

MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday August 3, 2021

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

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Quan, City Attorney Cross, 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

Fowler residents Andy Gonzales and Bob Martin addressed the Council.

4. 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.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

5-A. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

i. APPROVE design direction for Merced Street Streetscape improvements

Community Development Director Gaffery provided an overview of the walking tours staff had with Councilmembers and presented recommendations of potential Merced Street updates. Community Development Director Gaffery stated staff will solicit proposals for alley scape design, parklet design, and artist's mural portfolios, and will bring back design concepts and artist selection to Council for feedback. Staff also recommend removing the south temporary dining platform and retaining the north temporary dining platform. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to remove the south temporary dining platform and contact Mr. Wong about potentially using his property for outdoor dining.

ii. Actions pertaining to housing starts related to Tract 6188 and Tract 6274.

1. **Consider Letter Amendment to Subdivision Agreement for Marshall Estates (KB Homes) – Tract 6188 amending the subdivision agreement allowing for early housing starts.**
2. **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. He reported both KB Homes and Woodside Homes updated their subdivision proposals per Council's request. A representative from KB Homes and Woodside Homes spoke to Council about their individual subdivisions. Various Councilmembers had questions about the amenities and delivery timelines.

**Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve the letter amendment for both Tract 6188 and Tract 6274 as amended with up-lighting on entryway signage, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Parra, Cardenas
Noes: Mejia, Rodriquez**

5-B. PUBLIC WORKS

- i. **Public Hearing to APPROVE Resolution No. 2511 Confirming the Diagram and Assessment for the 2021-2022 Annual Levy of Assessments for the City of Fowler Landscape and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District No. 1**

Councilmember Mejia made a motion to continue this item to August 17, 2021, City Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Kazarian, Cardenas, Parra, Rodriquez

- ii. **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**

Councilmember Parra recused himself from this item. Councilmember Mejia inquired if Councilmember Kazarian needed to recuse himself as well. City Attorney Cross noted because Councilmember Kazarian is not receiving a financial benefit if Pickett Solar is the chosen solar provider, he does not need to recuse himself and being a former customer would not result in a conflict of interest or recusal.

Public Works Director Dominguez reported Barrier Solar withdrew from the process. He provided spreadsheets containing a breakdown of the solar

providers' costing, performance guarantees, and energy management services. Council asked numerous questions to the remaining solar providers in an attempt to determine the best proposal for the city. After much deliberation, council directed staff to work with a third-party solar consultant to review the proposals and bring one recommendation back to Council.

5-C CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

i. COVID-19 Update

City Manager Quan reported the Fresno County Department of Public Health's data shows Fowler's vaccination rate is 59% and remains one of the highest in the County. City Manager Quan reported nineteen people were vaccinated at last week's Farmers Market.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – (CITY MANAGER)

6-A. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance Director Moreno shared HDL's first quarter sales tax update.

6-B. SENIOR/REC CENTER

Recreation Coordinator Hernandez reported last week's Fowler Farmers Market was a success and thanked Council for attending. She also announced the Market's upcoming festivities.

6-C. PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Dominguez reported a notice was sent to all customers in their water bill notifying them the data collector issue has been resolved.

7. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

There were no reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action was taken on any of the three items.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.