

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 2, 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 Tucker, City Attorney Cross, Police Chief Reid, Public Works Director Dominguez, Community Development Director Gaffery, City Planner Marple, City Engineer Peters, Finance Director Moreno, Deputy City Clerk Vasquez

Councilmember Parra made a motion to remove Item 5-Ei from the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriquez.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

5-A. City Manager's Office

i. Actions pertaining to the appointment of Michael S. Reid as Chief of Police

1) APPROVE Resolution No. 2580 adopting the salary classification schedule for all employees

Councilmember Parra made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2580 adopting the salary classification schedule for all employees, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Rodriquez; Noes: Kazarian

2) APPROVE a Chief of Police Employment Agreement with Michael S. Reid

Councilmember Parra made a motion to APPROVE a Chief of Police Employment Agreement with Michael S. Reid, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Rodriquez; Noes: Kazarian

5-B. Finance

i. ACCEPT the Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to ACCEPT the Independent Auditor’s Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Parra, Mejia, Rodriguez

ii. Actions pertaining to Coronavirus State and local Fiscal Recovery funds under the American Rescue Act of 2021

- 1) APPROVE Resolution No. 2581 amending the 2022-2023 Adopted Budget to reflect Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$812,156 and allocate those funds for various expenditures.**

Councilmember Mejia made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2581 amending the 2022-2023 Adopted Budget to reflect Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$812,156 and allocate those funds for various expenditures, seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Parra, Kazarian, Rodriguez

- 2) APPROVE Resolution No. 2582 authorizing an additional one-time premium of \$3,000 payment to eligible city employees performing essential work, who have been and continue to be relied upon to maintain continuity of city operations.**

Councilmember Mejia made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2582 authorizing an additional one-time premium of \$3,000 payment to eligible city employees performing essential work, who have been and continue to be relied upon to maintain continuity of city operations seconded by Councilmember Parra. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Parra, Kazarian, Rodriguez

5-C. Planning

- i. INTRODUCTION of Ordinance amending Title 4, Chapter 4, Article 2 of the Fowler Municipal Code regarding the parking of vehicles, towing of parked vehicles, and parking**

citations; and the repeal of Title 4, Chapter 4, Article 5 regarding trains

Councilmember Kazarian made a motion to Approve INTRODUCTION of Ordinance amending Title 4, Chapter 4, Article 2 of the Fowler Municipal Code regarding the parking of vehicles, towing of parked vehicles, and parking citations; and the repeal of Title 4, Chapter 4, Article 5 regarding trains, seconded by Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Kazarian, Mejia, Parra, Rodriquez

ii. Actions Pertaining to Planning Case Number 22-0028 the introduction of an Ordinance repealing Chapter 3, of Title 9 (“Setback Law”) of the Fowler Municipal Code, to consolidate the clarify the City’s zoning standards.

1) ADOPT a Categorical Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3)

Councilmember Parra made a motion to ADOPT a Categorical Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriquez

2) INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2022-06, repealing Chapter 3, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code to consolidate and clarify setback standards

Councilmember Parra made a motion to Approve INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2022-06, repealing Chapter 3, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code to consolidate and clarify setback standards, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriquez

iii. Actions pertaining to Planning Case Number 22-027 the introduction of an Ordinance amending Section 9-5.1605, of Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code regarding the development standards and the reimbursement for open space.

- 1) **ADOPT a Categorical Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3)**

Councilmember Mejia made a motion to ADOPT a Categorical Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez

- 2) **INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2022-07 Amending Section 9-5.1605, of Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code**

Councilmember Mejia made a motion to Approve INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2022-07 Amending Section 9-5.1605, of Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code, seconded by Councilmember Kazarian. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Kazarian, Parra, Rodriquez

5-D. Public Works

- i. **Actions pertaining to collection of annual levy for the City's Landscape and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District No. 1**

Councilmember Parra made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2583, a Resolution Confirming the Diagram and Assessment of the Annual Levy for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for Landscaping and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District No. 1, seconded by Councilmember Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Kazarian, Rodriquez

5-E. 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 was removed from the agenda.

ii. **WORKSHOP regarding potential funding opportunities for volunteer firefighter's training**

City Attorney Cross will provide an update at the next council meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

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. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (CITY MANAGER)

- Updates were provided by City Manager Tucker, Public Works Director Dominguez, Community Development Director Gaffery, and Finance Director Moreno.

10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

N/A

11. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.