



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

### MINUTES

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#### 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Mejia called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

##### **PRESENT**

Juan Mejia

Amarjeet Gill

Leonard Hammer (via teleconference)

Karnig Kazarian

Daniel Parra (via teleconference)

**Staff Present:** Interim City Manager Gaffery, Deputy City Attorney Lear, Recreation Supervisor Hernandez, City Planner Marple, City Engineer Park, Police Chief Reid, Public Works Director Rocha, and City Clerk Vasquez.

#### 6. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

6A. Presentation to Outgoing Recreation Commissioner Susie Rico-Vasquez

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Three members of the public spoke.*

#### 8. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion made by Parra, Seconded by Gill.**

**Voting Yea: Parra, Gill, Mejia, Hammer, Kazarian**

#### 10. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

##### **Planning**

10A. INTRODUCTION of Ordinance No. 2025-01 amending sections 4-4.203, 4-4.209, 4-4.210 and 4-4.212 of Chapter 4 of Title 4, and adding Article 7 to Chapter 4 of Title 4 of the Fowler Municipal Code related to on-street parking of semi-trucks within the City

**Motion made by Kazarian, Seconded by Gill.**

**Voting Yea: Kazarian, Gill, Mejia, Hammer, Parra**

10B. ADOPT Resolution No. 2764 Approving an updated fee schedule for Planning Fees and Development Impact Fees

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

### **Police Department**

10C. APPROVE a Second Amendment in the amount of \$195,160 to the agreement with Dewberry Architects, Inc., for a total amount of \$876,168 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

*This item was heard at 6:31 p.m.*

**No action was taken.**

*This item was heard again at 8:08 p.m.*

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

### **Public Works**

10D. Actions pertaining to Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Program projects:

i. REJECT all Donny Wright Park Shade Structure Improvement Project construction bids due to bid amounts exceeding grant funding

ii. REJECT all Harris Park Improvement Project construction bids due to bid amounts exceeding grant funding

*One member of the public spoke.*

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

10E. Actions pertaining to the 1,2,3-TCP Treatment Plant Mitigation Project at Well No. 7:

i. AWARD a construction contract to HPS Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$4,356,800 and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement

ii. APPROVE a professional services agreement with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group in the amount of \$192,745 for construction management, observation, and inspection services for the Project and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement

iii. APPROVE Budget Resolution No. 2765 allocating funding for the Project

**Councilmember Parra made a motion to approve with, modifying the project spending plan from a 5% to a 10% contingency as shown on page 92 of the staff report.**

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

**11. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

*Updates were provided by Interim City Manager Gaffery, City Engineer Park, and Public Works Director Rocha.*

**12. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)**

Conference with legal counsel - Anticipated litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation  
Unknown number of cases but at least one

**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(a)**

Threat to public services or facilities  
Consultation with: Thomas W. Gaffery IV, Interim City Manager

**Government Code Section 54957**

Public employee performance evaluation  
Interim City Manager

*The meeting went into closed session at 7:19 p.m.*

*Councilmember Hammer left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.*

**14. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ACTION**

*The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:08 p.m. No reportable action was taken on any of the four closed session items.*

**15. ADJOURN**

**Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**