

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 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 Driskill, 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**

Oscar Garcia, Selma resident, introduced himself to City Council; he is an incumbent running for Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer. He was appointed by the County of Fresno Board of Supervisors in 2016 as Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to fill the unexpired last two plus years of the previous person's term who retired. He explained his role and what he hopes to accomplish if he is returned to office by voters.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Davis mentioned an invitation from Waste Management, inviting Council to attend the State of the County luncheon, Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at the new Exhibit Hall downtown Fresno.

She also reminded Council of the Tour De Fresno event that will be coming through the City of Fowler on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01**

City Manager Davis stated that, as discussed at the public hearing and first reading of the ordinance held on August 21, 2018, Ordinance No. 2018-01 was concerning the Valley Children's project. There was a parcel that was unknown to them that was zoned Residential (R-1-6) that needs to be rezoned to Community Commercial (C-2).

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra, to waive the second 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.)" The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain/Absent: None.

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

City Manager Davis said the League sponsors certain resolutions in support or opposition to proposed legislation and various items that are important to cities. This year, two resolutions have been introduced for consideration at the Annual conference and referred to League Policy committees. 1) Prepare a ballot measure to strengthen local democracy and authority 2) Repeal of laws that prevent cities from regulating pesticides. Councilmember Kazarian expressed his concerns regarding the second resolution on regulating pesticides; he is against it and said this should be dealt with by the Department of Agriculture. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra expressed his support of the first resolution related to strengthening local democracy and authority. Council's direction is to vote yes on the first resolution and no on the second resolution. Mayor Cardenas will provide a report, upon his return, at the next meeting.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Davis reported staff met with Maxco representatives last week to discuss a specific focused study of their development fees, that answered many of their questions.

Staff also met with Fowler Unified School District's Superintendent Scott Griffin and Assistant Superintendent Gary Gerringer. They discussed future projects and the property on South and Sunnyside Avenue, which the City currently is in joint ownership with the school district. With growth coming, she expressed the need to have joint meetings with the school district to plan for the future.

She mentioned City Engineer Peters will be placing the Adams Avenue reconstruction project out to bid soon. Mayor Cardenas asked if Adams Avenue will be closed for through traffic during construction. Public Works Supervisor Lopez said the road will be open for through traffic and will not affect the school buses transporting students to school.

Councilmember Rodriguez mentioned that the Magill family notified him that the spelling of Magill is spelled incorrectly on the post board located on the construction site where the new building for the Magill Terrace Apartments are being built. City Manager Davis said she will notify them of corrections.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Lopez said four benches have been ordered for Donny Wright Park and three ADA accessible picnic tables have been ordered for Panzak Park. He also purchased two air conditioning units for the well sites.

Councilmember Kazarian asked about the status of the fire damaged house located at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Vine Street. Public Works Supervisor Lopez said they are waiting for PG& E to disconnect gas lines before they can demolish the house.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

City Manager Davis said Police Chief Alcaraz is attending a conference.

## **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 – September 4, 2018; B) Approve Minutes of the Fowler City Council and Fowler Public Authority Special Joint Meeting and Regular Joint Meeting – August 21, 2018; C) Receive and File 2018 FPPC Biennial Notice that No Amendments are Necessary to the Conflict of Interest Codes for the City/Successor Agency and Public Financing Authority; D) Approve Successor AB 939 Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Fresno and the City of Fowler; E) Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Peters Engineering Group for On-Call Engineering Services for Federally Funded Transportation Projects.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Hammer said he will not be present at the next council meeting. He mentioned that the Recreation Commission will be having a meeting next month to discuss the Veteran's Day ceremony event for November 11, 2018.

Councilmember Kazarian attended a 5 Cities meeting, he also attended the Labor Day event at the Fresno Fairground. He mentioned an editorial he submitted to the Fresno Bee regarding legalizing the Dreamer Act; it was published on August 23, 2018.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss

- ◆ Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title: City Manager
- ◆ Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiators – Agency Designated Representatives: Mayor Cardenas and City Attorney / Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:29 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Parra to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.