

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

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

Councilmembers present: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, & Rodriquez
Councilmembers elect present: Mejia

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Wolfe, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Director Dominguez, Senior Center/Recreation Coordinator Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk Burrola, and City Engineer Peters (via teleconference)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2483

City Manager Davis summarized the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election, noting that there were six candidates for three City Council seats on the ballot. Out of 3,578 registered voters, 2,879 ballots were cast, resulting in an 80.46% voter turnout. Total votes casts in the City of Fowler in the two voting precincts for the three City Council seats were as follows:

	Juan Mejia	Karnig Kazarian	Daniel Parra	Leonard Hammer	Patric Jones	Alexander Grimaldi
Precinct 219	981	957	864	850	596	402
Precinct 220	322	342	295	273	205	133
TOTAL	<u>1303</u>	<u>1299</u>	<u>1159</u>	<u>1123</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>535</u>

City Manager Davis asked the Council to approve Resolution No. 2483, officially declaring the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election results, Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hammer to adopt Resolution No. 2483, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Declaring Result of Municipal Election Held on November 3, 2020” The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Rodriquez, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, and Cardenas. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE /COMMENTS TO OUTGOING MAYOR PRO-TEM
LEONARD HAMMER**

Mayor Cardenas presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Hammer. Mayor Cardenas, Councilmembers Parra, Kazarian, Rodriquez, and Councilmember elect Mejia each made comments commending him for his many years of service and dedication to the City, and for his effort in making the community a better place to live and work.

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

Deputy City Clerk Burrola administered the Oath of Office to Juan Mejia, Karnig Ronald Kazarian, and Daniel Parra. Ms. Burrola presented a Certificate of Election to each.

REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL: ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO-TEM

Deputy City Clerk Burrola took the Mayor's seat at the dais and began the reorganization of the City Council by calling for nominations for the Office of Mayor. Councilmember Rodriquez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia, to nominate David Cardenas for the Office of Mayor. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Rodriquez, Mejia, Kazarian, Parra, and Cardenas. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Cardenas called for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Mejia made a motion to nominate Mark Rodriquez for the Office of Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Kazarian, Cardenas, Parra, and Rodriquez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Cardenas called a recess for a brief reception in honor of outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Hammer and the newly elected Councilmembers.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

- ◆ **Approve Award of the Main Street Improvements – 3rd Street to 7th Street to Don Berry Construction in the Amount of \$165,887.40**

City Engineer Peters joined via teleconference. Mr. Peters said on November 24, 2020 the City received six bids for the City's Main Street Improvements project. He said the project proposes to mill, overlay, install pavement striping, and install ADA ramps along Main Street between 3rd Street and 7th Street. The bids received for the base bid ranged from \$165,887.40 to \$218,582.00. The lowest bid was from Don Berry Construction in the amount of \$165,887.40.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to award the Main Street Improvements Project to Don Berry Construction in the amount of \$165,887.40, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Rodriquez, Cardenas, Mejia, and Parra. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Davis said the City is currently at 398 total cases. She said cases have accelerated during the past week. The County Health Department has cautioned to keep gatherings small and maintain physical distancing of at least six feet.

Ms. Davis said United Health Centers is providing no cost COVID-19 testing on Thursday, December 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Edwin Blayney Senior Center.

She said the grand opening ceremony for the new fire station is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th, she asked for direction from the Council on whether to proceed or postpone the event due to the new mandated order that went into effect on December 6, 2020. A discussion took place and the consensus of the Council is to postpone the event until further notice.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Dominguez provided an update on the RFQ, Energy Conservation and Generation Project. He said the City received a request for qualifications (RFQ) from SitemogIQ who will be partnering with Advanced Lighting Services, Inc. for the energy conservation and generation project also known as our Citywide Solar project. He said the next step is to work with consultants and start creating a contract agreement and bring it to the Council for approval.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Cross said he is planning to have a refresher course in the upcoming month on Brown Act Laws.

He said he will provide updates on pending litigations to keep Councilmember Mejia up to date.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – December 8, 2020; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – November 17, 2020; C) Adoption of Resolution No. 2484, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler in the Matter of Federal Transportation Project Selection and Implementing Timely Use of Funding”

Councilmember Parra made a motion to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Rodriquez, Cardenas, Kazarian, and Mejia. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas attended the Christmas tree lighting event. He commended everyone who attended and everyone involved in the success of the event.

Councilmember Kazarian attended the Christmas tree lighting event.

Councilmember Parra commended the Recreation Department, Fowler Lions club, and City Staff for their involvement in the Christmas tree lighting event.

Councilmember Mejia attended the Christmas tree lighting event.

Public Comments on Closed Session:

Richard Wadda, Selma resident, addressed his interest to the Council on the closed session item.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: 127 S. 6th Street (Old Fire Station) Agency Negotiator: Jeannie Davis, City Manager under Negotiation: Price and Terms of potential property sales or lease.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8.42 p.m. with no reportable action taken. Direction was given to staff.

AJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mejia to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.