

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

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

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez

Councilmembers Absent: Kazarian

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Finance Director Uyeda, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Director Dominguez, 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.

APPROVE REQUEST TO CLOSE CITY STREETS FOR THE GURDWARA GUR NANAK PARKASH PARADE

Harpreet Binning, Gurdwara Gur Nanak Parkash representative, asked the Council to approve closing the streets for their annual parade on Sunday, December 1, 2019. Preparations and safety arraignments have been made with Caltrans, Highway Patrol and Fowler Police Department. Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve the request to close City streets for the Gurdwara Gur Parkash Parade On Sunday, December 1, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kazarian.

APPROVE REQUEST TO USE PANZAK PARK FOR USTAD LAL CHAND YAMLA JATT MEMORIAL FAIR

Rajinder Brar, Fowler resident, asked the Council to approve the use of Panzak Park to celebrate a memorial fair with musical performances, in honor of the inventor of the Tumbi musical instrument. The event will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve the request to use Panzak Park for the Ustad Chand Yamla Jatt Memorial Fair on Sunday, October 20, 2019; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammer. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kazarian.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Davis said the Council has been invited to attend the State of Reedley College and Community Award Ceremony, Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Davis mentioned the upcoming Lions Club Band Review this Saturday, October 19, 2019. The Household Hazardous Waste event will be held in Sanger at the Sanger City Hall parking lot.

STAFF REPORT

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Davis said a General Plan workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. She said the City Engineer will be scheduling a SKGSA workshop for Tuesday, November 19, 2019; discussion will also include development processing and City standards.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Dominguez circulated the Outside District Assessment expenses for 2019 fiscal year.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given. He did mention he will have a preliminary report of 2019 fiscal year results to present for the next Council meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- ◆ **Approve Resolution No. 2441, "A Resolution Authorizing of Individual to Make Application for and Administer the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Program through the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District"**
- ◆ **Approve Resolution No. 2442, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, Fresno County, Approving the Application for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grant Program: New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase"**

Police Chief Alcaraz said the department is addressing the needs for the community by identifying traffic as a serious concern in maintaining the safety of the children and community as a whole. He expressed the need to purchase a motorcycle to allow the ability to be much more flexible and efficient in enforcing traffic laws which will subsequently lower traffic collisions and ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians. A grant would allow for the purchase of a motorcycle up to the amount of \$20,000. In addition to the purchase of the motorcycle, he is recommending the purchase of an electric Toyota Prius. The cost of this vehicle, which would meet the grant requirements, is quoted at \$30,225.56. The grant would cover up to \$20,000, if granted; he would work within the budget to meet the additional \$10,225.56 for the purchase of this vehicle. Chief Alcaraz said he is implementing a Volunteer in Policing program, which would create an opportunity for citizens to volunteer with the police department. The Vehicle would be used by the volunteers and staff as they perform their daily activities such as filing cases with the District Attorney's office and other support services.

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2441, "A Resolution Authorizing of Individual to Make Application for and Administer the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Program through the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District"; seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kazarian.

Mayor Pro Tem Hammer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2442, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler, Fresno County, Approving the Application for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grant Program: New Alterative Fuel Vehicle Purchase" seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kazarian.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

◆ Consider and Approve City Manager's Advancement to Step D on the Salary Schedule as Authorized in the City Manager's Employment Agreement

City Attorney Cross stated the Council has evaluated the City Manager and recommended moving City Manager Davis to Step D of the City Manager's Salary Schedule (\$12,224.61). Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve City's Manager's Advancement to Step D of the City's Manager's Salary Schedule, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammer. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kazarian.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – October 15 2019; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – October 1, 2019; C) Approve Agreement between County of Fresno and the City of Fowler to Administer and Implement the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Fowler Panzak Park ADA Restrooms; D) Consider Approving Staff Recommendation to Reject Claim – (Mercedes Tovar), Claimant. Councilmember Parra made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Rodriquez. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kazarian.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Hammer said the Fowler Farmer's Market has been a huge success; the last day will be Wednesday, October 30, 2019. The Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 7, 2019.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 7:48 p.m. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiators: Property: 130 S. 6th Street. Agency Negotiators: City Manager. Negotiating Party: United Health Centers. Under Negotiation: Price, terms.

Mayor Cardenas left due to owning property near subject property of the closed session item.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:02 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.