

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING October 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallejo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

INVOCATION

Mayor Vallejo asked for a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Chavez 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

Presentation to City of Delano of the Outstanding Planning Award for Innovation in Green Community Planning from the American Planning Association for the “Delano Health and Sustainability Element” of the General Plan

Benjamin Kimball, Deputy Executive Director, Tulare County Association of Governments, and representative of the American Planning Association, presented the award.

Proclamation for 6th Annual Filipino Community Award Banquet and Fundraiser: “Honoring the Best”

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dorothy Morgan spoke regarding assistance to victims of crimes. She asked what the police are doing about cleaning up the city. Mayor Vallejo asked for short presentation at next meeting

Roberto Ibarra stated there is a container on High Street next to the muffler shop with broken cement in it and asked if the public is allowed to put broken cement in it.

Richard Markham stated that animal control is letting dogs go when they are called to catch them. He gave Chief DeRosia a box of leashes.

Larry Moray asked if there is a program for people to learn about fire safety. He read from a list of locations in the city where trees are covering power lines.

Cornel Markham asked what constitutes a black victim and stated that no one is willing to help him.

Ethel Pickering thanked Chief DeRosia for controlling traffic near her home and asked who is responsible for directional signs to Walmart.

Lena Mae Jones stated there is a need for restrooms and tables at Martin Luther King Park. She stated the city needs to name a street or building for a Black family.

Janet Rabanal announced that the Chamber of Commerce will have the Historical Ghost Park at Heritage Park beginning with a ribbon cutting on Friday, October 25, at 5:30 pm. She reported the Chamber of Commerce has about 50 high school and college student volunteers helping with the event.

Richard Sanchez stated that people were killed in front of his mother's house and mother-in-law's house. He thanked the police for what they are doing, but asked what more we can do.

Stephan Sanchez stated he understands there are limited resources. He asked what the city is doing to partner with other programs such as the county PAL program. He asked what the city is doing regarding grants to re-vamp street lighting. Mr. Sanchez stated that many people want the neighborhood watch program.

Arnold Morrison stated he is thankful to see that the city is starting design work on the senior citizen center.

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 \$4,394,684.61 (two payroll periods)
- 3) Minutes of special meeting of September 22, 2014
- 4) Resolution No. 2014-84 of the City Council of the City of Delano approving and authorizing an agreement by and between Valbridge Property Advisors – Michael Burger & Associates and the city to perform general real estate appraisal services Agr #2014-83
- 5) Release funds from developer escrow account to Delano Retail Center (Delano Market Place) per the Developer Escrow Agreement for the required offsite improvements in the amount of \$393,183.83. Payment Application No. 16 – Final Retention
- 6) Resolution No. 2014-85 of the City Council of the City of Delano authorizing the city engineer to sign Program Supplemental Agreement No. NO22 to Administering Agency – State Agreement for Federal-Aid Project No. 06-5227R Agreement No. 2014-84
- 7) Resolution No. 2014-86 of the City Council of the City of Delano approving Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 2012-119 – Wastewater Municipal Farm Lease City of Delano Agreement No. 2014-85

- 8) Resolution No. 2014-87 of the City Council of the City of Delano, California designating and setting aside certain city-owned real property as right of way for public street and public utility purposes (widening Wasco Pond Road by 10 feet on the west side of Wasco Pond Road, south of Garces Highway)
- 9) Approval of agreement with Vaughn Williams Architecture & Planning to provide design services for the proposed Delano Senior Citizens Center at 436 Jefferson Street in the amount of \$137,000 with an additional contingency of \$13,000 to be administered on a task order basis by the city manager if needed Agreement No. 2014-86
- 10) Approve continued support to Delano Chamber of Commerce for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$50,000

Members of the public asked that item #4 and item #8 be pulled for discussion. Councilman Aguirre asked that item #10 be pulled due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilman Chaves, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with items #4, #8, and #10 pulled for discussion.

Item #4) John Munoz stated we have qualified appraisers in the city and asked if they had been considered. Ms. Reyna explained that certified appraisers are required for many city projects and that an RFP was sent out to certified appraisers. Only one response to the RFP was received.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and unanimously carried to approve agenda item #4.

Item #8) Roberto Ibarra asked if this road is controlled by Caltrans. He noted that he has asked for bike lanes on County Line Road and been informed that Caltrans owns the roads. Mr. Dowling informed him that this item is regarding a section of Wasco Pond Road that is in city limits and is for a right-of-way easement for Southern California Edison.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to approve agenda item #8.

Item #10) Mayor Vallejo stated that Councilman Aguirre is a member of the Delano Chamber of Commerce and has a conflict of interest regarding this item. Councilman Aguirre left the room.

Councilwoman Morris stated that the Chamber members work long, hard hours and the amount of support should be increased to \$55,000. Councilman Pascual noted that the item has already been budgeted and the amount could be changed in the next budget. Mayor Vallejo agreed with Councilman Pascual.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual and approved by the following vote to continue support to the Delano Chamber of Commerce for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$50,000. AYES: Chavez, Pascual, Vallejo NOES: Morris ABSTAIN: Aguirre

Councilman Aguirre returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

REGULAR AGENDA

No items

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilwoman Morris no items

Councilman Aguirre commended the police for the service they provide. He thanked the American Planning Association for the award presented tonight. He noted that crime is a problem throughout the state and the city works with a lot of agencies. He stated that 60% of the city's budget is for law enforcement.

Councilman Chavez stated that the city has taken pro-active positions on the city's problems. He added that everyone has to take the initiative to solve problems.

Councilman Pascual no items

Mayor Vallejo reported on the ACCAPS conference she recently attended. She spoke regarding gangs and the city's limited funding. She stated that staff is always looking for grants.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:50 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Vallejo was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 11) Conference with legal counsel: existing litigation, pursuant to govt. code section 54956.9

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 7:23 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 11) Information was provided; no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk