

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday July 5, 2022**

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriquez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Rodriquez, Kazarian, Mejia, Parra

City Staff Present: City Manager Tucker, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Alcaraz, Public Works Director Dominguez, Community Development Director Gaffery, Recreation Supervisor Hernandez, Fire Chief Lopez, City Planner Marple, Finance Director Moreno, City Engineer Peters, Deputy City Clerk Vasquez

Councilmember Parra made a motion to move Item 9-Di to the next council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriquez.

5. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION

5-A. The Best of Central California Awards Proclamations

- Fowler Floral and Gifts
- Kabab City
- Nouveau Full Service Salon

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

8. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9-A. City Clerk

- i. **RECEIVE and FILE: Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition proposing to divide the City into districts for the purpose of “by-district” elections**
No action.

9-B. Public Works

- i. **Monument Sign for Golden State Corridor project**
No action.

9-C. City Manager’s Office

- i. **Discuss various proposals for fire protection services for the City of Fowler and provide staff direction**

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to transition from a volunteer Fire Department to a full-time Fire Department in four years; to review the options that were included in his proposal to mitigate some of the cost by having part-time employees in years two and three; and that Chief Lopez, Chief Despain, and staff review the numbers and correct some of the overages; and identify funding sources to cover costs year over year. The motion was not seconded; motion failed.

Councilmember Mejia made a motion to sign the agreement with Fresno County Fire Protection District while setting up Fowler’s own Fire Station; and that Chief Lopez work with Chief Despain to research what specific software and other items are necessary to prepare for a fully operational, full-time Fowler Fire Department, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Parra, Rodriquez. Noes: Kazarian

9-D. City Council

- i. **APPROVE Resolution No. 2578, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler calling for and giving notice of the holding of a Special Municipal Election to be consolidated with the regularly scheduled general municipal election to be held on November 8, 2022, to present to voters a measure to adopt an ordinance enacting a 0.275% special transactions and use tax increase; requesting consolidation thereof with the statewide general election to be held on the same date; requesting that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors authorize the Fresno County Clerk to render specified services to the City of Fowler relating to the**

conduct of the Special Municipal Election; and approving the proposed ballot measure description

This item will be moved to the next council meeting.

10. Staff Communications

- Updates were provided by City Manager Tucker, Community Development Director Gaffery, Deputy City Clerk Vasquez, and Police Chief Alcaraz.

11. Councilmember Reports and Comments

- An update was provided by Councilmember Parra.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.