



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 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, 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 6A was removed from the agenda.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Three members of the public spoke.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

9. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were pulled from the consent calendar.

10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Public Works

10A. CONSIDER the Master Encroachment Agreement with unWired Broadband, LLC. and authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate the agreement, allowing unWired

to construct a fiber optic network and establish itself as a franchise utility service provider.

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

10B. WORKSHOP by the Fresno County Transportation Agency on the Golden State Boulevard Corridor Project

One member of the public spoke.

City Manager

10C. APPROVE a Second Amendment to the Police Chief Employment Agreement with Michael S. Reid

**Motion made with the removal of Section 7 by Parra, Seconded by Mejia.
Voting Yea: Gill, Hammer, Kazarian**

Council directed staff to bring back Section 7 for discussion into closed session at the next council meeting.

Planning

10D. APPROVE Resolution No. 2741, adopting an updated City of Fowler Planning Fee Schedule.

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

11. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

11A. Quarterly Sales Tax Update

11B. Update on water tower rehabilitation project

In addition to Finance Director Moreno and Public Works Director Rocha; updates were provided by Interim City Manager Gaffery, Police Chief Reid, and City Clerk Vasquez.

12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

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

The meeting went into closed session at 7:00 p.m.

14. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION

The meeting reconvened into open session at 7:06 p.m.

No reportable action was taken on the closed session item.

15. ADJOURN

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.