

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2020**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Kazarian, Hammer and Parra (via Telephone)

Councilmembers Absent: Rodriquez

City Staff Present: City Manager/City Clerk Davis, City Attorney Cross, Finance Director Uyeda, Police Chief Alcaraz, City Planner Marple, Public Works Director Dominguez, Deputy City Clerk Burrola

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Davis said Cal Walks is scheduled to have a virtual meeting, Tuesday, June 30, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The community is welcome to participate.

Deputy City Clerk Burrola said candidate nominations period begins July 13 and closes August 7, 2020. If an incumbent does not file, the nomination period is extended 5 calendar days to August 12, 2020 for non-incumbents only. If the seat is vacant, there is no extension period.

In light of COVID-19, modifications to the candidate filing procedures have been made: Candidates wishing to run for a city office, including incumbents, shall file directly with the City Clerk.

STAFF REPORTS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

City Manager Davis said she and City Planner Marple have been working on a temporary use permit to allow for temporary outdoor seating in the Form Base Code Zone District to assist the local businesses with offering more seating, due to social distancing requirements related to Covid-19. Several designated areas have been looked at to allow required social distancing measures.

City Planner Marple said on Thursday, May 21st, the State gave Fresno County the green light to enter advanced stage 2, which allows some non-essential businesses to reopen, including dining rooms of restaurants. The City anticipates that many local restaurants will want to open with some sort of outdoor dining to add to takeout/delivery options, and will be looking at whether they can use part of the public sidewalks and alleys to set up outdoor seating with the required social distancing measures. Temporary use permit No. 20-01 would allow for temporary outdoor seating areas in the public right-of-way within the Form Based Code Zone District boundary. Duration of the temporary use permit would last until March 1, 2021, or at which time the State and County no longer

recommended social distancing measures, whichever comes first. The fees for the encroachment permits would be waived during this time.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2470, "A Resolution before the City Council of the City of Fowler County of Fresno, State of California Authorizing Temporary Use Permit For Outdoor Dining in the Form-Based Code Zone District Right-of-Way, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriquez.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

COVID-19 Update and Discussion

City Manager Davis said escrow for United Health's purchase of the Grange property at 130 S. 6th Street has been completed.

She said she has been communicating with Recreation Coordinator, Yvonne Hernandez, on the possibility of having the Farmer's Market with changes necessary to follow physical distancing guidelines by having limited hours, food trucks and produce vendors.

She also mentioned that City Engineer Peters applied for grant funding for the Maxco sidewalk project and it was approved.

Ms. Davis provided an update on current Covid cases in the City; there are 23 confirmed cases, 12 recovered, leaving 11 open cases remaining in the City. Fresno County Public Health department is developing door hangers to remind apartment complex residences of guidelines for social distancing.

Councilmember Kazarian said he has been proactive providing Covid updates and resources to the community. He said there's been discussion on the use of face masks and whether or not the City can do more to implement the use of wearing them. With the reopening of businesses it seems that cases are raising and people are not being responsible and are letting their guard down, he expressed his concerns and

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Dominguez said some of the ponding basins have been mowed, and they are in the process of mowing the others.

He said the Tree Fresno project was completed last week.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Director Uyeda said the State of California has granted extensions on some tax revenues and loss of sales tax revenues due to current events. He recommends delaying the fiscal year 2021 budget for another three months. Fowler is not the only City to request a delay in producing the FY 2020 budget, Fresno City for the first time in its history is also requesting the postponement as are several other cities.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Alcaraz said the protest on Saturday, June 13, 2020 was peaceful and a successful event for such short notice.

He said later that evening there was a double homicide associated with domestic violence. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office is handling the investigation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report was given.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar consisted of: A) Ratification of Warrants – June 16, 2020; B) Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting – May 19, 2020; C) Authorize the Finance Director to Open a City Money Market Account _ Fowler City Caltrans Project; D) Approve Amendment 1 to Agreement – Fowler Panzak Park ADA Restroom; E) Receive and File 2020 FPPC Biennial Notice that No Amendments are Necessary to the Conflict of Interest Code for the City/Successor Agency and Public Financing Authority; F) Adoption of Resolution No. 2467, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Granting the City Manager Budgetary Authority to Continue City Operations Pending Budget Adoption for Fiscal Year 2020-21”; G) Adoption of Resolution No. 2468, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno to Consolidate and Canvas the Election and Permit the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters of Fresno County to Render Specific Services to the City of Fowler Relating to the Conduct of the Municipal Election to be Held in the City of Fowler on November 3, 2020, and Appropriating Funds to Pay for Said Services”; H) Adoption of Resolution No. 2469, “A Resolution before the City Council of the City of Fowler County of Fresno, State of California Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds”; I) Adoption of Resolution No. 2471, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler for Request for Sole Source Procurement of ROMTEC Buildings and Pumping Systems for Design and Fabrication of Restroom Facility at Panzak Park for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Number 19231”

Mayor Pro Tem Hammer made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriquez.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Cardenas recommended reappointment of Roy Alatorre, Patric Jones, Wilson Parker and Adriana Prado to another term on the Recreation Commission, as their terms will expire on June 30, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Hammer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian, to re-appoint Roy Alatorre, Patric Jones Wilson Parker, and Adriana Prado to a new term on the Recreation Commission. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian, Parra. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriquez.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hammer said the 4th of July celebration has been canceled.

Councilmember Kazarian said he attended the candlelight vigil held in memory of the two lives lost and is working on domestic violence resources. He said a go fund me and meal train have been arranged for the support of the family.

Councilmember Parra attended a virtual League of California Cities meeting on economic development post Covid.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammer Kazarian to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.