

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL AND  
FOWLER PUBLIC AUTHORITY JOINT MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2019**

Mayor/Chairman Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers/Directors Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez

City/PFA Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Supervisor/Fire Chief Lopez, Finance Director Uyeda, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were followed by a moment of silence and reflection.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Raquel White, Central Regional Compliance Manager at Construction Industry Force Account Council (CIFAC). CIFAC is a non-profit coalition of concerned construction industry associates, contractors, and labor unions that work to ensure State and local governments' are in compliance with the Public Contract Code.

Patric Jones, Fowler resident spoke about concerns he received from other residents regarding the dust control at the Hovanian subdivision project.

**PRESENTATION OF AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Auditor Gus Corona, of Borchardt, Corona, Faeth & Zakarian, presented the audits for the City of Fowler and Public Financing Authority (PFA). The PFA audit showed that the long-term debt was decreased by \$295,000 for the period. The fund balance in the debt service fund is a deficit of \$79,477, an improvement of \$74,998 over prior year.

The City's audit showed a total positive net position of \$27,695,611 for all governmental funds. General Fund (GF) revenues totaled \$4,187,613, and expenditures totaled \$4,063,289 for the period. With the addition of operating transfers in of \$219,660, there was an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$343,984 in the GF as of June 30, 2017. Adding this to the beginning fund balance of \$1,705,451, the ending GF fund balance at June 30, 2017 was \$2,049,435. The Utility Users Tax fund received \$431,771 in revenues, and expenditures totaled \$305,070. With the addition of \$95,060 in operating transfers in and other financing sources, the total revenue over expenditures was \$221,761. The ending fund balance in the Utility Users Tax fund at June 30, 2017 was \$1,000,591. Mr. Corona noted that the total net position for the Water fund was \$3,349,322 at the end of the fiscal year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager/Executive Director Davis reminded the Council of the upcoming Mayor's Breakfast Friday, May 10th at 6:30 a.m. at Jocy's Mexican Restaurant, the Employees Appreciation Dinner is Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cattlemans Steakhouse Restaurant at 6:00 p.m., and Spring Fest is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager/Executive Director Davis said at the April 4<sup>th</sup>s Planning Commission meeting, Tract 6188, National Raisin's Subdivision and RJ Hill's Tract 5952 were approved; both will be coming to the Council for consideration on May 7, 2019.

Ms. Davis mentioned the second of a series of the community park grant meetings was held on April 2, 2019. The meeting consisted of gathering information from the community on priorities of what they wanted for the park based on a point system. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The Magill Terrace apartments are near completion, the first phase of tenants will be able to move in in a couple of weeks.

The Valley Children's Clinic will be having its grand opening possibly on May 30, 2019. Ms. Davis said the Plans for Art Ramirez's project have been corrected.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Lopez said Panzak Park was closed for two days last week; two pine trees fell due to heavy winds. He mentioned he is currently working on weed control along the alley ways and Golden State Boulevard. Well Site 5A is currently going through an upgrade; the electrical control panel is in bad shape and will be replaced. Councilmember/Director Kazarian said he was approached by residents who had some concerns of TCP 123 chemical containing fumigants contaminating drinking water wells. He suggested possibly providing information on the City's website with educational information for the residents on water testing.

Mr. Lopez said he is working on getting the flashing four-way stop signs at Merced, Adams, and Armstrong Avenues switched over to solar.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

#### **PRESENTATION OF PILOT PATROL VEHICLE**

Police Chief Alcaraz presented information on the newest vehicle added to the fleet, a 2018 Toyota Camry. He said he is always looking for ways to save public funds, he expressed that the Toyota Camry can hold up to the demands of the profession. He believes this vehicle will offer better fuel efficiency and reduce maintenance costs in the

long term. This patrol unit is a prototype vehicle currently being road tested to ensure its feasibility for patrol functions.

He provided the DOJ Crime Statistic's for the month of March 2019. Chief Alcaraz said the department is currently down two police officer positions; he is in the process of getting those positions filled. On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Explorers attended and assisted at the Easter Egg Hunt at Panzak Park.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Chief Lopez said he will be sending four volunteer fire fighters to an upcoming Wildland Fire Academy in the fall, sponsored by CALFIRE. He mentioned Fire Engine No. 48 will be sent in for major maintenance repairs.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report was given.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – April 16, 2019; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – March 19, 2019; C) Approve Proclamation "Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide"; D) Adopt Resolution N. 2019-2423, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler for Inclusion in the 2019-20 Budget to Incorporate a List of Projects Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act" and Authorize the City Engineer to Transmit the Resolution and Project List to the California Transportation Commission by May 1, 2019. Councilmember/Director Kazarian questioned Item D, in terms of the funding amount; the amount listed on the memo is not consistent with the resolution amount. City Manager/Executive Director Davis said it may be a typo and will be corrected.

Councilmember/Director Kazarian made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as amended, seconded by Councilmember/Director Parra. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriguez. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor/Chairman Cardenas attended a Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler Sanitation (SKF) meeting with City Manager Davis.

Councilmember/Director Kazarian said he was interviewed by Channel 30 Action News regarding the 1% district sales tax. Last week he spoke at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fresno EDC Real Estate Forecast.

He mentioned on April 24, 2019 he will be the Master of Ceremonies during the flag rising at Fresno City Hall for the Armenian Genocide.

Councilmember/Director Parra and Mayor/Chairman Cardenas attended the League of California Cities general membership meeting last week.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Councilmember/Director Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember/Director Parra to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.