

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
AND FOWLER PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 5:02 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers present: Cardenas, Hammer, Rodriquez
Councilmembers absent: Kazarian, Parra

Commissioners present: Mellon, Fernandez, Mukai, Kandarian
Commissioners absent: Mejia

City staff present: City Manager Davis, Public Works Supervisor/Fire
Chief Lopez, Finance Director Uyeda, City Attorney
Lerner, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Engineer Peters,
City Planner Marple, Deputy City Clerk Burrola,
Planning Secretary Zavala, Senior Center/Recreation
Coordinator Hernandez

AB 1234 ETHICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING

Mary Lerner, Senior Council with Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law conducted the biennial AB 1234 ethics training for elected and appointed officials. The presentation began with topics of personal financial gain, personal advantages, government transparency and general ethic principals beyond the law. Ms. Lerner spoke about news items concerning public corruption that took place in recent years. She explained the conflict of interest laws that prohibit officials from participating in any discussion or decision on matters that materially affect their financial interest, whether negatively or positively. Ms. Lerner provided copies of the City's recently adopted Rules of Conduct for City Employees and Whistleblower Policy. A list of questions involving scenarios related to potential conflicts of interests was discussed. Ms. Lerner noted the "10 Rules of Public Service", to provide service to the public; be open to transparency; be honest and fair and always do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hammer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.