

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday March 29, 2022**

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Rodriquez, Kazarian, Mejia, Parra

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fowler resident Larry Veliz addressed the Council.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez, Mejia

7. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

8. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

8-A. CITY ATTORNEY

i. APPROVE Items Pertaining to City Manager Employment Agreement and Salary Classification Schedule

A. Approve Payment of \$5,000 Performance Bonus Pursuant to City Manager Employment Agreement Dated February 16, 2021.

B. Approve Resolution No. 2552 Adopting Salary Classification Schedule for All Employees.

C. Approve First Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement with Wilma Quan.

City Attorney Cross provided an overview of City Manager Quan's Employment Agreement and Salary Classification Schedule. He recommended the three items be acted upon separately.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to Approve Payment of \$5,000 Performance Bonus Pursuant to City Manager Employment Agreement Dated February 16, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Kazarian, Rodriquez, Mejia.

Councilmember Mejia made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 2552 Adopting Salary Classification Schedule for All Employees, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriguez, Parra.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to Approve First Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement with Wilma Quan, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Mejia, Rodriguez, Parra.

Various Councilmembers praised City Manager Quan for her performance and exceeding expectations as City Manager.

8-B. PUBLIC WORKS

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

City Manager Quan thanked Stephanie Mejia for her work on creating designs for the potential median treatment.

Fowler Resident Patric Jones addressed the Council.

After discussion, Council asked for the concept to be modified. Staff will work with Caltrans and will provide a revised concept at the April 5, 2022 Council meeting.

8-C. CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- i. COVID-19 Update**

City Manager Quan reported staff continues to keep in close communication with FCDPH on any regulatory changes.

City Manager Quan reported that a letter was received by Fowler resident George Mukai regarding the Council vacancy and provided a copy of the letter to each Councilmember.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – (CITY MANAGER)

Finance Director Moreno provided an update on the Community Development Block Grant loan status.

Public Works Director Dominguez various updates including his attendance at the Public Works Office of Institute workshop in Monterey and letters that will be sent to various Fowler residents.

City Manager Quan thanked Dominguez for his efforts to obtain a Prop. 68 Grant for \$180,000 for improvements to Donny Wright Park and construction of a new park.

Community Development Director Gaffery provided various updates including the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation's promotional video advertising the County and the Certificate of Occupancy permits issued for Woodside Homes. He also reported that escrow has closed on the sale of the old fire station.

Deputy City Clerk Vasquez reminded Council to file the FPPC Form 700 electronically before the April 1, 2022 deadline and to submit the signed Technology Use Policy. She also reported that on Monday July 11, 2022, there will be a Candidate Filing Class hosted by the County of Fresno.

Police Chief Alcaraz provided various updates including DOJ crime statistics for February 2022 and personnel updates.

Fire Chief Lopez provided an overview of a call on the night of March 11, 2022 that Assistant Fire Chief Jesse Hernandez and Fire Captain Mark Hurst responded to. Councilmember Mejia recommended commendations for Hernandez and Hurst.

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Various Councilmembers spoke about the loss of Mayor David Cardenas and shared their fond memories of him.

Councilmember Parra reported that he attended his first COG meeting. He also reported that the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) will host a workshop in Selma on Saturday April 2, 2022. Councilmember Parra requested an update on the 1% cost of living increase for staff. City Manager Quan stated it will be an agenda item at the April 5, 2022 Council meeting.

Councilmember Mejia announced the Egg Hunt is April 9, 2022. He also requested an update on the Adams Ave. repaving project. Public Works Director Dominguez stated the project is scheduled to be completed in April 2022. Councilmember Mejia voiced concern

about Kb Home's landscaping. Community Development Director Gaffery reported that Building Official Vasquez has been in contact with Kb Home.

11. CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action was taken on the one item.

12. ADJORN

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.