

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL  
AND FOWLER PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY  
JOINT MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2018**

Mayor/Chairman Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. Roll call was taken.

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

City/Authority Staff Present: City Manager/Executive Director Davis, Public Works Supervisor/Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Wolfe, Finance Director/Treasurer Uyeda, Police Chief Alcaraz, 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**

Victoria Duran, Fowler resident, expressed her concerns regarding the newly designed adjustments made to the new fire station. She asked why the City would spend more money by removing the extra bay door for a more attractive exterior to the building. Mayor/Chairman Cardenas suggested to Ms. Duran to schedule an appointment to speak with the City Manager or Fire Chief with more information on the requirements and changes made to the newly redesigned fire station.

**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

City Attorney Wolfe addressed Council regarding a subsequent need item to add to the agenda. The matter arose after the agenda was posted. Today the City was served with a complaint; Panzak vs. City of Fowler, he requested that the following item be placed as a closed session after Committee Reports; Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal counsel existing litigation – Panzak vs. the City of Fowler.

Councilmember/Director Kazarian made a motion to add closed session to the agenda after committee reports: Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) Conference with legal counsel, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CEQA ADDENDUM (TO A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED IS/MND PREPARED FOR SPR 16-04, TPM 16-01, GPA 17-01 AND REZONE 17-01**

City Manager Davis presented to Council that the public hearing is for the general plan amendment and rezone for the Fowler medical plaza project; this involves the adoption of

two resolutions and an ordinance. City Planner Marple explained the public hearing pertaining to CEQA addendum to a previously adopted initial study mitigated negative declaration completed for the Fowler Medical Plaza. She said these projects pertain to a piece of property that is located on West Fresno Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The subject property was included in the Tentative Parcel Map in the original proposal in 2016. The property was not known to be owned by the Fresno Business and Professional Park, LLC. During processing of Tentative Parcel Map discoveries were made that subject property did belong to Fresno Business and Professional Park, LLC. Currently the 7,500 square foot property is planned medium density residential and zoned single family residential (R1-6) the applicant proposes to amend the general plan from Medium Density Residential to Community Commercial Plan use and to facilitate a rezone application from R-1-6 District to C-2.

Jessie Hudgins, Vice President of Construction for Valley Children's Hospital, explained that the construction of the Fowler Medical Plaza has begun and is on schedule. They plan to open the medical plaza by the first week of June 2019. The residential parcel in question is currently owned by Valley Children's Hospital, but they have no plans to utilize this parcel, however they may use it for the overflow of parking if needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Parra made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2408, "A Resolution of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Adopting the CEQA Addendum to Prior IS/MND for SPR No. 16-04 and TPM No. 16-01 Prepared for General Plan Amendment No. 17-01" (Fowler Business and Professional Park, LLC.), seconded by Councilmember/Director Rodriquez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Councilmember/Director Rodriquez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2409, "A Resolution of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California Approving General Plan Amendment No. 17-01" (Fowler Business and Professional Park, LLC), seconded by Councilmember/Director Kazarian. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Ms. Marple explained Ordinance No. 2018-01 is for the rezone from single family residential (R-1-6) to Community Zone District (C-2).

Councilmember/Director Kazarian made a motion to waive the First Reading and approve Ordinance No. 2018-01, "An Ordinance before the City Council of the City of Fowler County of Fresno, State of California Approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2018-01" (Fowler Business and Professional Park, LLC.), seconded by Councilmember/Director Hammer. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Davis reminded Council of the upcoming League of California Cities 2018 Annual Conference and Expo, September 12 – 14, 2018.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **DISCUSSION ON APPOINTING TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVES AS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE GOLDEN STATE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mayor/Chairman Cardenas asked that this item be placed on the agenda. Mayor Cardenas attended a meeting last week with Fresno County Transportation Agency; he spoke with Executive Director Mike Leonardo regarding marquee signs for the City. Mr. Leonardo asked that Council appoint members to form an AD HOC Committee to establish this specific purpose. Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Parra and Councilmember/Director Rodriquez agreed to serve as committee members to serve as an AD HOC Committee.

### **DISCUSSION/DIRECTION TO VOTING DELEGATE AT THE LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE CONCERNING BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor/Chairman Cardenas said that Councilmember Rodriquez, who had been selected as the voting delegate, is no longer able to attend the conference. Since Mayor Cardenas and Mayor Pro-Tem Parra will be attending to represent the City, Mayor Cardenas will be the delegate and Mayor Pro-Tem Parra will be the alternate. City Manager Davis asked if the Council would like to discuss the resolutions that will be considered at the League conference, for council direction on how to vote on the resolutions. The consensus was that they would like more time to review the information and bring it back at the next council meeting for discussion.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Davis reported that USDA gave approval to the City to award and send out a notice to Klassen Corporation, Inc. for the construction of the new fire station project. Pre-construction meetings will be scheduled and possibly in late September construction will begin. She mentioned having a ground breaking ceremony for the fire station project.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Lopez reported the motor pump for the water fountain located at the Veteran's Memorial Park went out and is currently being repaired. He has been working with City Manager Davis on upgrading and modernizing some of the City's well sites and two air conditioning units have currently been purchased for a few of the well sites.

Councilmember Rodriquez asked about one-way streets located at Merced and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, Public Works Supervisor Lopez said he spoke to City Engineer Peters regarding the one-way streets which will need to have a traffic study.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Finance Director Uyeda had nothing to report other than the approval of the Fowler Public Financing Authority and City of Fowler Resolutions.

### **Fowler Public Financing Authority**

Councilmember/Director Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PFA 2018-01, "A Resolution of the Fowler Public Financing Authority, County of Fresno, State of California, Adopting the Financing Authority Annual Budget and Appropriating Revenue of the Agency for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year", seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

### **City of Fowler**

City Manager Davis explained that Resolution No. 2410 that was provided to Council was in need of revision as budget adjustments have since been made. The resolution would need to reflect the new numbers as part of adoption of the resolutions.

Councilmember/Director Rodriquez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2410, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Adopting the City Annual Budget and Appropriating Revenue of the City of 2018-2019 Fiscal Year" as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Councilmember/Director Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2411, "A Resolution of the City Council of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Establishing the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Pursuant to Article XIIB of California Constitution" seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Police Chief Alcaraz circulated crime statistics for the month of July. He mentioned that from July 17, 2018 to August 9, 2018 the department conducted an enforcement operation, officers made 221 vehicle stops, contacted 93 subjects, resulting in 11 field interviews, 33 citations and 27 arrests. Probation and compliance searches were also made. On August 30, 2018 they will be facilitating a certified Taser training course in Fowler; other agencies will be attending this event.

He reported that the National Night Out Event on August 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – August 21, 2018; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – August 7, 2018; C) Consider and Adopt Resolution No. 2412, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, in Support of Proposition 3, “Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018”.

Councilmember/Director Rodriguez made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember/Director Kazarian. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Parra mentioned that Starbucks will be remodeling their building next month in September; he also mentioned he will be working as a barista, for the day, for the Coffee with Cops Event on October 9, 2018.

Councilmember/Director Hammer mentioned the Tour De Fresno event will coming through the City of Fowler on September 15, 2018.

Councilmember/Director Kazarian attended a meeting with Pickett Solar to gather more information from Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) for the Donny Wright Park proposal, they are looking into other options for this project.

Councilmember/Director Rodriguez mentioned his son returned home from the Marines. He will be attending school become a doctor.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss, pursuant to Government Code 5496.9(d) (1) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation – Panzak vs. the City of Fowler.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:10 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember/Director Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember/Director Rodriquez to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.