

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING June 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallejo called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

INVOCATION

Mayor Vallejo asked for a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Morris led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Pascual, Vallejo
Council members absent: none

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Garcia, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director Rios, Police Chief DeRosia, City Engineer Dowling, Human Resources Director Zamudio

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Code Enforcement Beautification Activity

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ethel Pickering, 102 Dover Place, asked who the owner of the property at end of Dover Parkway is and when they will open the street through to Walmart. She asked why the city wants to sell the VFW hall.

Roberto Ibarra asked if the city is going to take 15 years to do something with Block H.

Richard Markham thanked the city for taking down abandoned houses. He stated he called the police department and was hung-up on. He stated a need to get rid of drugs. Mr. Markham noted citizens have been waiting 15 years for something at Block H.

Gloria Herrera stated that teenagers are riding bikes on Woollomes Avenue in front of Walmart, and we need bike lanes near the shopping center. She stated that last year water lines were flushed every month, but that has not been done this year. She asked when the city will change out old water pipes.

Henry Mendez stated that he represents the owners of 23 acres behind Home Depot, and that it was sold to a local farmer. The area is being cleaned-up. The right of way for a road will go to the city. The

developer across the way is taking the road work to be done out for bid and is planning to start work in September.

Lena Mae Jones thanked Ms. Reyna for the help she provided to Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Jones stated that the fee charged for yard sales is a serious problem. She stated yard sales should be allowed twice a month, and that schools should not have to pay for yard sales permit.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Authorization to waive the reading of any ordinance or resolution in its entirety and consenting to the reading of such ordinances or resolutions by title only
- 2) Warrant Register in the amount of \$3,286,658.61 (May 19 warrant); Warrant register in the amount of \$2,415,642.34 (June 2 warrant)
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of May 5, 2014; meeting of May 19, 2014
- 4) Approve Councilwoman Morris travel to Sacramento to attend League of California Cities 2014 Policy Committee meeting June 20, 2014
- 5) Approval for Councilman Pascual to extend travel to Washington DC for Kern Council of Governments by two days to include meetings for the City of Delano, September 7-8, 2014
- 6) Resolution No. 2014-41 of the City Council of the City of Delano, California, calling and giving notice of the holding of a general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California, relating to general law cities
- 7) Resolution No. 2014-42 of the City Council of the City of Delano, California, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern to consolidate a general municipal election to be held on November 4, 2014, with the statewide general election to be held on the date pursuant to subsection 10403 of the Elections Code
- 8) Resolution No. 2014-43 of the City Council of the City of Delano establishing no parking zones on certain portions of High Street, south of County Line Road per City Code Section 10.12.070
- 9) Resolution No. 2014-44 of the City Council of the City of Delano approving Amendment No. 1 of Agreement No. 5600003134 (City of Delano Agreement No. 2012-52) with the California Department of Corrections for the City of Delano to provide waste collection, removal and disposal services for the Kern Valley State Prison for a four month extension from June 30, 2014 through October 31, 2014, and authorizing the mayor to execute the agreement Agreement No. 2014-49
- 10) Award of contract for the 2013 various street rehabilitation, resurfacing, and shoulder improvement project STPCML-5227(045) to Griffith Company in the amount of \$1,093,202.59 and authorize the mayor to sign the construction contract Agreement No. 2014-50

- 11) Award of contract for the 2013 various street rehabilitation, resurfacing and shoulder improvement project STPCML-5227(046) to Griffith Company in the amount of \$1,232,163.08 and authorize the mayor to sign the construction contract Agreement No. 2014-51
- 12) Approval of Task Order Number 2014-05 with Quad Knopf to Agreement No. 2011-28 to continue providing interim on-call planning services during the recruitment of the Community Development Director; appropriate \$50,000 from the general fund to cover this expense; authorize the city manager to execute the task order Agr No. 2014-52
- 13) Approval of letter opposing SB1139

Roberto Ibarra asked that items #8 and #13 be pulled for discussion. Lupe Martinez asked that items #11 and #12 be pulled for discussion. Mayor Vallejo stated that item #5 will be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with items #5, 8, 11, 12, 13 pulled for discussion.

Item #5) Councilman Pascual explained that he will be traveling to Washington DC on business for the Kern Council of Governments. He is asking for two extra days to be paid for by the City to be able to meet with lobbyist regarding grants for law enforcement, the Voice of America (VOA) facility, fire and FEMA. He will also meet with our local representatives.

Richard Markham asked what the city will do with the VOA. Ms. Reyna explained the city has submitted an application for the acreage. The land could be used for a number of things including an airport.

Roberto Ibarra asked if Councilman Pascual could ask for money for Garces Highway. He was informed that Garces Highway is not city property and that citizens should be encouraged to write to their representatives.

Moved by Councilwoman Morris, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to approve Item #5.

Item #8) Roberto Ibarra stated that High Street is wide enough for traffic and asked why the city wants to put up "No Parking" signs. He stated Cecil Avenue at High Street is marked "No Parking" but cars still park there.

Chief DeRosia explained that when the new police facility was built, the east side of High Street was zoned red but this was not taken to council for approval. The railroad has requested no parking on the west side of High Street due to safety issue. This was posted, but was not taken to council. The parking lot at the new police facility is for police business, but other local businesses have been using it.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to approve Item #8.

Item #11) Lupe Martinez asked when we will start investing in city employees so that they can do the work rather than contract it out. He stated the money should stay in Delano. He noted there must be projects that city employees could do.

Mr. Dowling explained that state law required cities go out to bid on large projects. The city does not have the equipment, personnel, nor time to do the large projects. City staff does smaller projects such as the cold mix they will be applying to various streets starting this week.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to approve item #11.

Councilman Chavez requested staff provide a report at a future meeting regarding projects we have put out to contract.

Item #12) Ms. Reyna stated that staff is doing a recruitment for vacancies and Quad Knopf will continue to provide services until new staff are in place.

Lupe Martinez asked what exact services Quad Knopf will provide and how long it will be before we have a new Community Development Director. Ms. Reyna explained the first application review date is the end of this week but the entire hiring process will take 60 to 90 days. She stated the interim director is acting in the capacity of the department head overseeing staff, meeting with the public and staff, review plan, and so forth.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to approve item #12.

Item #13) Roberto Ibarra asked what this item is regarding. Ms. Reyna explained the proposed legislation is regarding renewable energy. It supports only solar and wind. We are asking that other forms of renewable energy also be included. She noted this could have negative effects on the co-generation plant south of town. Lupe Martinez asked the council to reconsider an opposition position. He stated Highway 99 is becoming really bad near the plant.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously carried to approve item #13.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

REGULAR AGENDA

- 14) Appointment of two (2) Planning Commissioners, each for a four (4) year term to end June 2018

Ms. Reyna stated that staff is requesting council re-appoint Commissioner Langston at this time and hold-off the re-appointment of Commissioner Barba. Staff will meet with Commissioner Barba regarding some issues.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously carried to re-appoint Commissioner Langston to the Planning Commission for a term to end June 2018.

- 15) Approval for council members to attend the 2014 Annual League of California Cities Conference September 3 – 5, 2014, in Los Angeles, and advise staff which council members will be attending

Moved by Councilwoman Morris, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to approve attendance at the 2014 Annual League of California Cities Conference September 3 – 5, 2014, in Los Angeles for any council member who wishes to attend.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Aguirre no items

Councilman Chavez asked staff to check the timing of the traffic lights on 11th Avenue & High Street and on Cecil Avenue & Norwalk Street. He stated he has been getting complaints regarding the long wait for the traffic lights on Woollomes at Highway 99.

Councilwoman Morris no items

Councilman Pascual stated he would like up-dates on the senior center rebuild; the Ellington center refurbish and park restroom rebuild; and the master plans on drainage, sewer, and water. He stated there should be no charge for yard sales on school grounds.

Mayor Vallejo thanked staff for all the reports. She advised the public that rather than wait for the next council meeting, they can bring concerns to Ms. Reyna who will direct them to the proper staff.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:51 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Vallejo was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 16) Conference with real property negotiators Maribel Reyna and Bonny Garcia regarding possible sale or lease of property owned by the City of Delano, located at 1025 Garces Highway (VFW Hall) APN 037-130-14 pursuant to govt. code section 54956.8
- 17) Conference with labor negotiators Maribel Reyna, Bonny Garcia, and Human Resources Director Noemi Zamudio regarding negotiations with the Delano City Employees Association (miscellaneous employees unit); govt. code section 54957.6
- 18) Conference with labor negotiators Maribel Reyna, Bonny Garcia, and Human Resources Director Noemi Zamudio regarding negotiations with the Delano Police Officers Association; govt. code section 54957.6
- 19) Conference with labor negotiators Maribel Reyna, Bonny Garcia, and Human Resources Director Noemi Zamudio regarding negotiations with MEG employee group; govt. code section 54957.6
- 20) Conference with labor negotiators Maribel Reyna and Bonny Garcia regarding negotiations with Finance Director, Chief of Police, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Human Resource Director, and Community Development Director; govt. code section 54957.6

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 9:21 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 16) Item tabled
- 17) Information was provided and direction given.
- 18) Information was provided and direction given.
- 19) Information was provided and direction given.
- 20) Information was provided and direction given.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk