

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2021**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Rodriquez, Kazarian, Mejia, Parra

City Staff Present: City Manager Quan, City Attorney Cross

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Richard Wadda, of Station 48 Taproom, proposed purchasing the old fire station property. Per the City's request, Mr. Wadda had an engineering study done, an asbestos test, and a design study done for the interior and exterior of the building. Mr. Wadda stated the taproom will have a family environment and will be a great location for meetings and events. He also reported they have full funding for the revamping of the building and equipment. Plans for the second floor after it is renovated are affordable apartments.

There were no other public presentations.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Cross noted the Deputy City Clerk's posting of the agenda certification needs to be updated to Thursday, April 1, 2021.

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss:

- ◆ Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Property: Old Fire Station property at 127 S. 6th Street
Agency Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Richard Wadda and Abdallah Qawadri
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of sale or lease

Mayor Cardenas stated he owns real property within 1,000 feet of the real property being discussed and would recuse himself from the discussion of this item in closed session. Mayor Cardenas left the closed session at 6:40 p.m. before the discussion of the real property closed session item commenced.

No reportable action taken.

- ◆ Government Code Section 54957
Public Employees Appointment/Employment
Title: Community Development Director

The Council, on a motion by Parra, seconded by Rodriguez, and approved 5-0, approved the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Thomas Gaffery as the City's Community Development Director, and placement at Step E of the City's Salary Schedule (monthly salary of \$9,315.03; annual salary \$111,780.36).

This item was discussed and considered first by the Council.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.