

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Sergeant Duron, Public Works Supervisor/Fire Chief Lopez, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Davis mentioned Fresno County will be having a household hazardous waste drop off event for Fowler residents, Saturday, October 19, 2019. The site for this event is yet to be determined.

STAFF REPORT

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

City Manager Davis said annually the Council selects a Voting Delegate and Alternate for the business meeting to be held at the upcoming League Annual Conference in Long Beach. The Council received a packet of information regarding two resolutions that will be considered. The first resolution calling on the California Public Utilities Commission to amend Rule 20A to add projects in very high fire hazard severity zones to the list of eligibility criteria and to increase funding allocations for Rule 20A projects; the second resolution is a resolution calling upon the Federal and State Governments to address the devastating impacts of international transboundary pollution flows into the Southern most regions of California and the Pacific Ocean. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was that the voting delegate vote in support of the resolutions at the League Annual Conference.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Davis said they met with Tom Buford regarding his proposed project and discussed traffic mitigation measures and costs. There was a discrepancy on what Caltrans originally estimated for the project. A meeting with Caltrans will be scheduled to discuss the project further.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Lopez circulated the Landscape District Assessments for the past few months. He said the production in water conservation is down. The banner poles have been placed at Panzak Park.

He said the City's Code Enforcement officer has been in contact with the owner of the old Fowler Ensign building on Merced Street. The owner, Mr. Renge, has hired an architect and has plans to rent the building.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Sergeant Duron circulated Part 1 Crime Stats for the month of August.

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 17, 2019; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – September 3, 2019 and City Council Special Meeting – September 10, 2019. Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas attended a Mosquito Abatement District meeting, it was reported that Fresno County had more cases of the West Nile virus this year. There have been a few cases here in Fowler; he expressed the need on taking preventive steps.

Mayor Pro Tem Hammer said the Tour-de Fresno bike event is scheduled this Saturday, September 14, 2019. The Fowler Farmers Market is in its eighth week and attendance has been great, families are enjoying the weekly outing. Truck or Treat will be held on October 30, 2019. The Edwin Blyney Senior Center will be providing free flu shots to the public of all ages on October 1, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Councilmember Kazarian attended a GSA meeting. He reported that the draft ground water sustainability plan is being circulated for public review.

Councilmember Parra attended a LAFco meeting; he has been selected as next year's new Vice-Chairman.

Councilmember Rodriguez and Councilmember Parra met with City Engineer Peters and Mike Leonardo regarding the Golden State Corridor Improvement project, there were additional savings from not doing the shift; it was made clear that the extra monies would not be used for the project.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:32 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 8:30 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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