MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2019

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken.

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

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

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by the Invocation delivered by Mayor Cardenas.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Steve Barile, Fowler resident expressed his gratitude to Public Works Employee Jonathan Martin for his hard work and dedication to the community.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Davis said the Fresno County Fruit Trail Opening Ceremony will be this Thursday, May 23, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at the Kings River Winery in Sanger. The Valley Children’s Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, invitation only, will be Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; the Mayor will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

STAFF REPORT

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02

City Manager Davis said this ordinance was introduced at the May 7th 2019 Council meeting to amend Tract No. 5952, RJ Hills subdivision project to change the zoning.


CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Davis provided status on the progress of downtown businesses; a new restaurant in the former Favorito’s building will be opening and will be called Mi Favorito Place. Ana’s Tacos will be opening soon in the old Fratellos restaurant space on
Merced Street. She mentioned that Mr. Renge is working with an architect and engineer on restoring the old Fowler Ensign building.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

♦ ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2431

City Manager Davis said this item is an annual renewal of the landscaping and storm drainage maintenance district assessments for fiscal year 2019-2020. A public hearing is set for June 4, 2019, to authorize proceedings for the annual levy and collection of assessments. An Engineers Report was provided. Mayor Pro Tem Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2431, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler of Intention to Levy and Collect the Annual Assessment for Landscaping and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District No. 1, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parra.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

♦ AWARD 2019 STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO GLICK CORPORATION ADA ASPHALT MAINTENANCE CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF $92,065.60

Public Works Supervisor Lopez said the City recently advertised for bids for the 2019 street maintenance slurry seal project near the new medical center. The engineer’s estimate for base bid was $93,800.00; on April 30, 2019 the City received three bids ranging from $92,065.60 to $98,443.00. Staff recommends awarding the base bid in the amount of $92,065.60 to Glick Corporation dba Asphalt Maintenance Co. of Visalia, CA. Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to award the City of Fowler 2019 Street Maintenance Project to Glick Corporation dba Asphalt Maintenance Co. in the amount t of $92,065.60, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammer. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parra.

Supervisor Lopez provided an update on the parking concerns Pastor Green mentioned at the last Council meeting. He has ordered “No Truck Parking” signs which will be placed near the Second Baptist Church located on 10th Street. The Public Works Department is painting parking stalls and repainting handicap stalls along the downtown area and Main Street.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

City Manager Davis mentioned that the Auditors have been working actively on the 2017-2018 Audit, the Finance Authority budget is complete and Finance Director Uyeda is currently working on completing the City’s budget for 2019-2020.
POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez circulated the Emergency Call Report for the month of April.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – May 21, 2019; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – May 7, 2019; C) Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter to State Water Resources Control Board in Opposition to Semitropic Petition to Revise the FAS; D) Approve Letter of Support and Adopt Resolution No. 2432 “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Supporting the Merger of T-Mobile and Sprint”. Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammer. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Parra.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Hammer said the Kids Summer Lunch Program starts June 10, 2019 – August 9, 2019 at the Senior Center. The Public Swim Lesson Program will start June 1, 2019.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:33 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title: City Attorney.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:35 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.