



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 (via teleconference)

Karnig Kazarian

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Manager Gaffery, City Attorney Cross, Fresno County Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Dominguez, Recreation Supervisor Hernandez, City Planner Marple, Records Technician Molina, Finance Director Moreno, City Engineer Park, Police Chief Reid, Public Works Director Rocha, and City Clerk Vasquez.

2A. CONSIDER approval of councilmember request(s) for remote teleconferencing under emergency circumstances

Motion made by Mejia, Seconded by Gill.

Voting Yea: Parra, Hammer, Kazarian

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two members of the public spoke.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Kazarian, Seconded by Gill.

Voting Yea: Parra, Mejia, Hammer

8. CONTESTED CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were pulled from the consent calendar.

9. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

City Clerk

9A. APPROVE Resolution No. 2758, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fowler Declaring Results of Municipal Election Held on November

Motion made by Kazarian, Seconded by Mejia.

Voting Yea: Parra, Gill, Hammer

9B. Installation of Councilmembers: City Clerk to administer Oath of Office to Karnig R. Kazarian, Juan A. Mejia, and Daniel T. Parra

9C. Reorganization of City Council

i. Election of Mayor by City Council

A motion was made to nominate Mayor Pro-Tem Mejia as Mayor.

Motion made by Gill, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Mejia

Voting Nay: Parra, Kazarian

ii. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem by City Council

A motion was made to nominate Councilmember Gill as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion made by Mejia, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Gill

Voting Nay: Parra, Kazarian

9D. Recess

9E. APPOINT delegates to various boards, agencies, and commissions

1) Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District - Craig Mellon

2) Finance Committee - Gill, Parra

3) Five Cities Economic Development Authority - delegate:

Kazarian, alternate: Hammer

4) Fowler Recreation Commission - delegate: Mejia, alternate: Gill

5) Friends of Fowler Library - delegate: Gill, alternate: Hammer

6) Fresno County Council of Government (COG) - delegate: Mejia,

alternate: Parra

7) SJV Air Pollution Control District Committee - delegate: Parra,

alternate: Kazarian

8) Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler Sanitation District (SKF) - delegate:

Gill, alternate: Mejia

9) South Kings Ground Water Sustainability Agency - delegate:

Kazarian, alternate: Parra

10) Southeast Regional Solid Waste Commission - delegate: Gill,

alternate: Parra

11) Veteran's Day Event - Now overseen by Recreation Commission

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

Planning

9F. INTRODUCTION of Ordinance 2024-06 amending Article 5 of Title 9 of the Fowler Municipal Code adding Chapter 9.216 and amending Sections 9.120.030, 9.125.030, 9.160.080, 9.175.040, 9.240.060, 9.240.070, and 9.240.130 regarding regulations relating to housing

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

Police Department

9G. APPROVE a Second Amendment in the amount of \$249,839 to the agreement with Dewberry Architects, Inc., for a total amount of \$930,215, for design, bidding and construction support costs for the David T. Cardenas Police Headquarters and Senior Center and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the amendment

One member of the public spoke.

There was no motion.

Council directed staff to follow up with Dewberry and bring the item back at a subsequent meeting.

Councilmember Hammer left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

10. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

11. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

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

One member of the public spoke.

The meeting went into closed session at 7:15 p.m.

13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION

No reportable action was taken on the closed session item.

14. ADJOURN

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.