



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 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 the Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Daniel Parra
Juan Mejia
Amarjeet Gill
Leonard Hammer

ABSENT

Karnig Kazarian (arrived at 6:02 p.m.)

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Gaffery, City Attorney Cross, Fresno County Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Dominguez, 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 11A will be heard between items 6 and 7.

6. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Swearing-In and Promotion of Fowler Police Officers

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

9. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were pulled from the consent calendar.

10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

City Clerk

10A. PROVIDE staff direction on voting delegates and alternates for League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Council directed staff to list Councilmember Gill as the voting delegate and Mayor Parra as the alternate and to bring the item back for Council approval at the August 20th Council Meeting.

Personnel

10B. APPROVE Resolution No. 2739 adopting the salary classification schedule.

One member of the public spoke.

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

Finance

10C. RECEIVE AND FILE an update on American Rescue Plan Act funding and PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION.

One member of the public spoke.

Public Works

10D. APPROVE an Agreement with AVEVA Select of California for domestic well SCADA Modernization in the amount of \$328,035.17 and authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute the Agreement.

One member of the public spoke.

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

11. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

11A. WORKSHOP by Caltrans Staff on Ongoing and Upcoming Projects

11B. Update on Tract 6381

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

12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Conference with legal counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Deciding whether to initiate litigation
Two potential cases

Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representatives: City Attorney and Interim City Manager
Unrepresented employees: Interim City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk/Personnel Manager, Community & Economic Development Director, Finance Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Public Works Supervisor, Recreation & Senior Center Supervisor

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

Public Employee Appointment/Employment
Title: City Manager

The Council Meeting went into closed session at 7:23 p.m.

14. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION

The Council Meeting reconvened into open session at 7:58 p.m.

No reportable action was taken on any of the closed session items.

15. ADJOURN

Having no further business, the Council Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.