

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Director Dominguez, Finance Director Uyeda, City Planner Marple, 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 said the FIA will be having their Annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Overview of New Housing Laws from the 2019 Legislative Season

City Planner Marple provided a power point presentation. Ms. Marple said in October 2019 the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 330, the Housing Crisis Act of 2019. SB 330 is designed to speed up housing construction in California during the next half-decade by slashing the time it takes to obtain building permits, limiting fee increases on housing applications, and barring local governments from reducing the number of homes that can be built.

Ms. Marple provided information on the process; SB 330 also shortens the timeframes for housing development approval under the Permit Streamlining Act. Local agencies now have 90 days, instead of 120 days, following certification of the environmental impact report, to approve the project. She said affected public agencies are also prohibited from imposing a moratorium or similar restriction on a housing development, including mixed-use developments, except to specifically protect against imminent threats to public health and safety. Additionally, affected public agencies cannot enforce a moratorium or other similar restriction on a housing development until the ordinance has been approved by HCD.

Ms. Marple said cities must provide a checklist and application form for housing development projects; the submission of a completed preliminary application “lock in” the ordinances, policies, and standards in effect at the time of submission. Cities may not downzone property to a less intensive residential use or cap the number of approved permits. Violating housing development approval laws may result in a fine of \$10,000 per

unit paid to the local housing trust fund or forfeited to the State, plus petitioner's attorney fees.

As of January 1, affected cities or counties are prohibited from imposing or enforcing subjective design standards on housing developments where housing is an allowable use. Objective standards are limited to design standards that involve no personal or subjective judgment by a public official. They must be verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark available to both the applicant and the public official prior to application submittal.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Approve Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement – City of Fowler and United Health Centers – 130 S. 6th Street

Mayor Cardenas recused himself at 7:45 p.m. due to owning property near 130 S. 6th Street.

City Manager Davis said United Health Centers is planning to expand their facility. The City Attorney prepared a sale agreement to purchase the Grange property at 130 S. 6th Street. United Health Center has agreed to accept the purchase price offered by the City.

Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion to approve Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions Between the City of Fowler and United Health Centers – Property 130 S. 6th Street, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Recused: Cardenas. Absent: None.

Mayor Cardenas returned to the dais at 7:46 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Dominguez said Public Works staff did some extensive vegetation pruning at Panzak Park.

Mr. Dominguez said they mowed and sprayed along Golden State Boulevard; they did some curb painting and all the fire hydrants in the City have been repainted.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Alcaraz said the Public Safety Forum they had on Thursday, January 30, 2020 was a great turnout, a lot of people were unable to attend due to other commitments. He would like to schedule May 6th to have another Public Safety Forum for those who were unable to attend in January.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Lopez circulated the Emergency Call Report for the month of January 2020.

He said last Saturday the Fowler Fire Department had joined the Selma Fire Department for fire drill training, more drills will be scheduled with them in the future.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – February 18, 2020; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting and City Council Meeting – January 21, 2020; C) Consider Approving Staff's Recommendation to Reject Claim Application – Diane M. Eskelsen, Claimant, vs. City of Fowler.

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 recommended approving appointment of Adriana Prado to the vacancy on the Recreation Commission due to Sonia Smith retiring from serving on the Commission as of June 30, 2020.

Councilmember Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian, to approve appointing Adriana Prado to a new term on the Recreation Commission. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Cardenas said SKF will be having their 3rd Annual Chamber of Commerce Night in March.

He thanked City Manager Davis, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Director Dominguez, and Councilmember Parra for organizing the League of California Cities meeting held at Jocy's restaurant for the 2020 Census.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hammer said the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4th; Spring Fest is scheduled for April 18, and the Mayor's Breakfast is May 8th.

Councilmember Kazarian said the SKGSA approved the development impact fees study by Provost and Pritchard.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Parra made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hammer to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.