



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM

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

MINUTES

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Parra called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Daniel Parra
Juan Mejia
Amarjeet Gill
Leonard Hammer

ABSENT

Karnig Kazarian (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)

City Staff Present: City Manager Tucker, City Attorney Cross, Assistant City Manager Gaffery, Associate Planner Czeshinski, Fresno County Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Dominguez, Fresno County Fire Protection Unit Chief Hail, Recreation Supervisor Hernandez, City Planner Marple, Finance Director Moreno, City Engineer Park, Police Chief Reid, Public Works Director Rocha, and City Clerk Vasquez.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 9D, APPROVE an Agreement for the Water Tower Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$199,836.00 to Cal Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement, was removed from the agenda.

Motion made by Mejia, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Parra, Gill, Kazarian

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Three members of the public spoke.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Gill, Seconded by Kazarian.

Voting Yea: Parra, Mejia, Hammer

8. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were pulled from the consent calendar.

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Planning

- A. PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION to initiate a General Plan Amendment pertaining to the Economic Development Focus Area

Council provided staff direction to initiate a General Plan Amendment pertaining to the Economic Development Focus Area.

- B. PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION on Community Development Block Grant program income funding priorities

Council provided staff direction to move forward with the following preferred spending plan: 66% of the Community Block Grant Program funds for Public Sector projects such as Merced Street, downtown core ADA deficiencies and 33% of the funds for Private Sector income-based improvements including owner-occupied housing rehabilitation grants and Commercial façade grants for Building Code deficiencies. Staff will return to Council with the County's response and the program guidelines.

Police Department

- C. APPROVE an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$855,545.00 with the Vanir Company to provide construction management and project management for the David T. Cardenas Senior Center and Police Headquarters; authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the agreement

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

Public Works

- D. APPROVE an Agreement for the Water Tower Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$199,836.00 to Cal Inc. and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Agreement.

This item was removed from the agenda.

10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Police Department Update
- B. Quarterly update from Fresno County Fire Protection District

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Updates were provided by Councilmember Kazarian, Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia, Councilmember Gill, Councilmember Hammer.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Government Code Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Property: APN 348-041-40T

Agency Negotiator: Thomas W. Gaffery IV, Assistant City Manager

Negotiating Party: Saleh Ahmed Saleh

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of potential license agreement

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Conference with legal counsel - Anticipated litigation

Deciding whether to initiate litigation

One potential case

The meeting went into closed session at 7:17 p.m.

13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 7:42 p.m.

There was no reportable action on either item.

14. ADJOURN

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.