

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING September 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pascual called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

INVOCATION

Mr. Dowling offered the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilwoman Vallejo led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Ricardo Chavez, Ruben Hill, Liz Morris, Rueben Pascual, Grace 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, Chief of Corrections Marshall, Recreation Manager Bath

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Presentation by Alan Christensen, Chief Deputy CAO for Water Resources of the County of Kern – Sustainable Groundwater in Kern County. The presentation was tabled to October 5, 2015.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bill Hylton introduced Martha Milk, the new minister at the Methodist Church.

Martha Milk stated she and the church will be happy to work with the city any way they can.

Roberto Ibarra stated that Measure I is now Measure A and people get discouraged because things change overnight. He stated that council does not listen to the people. Ms. Reyna explained the process for ballot measures and that it is the County Elections Office that assigns letters to the measures.

Javier Cruz stated that no one to answers the phone regarding water before 8:00 am or after 5:00 p.m. He is glad to see Councilman Chavez involved with children at RFK High School. He stated there is no opportunity for people and children in this town. He stated that we need to hire police from here, and that we need to have police officers from here who know the people.

Valerie Gorospe stated she was speaking on behalf of Aloha Francisco who was unable to attend. She stated the following: people had a meeting at the park and were told to contact the planning department; a petition was presented at the last council meeting with questions and concerns; no one from the city has responded; no meeting has been scheduled; only those 300 feet from the project received a notice; the city is unfair and insensitive; a letter was received from the city attorney; the response is disappointing; the city has jurisdiction and approved the CUP; the city has an obligation to answer.

Mr. Garcia replied that his office prepared letter; the petition did not ask for meeting; the petition asked city to stop project; the city followed all required processes; the law provides a safe harbor for cities; a

traffic study was done; talk about property values is speculative; the city cannot stop construction; a meeting was requested to be scheduled after work hours which is difficult to arrange.

Ms. Reyna stated that she had contacted Aloha Francisco and informed her it would take time to schedule a meeting.

Gloria Herrera asked why Measure I was changed to Measure A.

Cornel Markham asked if the city council meetings are recorded. He stated he wants a meeting with Ms. Reyna and Councilwoman Vallejo. He stated that the city attorney said he was going to change the language in Measure I. Mr. Garcia stated that he said he would do analysis on the measure.

Nathan Ford noted that on September 28, the police department will host Coffee with a Cop from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. He stated that DART has not put covers on benches or put in more benches. He stated there have been no improvements in 10 years.

Alan Christensen apologized for being late to the meeting and explained that he was held up at his work. He will give his presentation at the October 5, meeting.

Luis Pulido asked what the traffic recommendations are for the new Wonderful School, why the improvements are not done first, and who pays for the improvements. He stated that the city has a legal duty to inform residents of the project. He asked why, in good faith, the city did not notify residents within 400 or 500 feet of the project.

Ms. Reyna informed him that the traffic study is available. Wonderful Company is doing what is required as well as what was only recommended, at their cost. They are putting in a traffic light and extending Veneto to County Line Road.

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 \$1,805,444.22
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of September 8, 2015
- 4) Approve request from Delano Union School District for city to sponsor parade permit for the annual Kiddie Parade to be held October 9, 2015, in the amount of \$1,350
- 5) Authorize the city manager to enter into and execute a service agreement with American Correctional Solutions to provide medical staff for the Delano Modified Community Correctional Facility Agreement No. 2015-80
- 6) Authorize the city manager to enter into and execute a service agreement with Northwest Metrology to provide certification of medical equipment assigned to the Delano Modified Community Correctional Facility Agreement No. 2015-81
- 7) Resolution No. 2015-73 of the City Council of the City of Delano declaring certain residential properties as nuisance properties, and authorization to abate by demolishing certain residential properties and collect related cost of abatement of properties

Michael Doyle asked that items 1 – 6 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Chavez, and unanimously carried to approve agenda item #7.

Michael Doyle withdrew his request to have items 1 – 6 pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to approve agenda items 1 – 6.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

REGULAR AGENDA

- 8) Direction to city voting delegate and alternates for vote on resolutions to be considered at the League of California Cities 2015 Annual Conference

Ms. Reyna presented the staff report.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to direct the delegate to vote "Yes" on all resolutions to be considered at the League of California Cities Conference.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- 9) Report on Recreation Department

Ms. Batth presented packets with the fall schedule and informational flyers to the council members. She reviewed the activities offered and upcoming events. She gave a progress report on the Recreation Master Plan and the Ellington Center. The groundbreaking for the new community center will be October 14. Ms. Batth noted that the recreation department has a Facebook page and the city's website is up to date. The department's goal is to have something every season for all ages.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilwoman Morris announced that centennial bricks still available for purchase. The city will put them on the wall on the Main Street walkway. Close to 200 bricks have been sold.

Councilman Chavez stated one of the teachers at RFK High School suggested that students put up and maintain a mural on the wall at Almond Tree. He suggested Chief DeRosia explore the use of drones.

Councilman Hill stated that DART should be a priority and that benches for transit should have been done a long time ago.

Councilwoman Vallejo reported that the students at Valley High School are working hard and doing a great job. They put in a walkway at the school. She noted that San Joaquin Valley College opened with 80 students. They had hoped to have at least 20.

Mayor Pascual stated we need to look at transit shades. He would like to meet with the grant writer. The city needs to update our bike master plan and grant money is available. He announced the groundbreaking for the new community center will be held October 14, and for the domestic violence shelter on October 20. He reported that the city's unemployment rate is now at 11.1%.

CLOSED SESSION

No items

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk