

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – DELANO PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

December 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallejo called the City Council meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Monrian called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Gonzales led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Pascual, Vallejo
Councilmen absent: none

Commissioners present: Gonzales, Grewal, Monrian, Todd
Commissioners absent: Barba, Headrick, Langston

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Garcia, City Clerk Kraft, Police Chief DeRosia, Community Development Director Cariño

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

- 1) Discussion regarding the proposed Health and Sustainability Element of the General Plan and Climate Action Plan

Information only, no action to be taken by City Council or Planning Commission

Ms. Cariño presented the staff report. She noted that staff is not aware of any other city in California that is doing this type of plan. The project was funded by Southern California Edison, HUD, and Kern Council Of Governments (KernCOG). She introduced Matt Raimi of Raimi & Associates and Jeff Caton of Environmental Science Association, who worked on the document. They give a power point presentation.

Mr. Raimi and Mr. Caton reviewed the process used to produce the plan and the basics of what is included.

Councilwoman Morris stated she attended the community meetings and it is good to see the comments put into the plan. She thanked staff for the report.

Councilman Aguirre stated he also attended the meetings and was glad how they went.

Councilman Pascual stated he is impressed with the document and surprised by the statistics.

Mayor Vallejo stated the document is the culmination of various meetings held and public participation. She noted this will assist the city in planning for future development and can be used as a tool for the general plan.

Kevin Keyes, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Tobacco Free Coalition of Kern County, presented a letter requesting the document include a policy proposed by the coalition.

Chris Quinoas stated he is willing to help in any way possible. He is looking into grants for programs.

Avtar Nijjer-Sidhu, Kern County Public Health, stated she is excited to see this plan and noted it is in line with the Public Health Department's mission. She noted the department is building partnerships with cities such as this. She added that the community garden at DRMC is a good project.

Valerie Goropse, Center on Race Poverty and the Environment, stated she is glad to see Delano ahead of game regarding AB32. She suggested changes and additions to draft document in section 1.4; Goal 11, Policy 11.3; Policy 11.4; and Existing Conditions, page 17.

Bob Snoddy, KernCOG, commend the city's efforts. He noted it is important to address legislation, AB 32 and SB 375.

Andrew Barragan stated he supports plan and that people his age trying to be productive.

David Marino stated a need to improve public safety and that the police are doing a good job.

Javier Cruz noted a need for more education. He stated there should be no liquor or tobacco. We need parks. We need to help those with diabetes.

Ms. Potter stated she is enthusiastic about the city being pro-active. She suggested changes and additions to the draft document in goal #5; policy 1.5; policies 6.8 – 6.10; policy 9.14; and goal 11.

(no name) stated she would like to see Delano hold a marathon. We need to have green areas and more trees.

Art Rodriguez stated that people put items in the alleys and junk dealers take it. He stated the city needs to pick it up.

Cornel Markham asked who is responsible for picking up bird droppings.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Chavez seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously passed to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Todd, seconded by Commissioner Grewal and unanimously passed to adjourn the special Planning Commission meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Phyllis Kraft, City Clerk