

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

Mayor Parra called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Parra, Mejia, Hammer, Gill (via teleconference)

Councilmembers Absent: Kazarian

City Staff Present: City Manager Tucker, City Attorney Cross, Public Works Director Dominguez, Community and Economic Development Director Gaffery, Recreation Supervisor Hernandez, City Planner Marple, Finance Director Moreno, City Engineer Park, Police Chief Reid, Deputy City Clerk Vasquez

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No members of the public spoke.*

**5-A. Golden State Boulevard Reconstruction Project Update**

*An update was provided by the project engineer.*

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Hammer. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Hammer, Gill, Parra**

**7. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR**

*No items were pulled from the Consent Calendar.*

**8. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 BUDGET**

*City Manager Tucker informed Council that staff will compile the data and present with the draft Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget at the May 2, 2023 City Council meeting.*

*Two members of the public spoke.*

**9. SCHEDULED COUNCIL HEARINGS AND MATTERS**

**9-A. Planning Department**

- i. Actions pertaining to Planning Case Number 22-04, a text amendment to amend Section 9-5.21.05 of Article 21, of Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code to modify accessory building development standards**

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

- 2. INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2023-04, a text amendment modifying Section 9-5.21.05, of Article 21, Section 21, Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code, to amend the City's accessory building development standards**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia made a motion to ADOPT a Categorical Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3) and approve INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2023-04, a text amendment modifying Section 9-5.21.05, of Article 21, Section 21, Chapter 5, of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code, to amend the City's accessory building development standards, seconded by Councilmember Hammer. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Mejia, Hammer, Gill, Parra**

- ii. Actions pertaining to proposed Revised Tentative Subdivision Map No. 6381 and an ordinance to adopt an amending zoning map of APN: 340-130-14 from the R-1-7 (One Family Residential - 7,000 square foot minimum lot size) zone district**

*Eleven members of the public spoke.*

- 1. APPROVE Resolution No. 2630 Adopting an Addendum to a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to California Environmental Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164**

**Councilmember Hammer made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2630 Adopting an Addendum to a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to California Environmental Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15164, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Hammer, Mejia, Gill, Parra**

2. **INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 2023-05 amending the zoning map of APN: 340-130-14 from the R-1-10 (One Family Residential – 7,000 square foot minimum lot size) zone district**

**Mayor Parra made a motion to deny INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2023-05 amending the zoning map of APN: 340-130-14 from the R-1-10 (One Family Residential – 7,000 square foot minimum lot size) zone district, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Parra, Mejia, Gill, Hammer**

3. **APPROVE Resolution No. 2631 Approving the revision to Tentative Subdivision Map No. 6381**

**Councilmember Hammer made a motion to APPROVE Resolution No. 2631 Approving the revision to Tentative Subdivision Map No. 6381 and to add the language for condition #45 to add pathways, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote: Ayes: Hammer, Mejia, Gill, Parra**

- iii. **Consider INTRODUCTION of Ordinance 2023-06, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler amending sections 1-8.02 and 1-8.08 of Chapter 8, of Title 1, of the Fowler Municipal Code regarding administrative citations; adding Chapter 25 to Title 5 regarding the regulation of short-term rentals; adding section 6-2.313 of Article 3, of Chapter 2, of Title 6 regarding violations of unauthorized dumping of trash; and amending Chapters 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10 of Title 8 to provide updates to the City’s adoption of the California Administrative, Electrical, Housing, Mechanical, and Dangerous Building Codes**

**Councilmember Hammer made a motion to Consider INTRODUCTION of Ordinance 2023-06, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fowler amending sections 1-8.02 and 1-8.08 of Chapter 8, of Title 1, of the Fowler Municipal Code regarding administrative citations; adding Chapter 25 to Title 5 regarding the regulation of short-term rentals; adding section 6-2.313 of Article 3, of Chapter 2, of Title 6 regarding violations of unauthorized dumping of trash; and amending Chapters 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10 of Title 8 to provide updates to the City’s adoption of the California Administrative, Electrical, Housing, Mechanical, and Dangerous**

**Building Codes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ayes: Hammer, Mejia, Gill, Parra**

**10. CITY MANAGER**

**10-A. Provide Staff Direction on Fire Apparatus**

*Council directed staff to negotiate with North Center Fire Protection District.*

**11. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

*Updates were provided by City Manager Tucker, Recreation Supervisor Hernandez, Finance Director Moreno, Economic & Community Development Director Gaffery, City Engineer Park, Public Works Director Dominguez, Police Chief Reid, and Fresno County Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Dominguez.*

**12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

*Updates were provided by Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia, Mayor Parra, Councilmember Hammer, and Councilmember Gill.*

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

*No reportable action was taken on either item.*

**14. ADJOURN**

**Having no further business, the meeting was reconvened to the 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting.**