcaraz explained the facility use agreement between Fowler Unified School District and the City of Fowler. He has spoken to the District's transportation director, Marco Cardenas and Superintendent, Scott Griffin regarding the use of their fueling facility. The District owns and operates a vehicle fuel facility containing both diesel and gasoline facilities as part of its regular operations. The City of Fowler is seeking a source of fueling for its own fleet of vehicles, and the District is willing to provide the City access to the District's fuel station to provide fuel for the City's police fleet. The City currently uses 900 gallons of fuel per month, 11,000 gallons annually. By utilizing the district's facilities the City would save about \$1.00 per gallon, depending on fluctuating gas prices.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to approve the Facilities Use agreement between the Fowler Unified School District and the City of Fowler, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

Police Chief Alcaraz circulated Part 1 Crime Statistics for the month of May 2018. National Night Out will be held at Panzak Park, Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

Multiple agency operations are being conducted throughout cities, they are working with other agencies to keep crime down and show they are actively patrolling our communities.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Chief Lopez circulated the monthly statistics for June. Calls were up last month and still continue to rise due to increase of fires. There were no fire calls during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – July 17, 2018; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – June 19, 2018; C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2405, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler of Authorization to Contract" – Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging; D) Adoption of Resolution No. 2406, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Submitting Claims for Local Transportation Funds Continuing From the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, Thereby Coinciding

with the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board Approval of TDA Funds Apportionment and TDA Claims Process”.

City Manager Davis asked that Item E be removed for discussion.

Councilmember Kazarian asked that the Minutes for June 19<sup>th</sup> be amended to add the comments he made during the discussion of the proposed 1% sales tax ballot measure. He said that though the measure was presented as being in support of public safety and a new police department, a lions’ share will be going towards the cost of public pensions.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM E – ACCEPT EASEMENT DEEDS FOR RIGHT OF WAY – WALTER AVENUE**

City Manager Davis said the item is related to the school district’s project for improvements along Walter Avenue, and dealing with ownership of the road, which is partially owned by the County of Fresno. City Engineer Peters provided detail on the project. The school district is currently redoing their bus transportation center and as part of the improvements they will be widening Walter Avenue, and installing curb, gutter, sidewalk and street lights. The portions of the improvements that fall outside the County need additional right-of-way; the County is not interested in accepting additional right-of-way because in the future it may be annexed into the City and they do not want to maintain the curb, gutter, sidewalks, and street lights. They have requested that in order to construct the improvements, instead of the County taking over the right-of-way, that the City accepts the right-of-way easements for that portion. Staff provided copies of two unexecuted easements that would be accepted, one from by Fowler Unified School District and the other from Sunshine (National) Raisin. The acceptance of the easements would be contingent on being fully executed and reviewed by the City Engineer and City Attorney. City Attorney Wolfe explained that because the deeds are not executed, they were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion; the action would be to authorize the City Manager to accept the deeds on behalf of the City once they are executed.

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to authorize the City Manager to accept the executed deeds of easement for Walter Avenue; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra. 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 the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and commended Yvonne Hernandez for doing a great job setting up the event.

Councilmember Hammer attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Councilmember Kazarian attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. He also attended the South Kings GSA meeting and the Five Cities meeting. He is working on retail opportunities for the City following the RECon event he attended in Las Vegas. He is continuing to work on the solar project in finding a location, possibly at Donny Wright Park, and he is working with staff on this location.

Councilmember Rodriquez attended the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, noting that Fowler has the nicest firework show in the valley.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Cardenas to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.