

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday October 5, 2021**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Rodriquez, Parra

Councilmembers Absent: Kazarian, Mejia

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

7-A. FINANCE

- i. APPROVE Budget Amendment Resolution No. 2521 to appropriate \$165,684 for the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency.**

Finance Director Moreno stated staff is requesting approval of Budget Amendment Resolution No. 2521 to appropriate \$165,684 for payment to the South Kings Ground Water Sustainability Agency (SKGSA). She reported funds have been set aside in reserves to cover the prior year payment and the current year budget amendment needed.

Councilmember Parra inquired if there was a breakdown of what the \$1.2 million dollars will be used for. City Manager Quan stated a GSA budget workshop will be held at the November 2, 2021 Council meeting. Councilmember Parra requested staff research Proposition 218 as well.

Fowler resident Steve Barela addressed the Council.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to APPROVE Budget Amendment Resolution No. 2521 to appropriate \$165,684 for the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Rodriquez, Cardenas.

7-B. PLANNING

- i. APPROVE a Disposition and Development Agreement between the City of Fowler and Abdallah Qawadri for City's Surplus Property located at the Northwest Corner of South 7th Street and East Vine Street, APNs 343-233-02ST and 3443-233-03ST.**

Community Development Director Gaffery provided an overview of the proposed Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA). He noted the DDA identifies milestones during the escrow period, entitlement process, and construction to ensure development occurs on the site. Community Development Director Gaffery reported the sale price is \$275,000, with an initial payment of \$125,000 and three annual payments of \$50,000. He stated the developer is proposing a retail dining establishment and a pita production facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem inquired about the time frame. Community Development Director Gaffery stated that when escrow closes, the developer will have thirty days to pull building permits and a year to complete construction.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to APPROVE a Disposition and Development Agreement between the City of Fowler and Abdallah Qawadri, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Rodriquez, Cardenas.

- ii. ADOPTION of Ordinance 2021-04, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City to Reflect a Change of Zone for Assessor's Parcel Nos. 340-130-09 and 340-220-33.**

City Planner Marple reported this was a second reading of Ordinance 2021-04 which was introduced at the previous Council meeting. She stated the ordinance proposes rezoning the two parcels north of Marshall Elementary to Resource Conservation District (RCO).

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-04, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Rodriquez, Parra, Cardenas.

7-C. PUBLIC WORKS

- i. Review alternatives and provide staff direction regarding potential request to Caltrans to add median treatment to the State Route 99 improvement project.**

City Manager Quan requested this item be moved to the October 19, 2021 Council meeting.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to continue Review alternatives and provide staff direction regarding potential request to Caltrans to add median treatment to the State Route 99 improvement project to October 19, 2021 Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Rodriquez, Cardenas.

- ii. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-05, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler Adding Provisions to the Fowler Municipal Code Pertaining to Organic Waste Collection (Staff is recommending this item be continued to a future meeting).**

Public Works Director Dominguez requested introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-05 be continued to November 2, 2021 City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez made a motion to continue Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-05 to November 2, 2021 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Rodriquez, Parra, Cardenas.

7-D. 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 66% and staff continues to keep in close communication with FCDPH on any regulatory changes. She also reminded Council of the Employee Appreciation Dinner on Friday, October 22, 2021.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – (CITY MANAGER)

8-A. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Dominguez updated Council on the outdoor lighting around City Hall and the Veterans Day event. Melissa Squeo was on hand to answer any questions regarding the event.

9. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Cross updated Council on AB 361 teleconferencing requirements. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to adopt a Resolution every thirty days to continue conducting public meetings with teleconference accessibility pursuant to Assembly Bill 361. City Attorney Cross stated he will bring a Resolution for adoption at next Council meeting.

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Cardenas reminded Council to RSVP for the Employee Appreciation Dinner and requested assistance in obtaining raffle prizes from businesses. Mayor Cardenas announced the City of Fowler purchased discounted Fresno Fair tickets for staff and Commissioners in partnership with the Latino Water Coalition.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez reported the Fall Festival was well attended and a success. He also reminded Council about donating candy for the Trunk or Treat event.

Councilmember Parra announced he attended the League of Cal Cities last month and was voted in as Second Vice-President of the League. He thanked Mayor Cardenas and the Council. Councilmember Parra noted an Assembly Bill to be on the lookout for regarding distribution centers.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.