

MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday April 19, 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, Finance Director Moreno,
Deputy City Clerk Vasquez

5. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

5-A. Fowler Youth Cheerleader Recognition

The Fowler Youth Cheerleading Squad was recognized by Council.

5-B. APPROVE Proclamation “Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide and Prevention of Future Genocides”

Councilmember Kazarian read the “Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide and Prevention of Future Genocides” Proclamation and presented the Proclamation to Father Der Gomidas of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to APPROVE Proclamation “Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide and Prevention of Future Genocides”, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriquez.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. 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, Mejia, Rodriquez.

8. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9-A. Finance

- i. Actions pertaining to the fiscal year 2021-22 third quarter financial report and budget amendments:**
 - **ACCEPT the fiscal year 2021-22 third quarter budget report.**
 - **ADOPT Resolution No. 2556 approving fiscal year 2021-22 proposed budget amendments.**

Finance Director Moreno presented the City's third quarter budget report on revenues and expenses through March 31, 2022 along with recommended budget adjustments and the reasoning for those adjustments.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to APPROVE fiscal year 2021-22 third quarter budget report, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Mejia, Parra, Rodriquez.

Councilmember Parra made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2556, approving fiscal year 2021-22 proposed budget amendments, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriquez.

9-B. PUBLIC WORKS

- i. Discuss and Consider Actions pertaining to the City of Fowler's Solar/Energy Conservation Project.**
 - A. Receive analysis from ARC Alternatives regarding alternatives for Project procurement process.**
 - B. Provide Staff direction on next steps for the Project, which may include authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate a Project Agreement with the selected vendor.**
 - C. ADOPT Resolution No. 2557 approving California Energy Commission Energy Conservation Assistant Act (ECAA) loan application submittal and related CEQA exemption.**

City Manager Quan introduced Simon Olivieri of ARC Alternatives. Mr. Olivieri provided an overview of the vendor selection process. He stated

they interviewed various proposers and recommend awarding the contract to Pacific Solar.

Councilmembers asked questions about the Net Energy Metering (NEM) 2.0 program, loan parameters with repayment terms, and system monitoring. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with Pacific Solar with the discussed specific contract criteria. City Manager Quan stated the Pacific Solar contract will be on the June 7, 2022 Council Agenda.

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2557 approving California Energy Commission Energy Conservation Assistant Act (ECAA) loan application submittal and related CEQA exemption, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Mejia, Parra, Rodriquez.

9-C. CITY MANAGERS OFFICE

i. Animal Control Update

City Manager Quan reported staff plan to terminate the Second Chance Animal Shelter contract. She stated that Fresno Humane will be contracted at a lower annual rate with additional services. City Manager Quan also reported staff are applying for a UC Davis Grant to help offset the City's animal control costs.

City Manager Quan announced the May 3, 2022 Council meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and as of now, there will not be a May 17, 2022 Council meeting.

10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – (CITY MANAGER)

Community Development Director Gaffery provided an update on code enforcement and the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation's promotional video.

Finance Director Moreno shared HDL's quarterly sales tax update.

Public Works Director Dominguez provided various updates including city-wide water meter replacements, street restriping, and ramp closures on State Route 99.

Police Chief Alcaraz provided various updates including DOJ crime statistics for March 2022 and how the department and various agencies are handling the recent surge of street racing in the area.

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Kazarian provided clarification on the amended “Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide and Prevention of Future Genocides” Proclamation. He also provided an update on the SKGSA meeting and announced he will be the emcee for the Armenian Genocide Commemoration and Flag Raising in Fresno. Councilmember Kazarian also shared ideas in honoring Mayor Cardenas. City Manager Quan stated staff is currently researching ideas and will seek Council direction at a future Council meeting.

Councilmember Parra provided an update on SKF and League of California Cities meetings.

Councilmember Mejia thanked Council for attending the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.

12. CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action was taken on the two items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.