MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Supervisor/Fire Chief Lopez, Finance Director Uyeda, City Planner Marple, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence and reflection.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Melissa Squeo-Rodriguez, Fowler resident, asked if there is a list of dates that the American flag is displayed within the City.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to report.

STAFF REPORT

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT REPORT

City Planner Marple provided information on the Annual Growth Management report for 2019. In June 2004 City Council adopted the Growth Management Ordinance. The Growth Management Ordinance sets growth objectives for the City, establishes reporting requirements to engage the Planning Commission and City Council, and establishes criteria for the review and processing of development projects, including those requesting annexation into the City. The report is provided to the Planning Commission and City Council detailing the total number of housing permits finaled in a previous year and those anticipated for the coming year. She said the Growth Management Ordinance establishes two primary growth objectives: 1. the desirable population and housing growth rate should not exceed 6% in any single year; 2. The desirable population and housing growth rate should not exceed the average of the planned growth rate through 2025 of 3% over any five-year period. There were 40 building permits finaled for new dwelling units in 2018. Based on the number of permits issued but not yet finaled, the City anticipates 62 new dwelling units in 2019. The number of new dwelling units finaled in 2018 and anticipated to be finaled in 2019 would fall well within both the annual and five-year rolling growth objectives.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Davis said that at the request of the property owner and developer, staff has been working diligently to accelerate the processing of a residential subdivision map for Woodside Homes. The project is to be located near Sunnyside and Sumner Avenues.
Ms. Davis mentioned there will be a General Plan Workshop scheduled for the Planning Commission Meeting Thursday, October 3, 2019. Notices for the workshop have been sent out in the water bill for anyone in the community who is interested in attending. She said the City Engineer had received the site plan for the proposed Jack in the Box project.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Lopez said banner poles are scheduled to be placed at Panzak Park. He said he is reviewing bids for placing flashing four-way stop signs at Adams and Merced Avenues. He said he is in the process of ordering a Welcome/City Population Sign.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Finance Director Uyeda provided an update on the 2018 audit. There have been major system errors and he is currently working with the auditors to get this corrected.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

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 3, 2019; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – August 20, 2019.


COMMITEE REPORTS

There were no reports.
CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment/employment Title: Public Works Director; and Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title: City Manager

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:09 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.