



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 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 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Daniel Parra
Juan Mejia
Amarjeet Gill
Leonard Hammer
Karnig Kazarian

City Staff Present: Interim City Manager Gaffery, City Attorney Cross, 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

Council requested item 9A be heard after Closed Session.

Motion made by Parra, Seconded by Mejia.

Voting Yea: Gill, Hammer, Kazarian

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Gill pulled item 7D to be heard separately. The remaining items on the Consent Calendar, A-C and E-P, were approved.

Motion made by Kazarian, Seconded by Mejia.

Voting Yea: Parra, Gill, Hammer

8. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 7D was approved with the exception of Section 12(c)4.

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

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Public Works

9B. Actions pertaining to Water Tower agreement and visual identity:

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

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

ii. PROVIDE staff direction on visual identity outreach.

One member of the public spoke.

Council provided staff direction on community outreach regarding the water tower visual identity treatment.

9C. APPROVE Resolution No. 2738, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment of the 2024-25 Annual Levy for Landscaping and Storm Drainage Facilities Maintenance District No. 1.

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

10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

10A. Update on Tract 6381

Two members of the public spoke.

Updates were provided by Interim City Manager Gaffery, Public Works Director Rocha, Police Chief Reid, City Clerk Vasquez, and Recreation Supervisor Hernandez.

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Conference with legal counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Deciding whether to initiate litigation

One potential case

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 343-233-02ST & 343-233-03ST

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

Negotiating Party: Qawadri LLC, Rakkar Development and Construction

Under Negotiation: Terms of Disposition and Development Agreement

Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representative: Interim City Manager

Unrepresented employees: Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, Public Works

Director, City Clerk

Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Appointment/Employment

Title: City Manager

The meeting went into closed session at 7:06 p.m.

13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION

The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:13 p.m.

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

9A. APPROVE Resolution No. 2734 adopting the salary classification schedule

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2734 with reclassification of the City Clerk/Personnel Manager with salary range of: Step A: \$7,747, Step B: \$8,134, Step C: \$8,541, Step D: \$8,968, Step E: \$9,416.

Motion made by Kazarian, Seconded by Mejia.

Voting Yea: Parra, Gill, Hammer

14. ADJOURN

Having no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.