



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2024 at 6:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER – 128 SOUTH 5TH STREET, FOWLER, CA 93625

MINUTES

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Parra called meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Daniel Parra
Juan Mejia
Leonard Hammer
Karnig Kazarian

ABSENT

Amarjeet Gill

City Staff Present: City Manager Tucker, City Attorney Cross, Assistant City Manager Gaffery, Accountant Carrillo, Fresno County Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Dominguez, Matt Hamilton Deputy City Engineer, Recreation Supervisor Hernandez, City Planner Marple, Finance Director Moreno, Police Chief Reid, Public Works Director Rocha, and City Clerk Vasquez.

6. RULES OF PROCEDURE

- A. APPROVE Resolution No. 2698 creating the Rules of Procedure for the City Council of the City of Fowler.

**Motion made by Mejia, Seconded by Hammer.
Voting Yea: Parra, Kazarian**

Two members of the public spoke.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two members of the public spoke.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approve items A-D, F, G, and I-L of the consent calendar.

**Motion made by Mejia, Seconded by Hammer.
Voting Yea: Parra, Kazarian**

9. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

Items E and H were pulled from the consent calendar.

Item E. APPROVE a three-year professional services agreement with Price Paige & Company in the amount of \$117,425 total for audit support services in Fiscal Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26

Motion made by Mejia, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Parra

Voting Nay: Kazarian

Two members of the public spoke.

Item H. ADOPT Resolution No. 2703 approving the Final Map for Tract No. 6381, accepting the dedication of the public streets and easements as offered on the Final Map in accordance with the terms of the Conditions of Approval, and approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Agreement on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Kazarian posed a question regarding groundwater recharge. Council directed Staff to inquire with the project developer regarding the feasibility of connecting the stormwater retention basin to SKGSA groundwater recharge infrastructure. Council also directed staff to consider SKGSA infrastructure interconnection in future stormwater retention basin projects.

Councilmember Kazarian recused himself due to owning property within 500 feet of the subject property.

Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Mejia.

Voting Yea: Parra

Voting Abstaining: Kazarian

10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Finance

10A. RECEIVE AND FILE the City of Fowler Cash and Investment Report for the Second Quarter ending December 31, 2023

10B. Actions pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 mid-year budget report and budget amendments:

ACCEPT the Fiscal Year 2023-24 mid-year budget report.

APPROVE Resolution No. 2706 Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget amendments.

Motion made by Mejia, Seconded by Kazarian.

Voting Yea: Parra, Hammer

10C. INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2024-01 amending Sections 6-4.701, 6-4.702, 6-4.703, and 6-4.709 of Article 7, of Chapter 4, of Title 6, and Section 6-4.1109 of

Article 11, of Chapter 4, of Title 6 of the Fowler Municipal Code relating to the application of security deposits for water service. **(Continued to February 20, 2024)**

**Motion to continue to February 20, 2024 made by Kazarian, Seconded by Mejia.
Voting Yea: Parra, Kazarian**

11. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Updates were provided by Finance Director Moreno, City Clerk Vasquez, City Planner Marple, Public Works Director Rocha, Police Chief Reid, and Recreation Supervisor Hernandez.

12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Updates were provided by Councilmember Hammer and Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Significant Exposure to Litigation

One Potential Case - Bee Sweet's claim for reimbursement for Golden State Blvd. improvements

Government Code Section 54957(a)

Threat to public services or facilities

Consultation with:

Michael S. Reid, Chief of Police

Thomas W. Gaffery IV, Assistant City Manager

14. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION

Meeting reconvened into open session at 8:17 p.m.

No reportable action was taken on any of the two items.

15. ADJOURN

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.