

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday July 20, 2021**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:02 p. m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, 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, Recreation Coordinator Hernandez, City Planner Marple, Finance Director Moreno, City Engineer Peters, Deputy City Clerk Vasquez

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Manuel Cunha of the Nisei Farmers League addressed the Council.*

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Ruben Espinosa and Lucy Solis addressed the Council on item 4-J. Lupe Orozco addressed the Council on item 4-F.*

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

**5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**5-A. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- i. **Consider Letter Amendment to Subdivision Agreement for Marshall Estates (KB Homes) – Tract 6188 amending the subdivision agreement allowing for early housing starts.**
- ii. **Consider Letter Amendment to Subdivision Agreement for Woodside Homes – Tract 6274 amending the subdivision agreement allowing for early housing starts.**

*City Engineer Peters provided an overview of the subdivisions currently underway. A representative from KB Homes and Woodside Homes spoke to Council about their individual subdivisions. The representatives presented their proposals to proceed with home production prior to the completion of certain subdivision agreement requirements that were previously approved by Council. Various Councilmembers had questions about the amenities and delivery timelines. Council disapproved without prejudice and directed staff*

*to meet with the developers on their request prior to the next meeting. Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to disapprove without prejudice, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Noes: Kazarian, Mejia, Cardenas, Parra.*

#### **5-B. PUBLIC WORKS**

- i. Consider proposals from vendors for the City's Solar/Energy Conservation Project and provide Staff direction on the selected consultant to begin negotiating a Project Agreement**

*Public Works Director Dominguez provided an overview of the proposals received by Barrier, Pickett, and SitelogIQ. Various Councilmembers asked solar providers questions about their individual proposals and capabilities. Council directed staff to meet with each solar provider again to obtain a breakdown of their costing, performance guarantees, and energy management services, and then return to Council with this additional information.*

#### **5-C CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

- i. COVID-19 Update**

*City Manager Quan reported that the Fresno County Department of Public Health's data shows Fowler's vaccination rate is 56.2% and remains one of the highest in the County. She advised FCDPH will hold a mobile vaccination clinic at Fowler Farmer's Market on July 28, 2021 and provide local restaurant gift cards to the first 70 people vaccinated. City Manager Quan stated she, the Mayor, and staff received a tour of Maxco earlier this week.*

### **6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – (CITY MANAGER)**

#### **6-A. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Police Chief Alcaraz distributed DOJ crime statistics for the month of June 2021. Chief Alcaraz reported eighteen citizens were cited for possession and use of illegal fireworks on the Fourth of July. The Council commended the department for their dedication.*

#### **6-B. PLANNING**

*City Engineer Dave Peters updated Council on this year's Community Development Block Grant project application and submission.*

## **6-C. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

*Finance Director Moreno reported that on July 13, 2021 the City received the first half of American Rescue Plan Act monies of roughly \$812,000.*

## **6-D. SENIOR/REC CENTER**

*Recreation Coordinator Hernandez announced Fowler Farmer's Market will begin next Wednesday, July 28, 2021 and will occur on Wednesdays for fourteen weeks. She also reported public swim opened yesterday and will continue the next four weeks.*

## **7. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

*Councilmember Kazarian reported he attended the Economic Development Corporation's Five Cities meeting and stated progress continues in connecting east side cities. A logo has been selected and a website is being developed.*

*Councilmember Mejia wished a speedy recovery to Recreation Committee member Patric Jones.*

*Councilmember Parra thanked City staff for their hard work. He also announced he was nominated to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the League of California Cities.*

*Mayor Cardenas stated the Maxco plant was impressive and recommended the tour. He invited a Councilmember to meet with Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula on July 27, 2021.*

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.**