

MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday May 18, 2021

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p. m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Rodriquez, Kazarian, Mejia, and Parra (via phone)

City Staff Present: City Manager Quan, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Director Dominguez, Community Development Director Gaffery, Fire Chief Lopez, City Planner Marple, City Engineer Peters, Deputy City Clerk Vasquez

3. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

3-A. Proclamation, "National Public Works Week"

Public Works Director Dominguez read the National Public Works Week proclamation and commended staff for their hard work and dedication.

3-B. Proclamation, "In solidarity to condemn racism, xenophobia, violence, and hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI)"

Councilmember Kazarian presented the proclamation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Planning Commissioner Mellon addressed the council.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Rodriquez, Cardenas, Mejia, Parra.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6-A. Public Hearing to Consider Various Items Pertaining to Development Impact Fees and Quimby Act Fees for New Development

City Engineer Peters presented the item. City Engineer Peters stated the last time development impact fees were studied was in June 2000 and determined due to the changing complexity of projects it was essential to update the study at this time. Councilmember Kazarian noted he requested staff to look further at the creation of Incentive Zones and agreed with moving forward with the expectation that staff make reasonable efforts in the future to study the implementation of Incentive Zones.

- i. **Consider APPROVAL of Development Impact Fee Justification Study, dated May 14, 2021, Prepared by DTA**

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Parra, Cardenas, Mejia, Rodriquez.

- ii. **Consider Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-02, An Ordinance Amending Sections 3-8.01 Through 3-8.11, of Chapter 8, of Title 3, of the Fowler Municipal Code to Update the City's Development Impact Fee Ordinance for New Development, To Add New Fee Categories for Public Facilities, and to Amend Section 902 of the Fowler Subdivision Ordinance Pertaining to Park Fees and Dedication of Land for Parks**

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Rodriquez, Mejia, Cardenas, Kazarian, Parra.

- iii. **Consider APPROVAL of Resolution No. 2502, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Approving the Amount of Development Impact Fees and Quimby Act Fees for New Development in the City of Fowler**

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Mejia, Cardenas, Parra, Rodriquez.

7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

7-A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- i. **WORKSHOP ON OUTDOOR DINING**

Community Development Director Gaffery and City Planner Marple shared a presentation on outdoor dining on Merced Street and requested feedback on a few items which included dining platforms and alley dining. The presentation included photos of outdoor dining areas from Kingsburg and Redlands. City Manager Quan noted a

Merced Street workshop will be held soon to get feedback on topics including parking time zones, parking citations, and ADA upgrades. It was the consensus of the Council to keep the temporary outdoor dining component and will give input at the upcoming Merced Street workshop.

7-B. CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

i. COVID-19 Update

City Manager Quan reported COVID-19 positive cases and death rate has not changed for almost a month and 50 percent of residents are vaccinated. City Manager Quan also noted the City will begin transitioning back to the Economic Opportunities Commission providing senior meals which will be half the cost. Staff anticipates the Senior Center will open in late June. City Manager Quan announced Fresno County Department of Public Health notified staff yesterday they would like to incentivize people by giving gift cards to those who receive the COVID-19 vaccine. FCDPH would like to purchase 200 gift cards in the City of Fowler. Staff is going to recommend the gift cards be purchased at the six businesses who were providing senior meals to help offset their revenue loss.

ii. APPROVE Resolution No. 2503 declaring the property located at the northwest corner of South 7th Street and East Vine Street (APNs 343-233-02ST and 343-233-03ST) to be surplus and directing staff to comply with the Surplus Land Act

Community Development Director Gaffery reviewed the vicinity map with Council and explained the City has been approached with interest in the property. Director Gaffery stated that with Council's approval staff will move forward with the Surplus Land Act noticing requirements.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Rodriquez, Cardenas, Mejia, Parra.

7-C. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

i. Approve Resolution No. 2499, a Resolution of the City of Fowler Approving Agreements with Sitelogiq, Inc. and Advanced Lighting Services, Inc. for energy conservation improvements pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.10, et. seq. (Item requested to be removed and re-noticed at a later date)

Public Works Director Dominguez requested that approval of Resolution No. 2499 be moved to a later date.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kazarian, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Rodriguez, Cardenas, Mejia, Parra.

ii. Receive and File: Solid Waste Rate Update

Public Works Director Dominguez presented the item.

iii. Review of proposed gateway landscaping and wayfinding signage at the intersection of Golden State Boulevard and Merced Street

Provide staff direction and authorize City Engineer to request the Fresno County Transportation Authority include gateway landscaping and wayfinding signage at the Golden State Boulevard and Merced Street into the Golden State Boulevard Corridor project

City Engineer Peters updated Council on the Golden State Boulevard Corridor project design progress and stated construction should begin in approximately one year and will be completed in two years. City Engineer Peters shared renderings of monumentation signage and enhanced landscaping. The Council was pleased with the renderings with some recommendations; specifically adding an arch sign and a brick crosswalk.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – (CITY MANAGER)

8-A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Alcaraz handed out DOJ crime stats for the month of April 2021. Chief Alcaraz reported the Virtual Business Awareness Discussion went very well.

8-B. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Dominguez reported the water meter data collector has been repaired and should arrive by the end of the week. Public Works Director Dominguez also reported the back-up generator for the primary well site was installed last week.

8-C. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

City Planner Marple reported the REAP grants through Fresno COG will be approved at the end of the month.

9. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Cardenas reported he met with the Mosquito Abatement District and they are preparing to celebrate their 75th Anniversary on October 22, 2021. Mayor Cardenas also reported he met with Fresno County Transportation Authority earlier this week regarding the renewal of Measure C possibly being on the 2022 ballot.

Councilmember Parra reported he is participating in Legislative Action Days. He met with Senator Hurtado today and is meeting with Assemblymember Arambula later this week.

Councilmember Kazarian stated he addressed the court regarding the David Elias matter. Mr. Elias will pay the City of Fowler \$34,850 over a two-year period.

Councilmember Mejia reported the 4th of July fireworks celebration will be COVID safe this year with a dual show at 9:15 p.m. The music for the show will be synchronized courtesy of radio station KKDJ. Councilmember Mejia also reported there will be a graffiti cleanup this weekend organized by Travis and Sarah Feaver of Young Life.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Cardenas stated he owns real property within 1,000 feet of the real property being discussed and would recuse himself from the discussion of this item in closed session. No reportable action was taken on the item.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.