

MINUTES

**CITY OF DELANO
CITY COUNCIL – DELANO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

June 30, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the City Council meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

Redevelopment Agency Vice Chairman Aguirre called the Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Morris led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Ramirez (arrived 5:20 p.m.), Vallejo
Councilmen absent: None

Board Members present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Ramirez (arrived 5:20 p.m.), Vallejo
Board Members absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Salem, City Attorney Alan Peake, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director DeDios, Police Chief DeRosia, Transportation and General Services Director Newhouse, Community Development Director Woodcock, City Engineer Dowling, Chief of Corrections Galaza, Economic Development & Redevelopment Director Reyna, Human Resources Director Kirkwood

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Action by the Delano Redevelopment Agency

- 1) Public hearing: Fiscal Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 budget.

Mr. Salem stated that the Redevelopment Agency budget has not been resolved yet due to pending action by the State regarding redevelopment agencies. The budget will be presented at a later date.

Action by the City of Delano City Council

- 2) Public hearing: Fiscal Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 budget.

Mr. Salem presented the staff report. He gave a power point presentation reviewing the highlights of the

proposed budget. Mr. Salem reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the general fund, the enterprise funds, special revenue funds, and internal service funds. He reviewed the new positions to be added and positions to be deleted. The capital improvement projects and the sources of funds were reviewed. Measure I funds will be used to provide services and operations. Without it, we would be in a deficit. Mr. Salem noted that over the past two years, we have cut over \$2 million from the budgets

Mayor Chavez asked for public comments.

Ethel Pickering, 102 Dover Place, asked is the senior nutrition program will be cut. Mr. Newhouse explained that the initial budget showed a deficit. On direction from council, staff is looking at contracting out preparation of meals. The cook position will be eliminated and other staff's hours will be cut.

Lena Mae Jones, 1116 Lexington Street, stated she was told the senior centers would be closed. She expressed concern that meals would be cold by the time they are served.

Cornell Markham, 2110 Patton Street, asked if the rates for senior meals will be changed. Mr. Newhouse informed him there is a suggested \$2.00 donation, but seniors are not required to pay.

Abraham Jimenez asked why the city is trying to cater meals from Visalia. He noted the meals are now prepared at the Jefferson center and are also served at the Ellington and McFarland centers.

Susana Valenzuela, 1640 Garces #43, stated the current council and staff were not here in 1998 when the engineering department was eliminated. Those staff were given a ten day notice. She asked if the bumping rules have changed since then.

Mr. Salem stated HR staff and the city attorney have been meeting and reviewing the rules regarding lay-offs and bumping. There will be a meeting with the union.

Robert Murillo, union president, stated the union wants to work with council and staff to answer questions and is willing to talk about everything including furloughs and benefits.

Ruben Hill, 1018 Albany Street, stated one of the things Measure I was passed for was to take care of seniors. It was not passed to keep the city running. He stated that if the city had started cutting back three years ago when he was on the council and suggested it, we would not be doing lay-offs now. He stated we should do a one year budget, not a two year budget, until the city is back on its feet.

Nathan Smith, 1302 Rounds, asked if a maintenance worker could be trained as a refuse driver. He stated there is very little to attract people to Delano and that it would be a shame to close the golf course.

Mayor Chavez closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2011-61 of the City Council of the City of Delano approving and adopting the budget for fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 and appropriating the funds necessary to meet the expenditures set forth therein.

3) Discussion and direction regarding Proposition 84 grant application for all-weather track

Ms. Reyna presented the staff report. She noted the item is time sensitive and staff require council direction. The application would be for funds for an all-weather track to be located on high school property. It would require a joint use agreement with the high school district. The school has proposed a different agreement that

the one the city proposes. There are some areas of concern. The school proposes the city be responsible for payment of construction / renovations potentially beyond the grant award amount. The city / public would have limited use and overly restrictive hours. "Out of the ordinary" maintenance would be the city's responsibility, but the term is unclear. Termination of the agreement prior to 30 years triggers prorated repayment of the grant by the applicant (the city). The city would be responsible for all utility costs during off-school hours.

Ms. Reyna presented two options for council. The city could withhold the application or submit the application with a letter regarding the joint use agreement and continue to work out the terms and conditions with the high school district.

Mr. Peake suggested the city propose the city's agreement with the school district stating the city will provide no money other than the Prop 84 funds unless it is for a city sponsored event; the city not pay any maintenance, utility, or repair costs; and the city will pay only the clean-up costs of a city sponsored event.

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to approve the Proposition 84 grant application for an all-weather track with the recommendations as presented by staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Ramirez seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously passed to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Chairman Ramirez adjourned the special Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk