

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING October 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pascual called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

INVOCATION

Ms. Reyna offered the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Chavez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Ricardo Chavez, Ruben Hill, Rueben Pascual, Grace Vallejo
Council members absent: Liz Morris

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Garcia, City Clerk Kraft, Police Chief DeRosia, Recreation Manager Batth

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Proclamation Declaring the 70th Annual Harvest Holidays, October 10, 2015

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

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gustavo Castellano stated he is concerned about traffic on 20th Avenue and Veneto Street because the new school will bring more traffic. He wants to see Veneto Street opened to County Line Road and 20th Avenue opened to Zachery Road.

Juan Carlos Cruz stated that the city needs to make the streets safer due to increased traffic. Wonderful Academy said they would do improvements in 5 years or when they reach 1,300 students, but we need traffic lights now. The lights on Browning Road from Cecil Avenue to County Line Road are not very bright. He stated that this item should be put on the next council meeting agenda.

JC Segura stated the traffic on Browning Road has increased. He runs, but there is no room for runners on the road. Traffic lights are needed. The yellow light on Browning does no good. He stated that this item should be put on the next council meeting agenda.

Quinton Cacal stated that he worries cars will hit him when he is walking to school.

Emily Gorospe stated that more traffic lights and brighter lights will make the streets safer. Browning Road is not safe. There is too much traffic.

Hannah Villaruz stated there should be houses built, not a new school. She worries about people walking in that area.

Aloha Francisco stated she is a teacher. She noted that children almost get hit on 20th Avenue and Browning Road. There is a long crosswalk on Browning. She stated that neighbors want answers and that this item should be put on the council meeting agenda for October 19.

Roberto Ibarra stated the city needs to restructure the traffic lanes, and that we must have four-lane roads. He stated there should be a metro train link connecting Fresno to Delano and Bakersfield.

Larry Moray stated that trees are burning down, and firefighters need fire hoses and airplanes.

Cornel Markham asked for clarification on Measures I and A and if voters will get ballots for the election.

Nathan Ford stated it will take years to get funds from KernCOG for transit. People who use transit have to walk to the bus stops and wait in the sun. He showed pictures of bus stops at Walmart and the armory.

Gloria Herrera stated that bolts on the bus stop at Albany Street and 11th Avenue are loose. She had mentioned this a few months ago.

Juan Carlos Cruz stated he was never informed by the city or Paramount of the new school project. He has no problem with the new school but is concerned about safety. There are issues with semi-trucks. He would like the neighborhood to be safe for kids. There are a lot of accidents at Browning Road and County Line Road.

Napoleon Madrid stated he is pleased there is a process for people to express their concerns. He noted that most people know what the speed limit is near schools. He stated that he wants to support Measure A. The city has a long way to go but it has come a long way. We need to reach out to the community. He thanked council for what they are doing and thanked the students for addressing council.

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 \$2,283,279.05
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of September 21, 2015
- 4) Minutes of regular Community Law Enforcement Liaison Board meeting July 16, 2015
- 5) Approval of the co-sponsorship of Kern County Elections training in the total amount of \$1,100 for the usage of the Armory National Guard building on October 28, 2015

- 6) Approval of the co-sponsorship of Kern County Elections in the total amount of \$1,440 for the usage of the Civic Center and Ellington Gym on June 7, 2016 and November 8, 2016
- 7) Approval of the co-sponsorship of the All You Can Eat Meat Feed in the total amount of \$900 for the usage of the Armory National Guard building on November 13 and 14, 2015, by the Delano Chamber of Commerce

Roberto Ibarra asked that item #7 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Chavez, and unanimously carried by all those present to approve the Consent Agenda with item #7 pulled for discussion.

Item #7) Mr. Ibarra asked for more information regarding this item. Ms. Batth provided the staff report and explained that the city does not waive fees. The request is for the city to co-sponsor the fund raising event.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

REGULAR AGENDA

- 8) Possible acquisition or lease of property owned by the United States Government, located south of Garces Highway and west of Melcher Avenue; (Voice of America)

Ms. Reyna announced that this item will be heard in closed session. It is listed under the regular agenda to allow for any public comments.

Roberto Ibarra stated that he had brought up a while ago that the city should move the airport to the Voice of America property because it would reduce traffic on Garces Highway, High Street, and Woollomes Avenue.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Hill no items

Councilwoman Vallejo reported that she attended the League of California Cities conference in San Jose last week. She attended a session about internship programs and will be getting more information about it from the City of Sacramento.

Councilman Chavez reported he also attended the conference. He attended a session about community service days. The City of Pleasant Hill has volunteer day projects that they have been doing for over ten years. He noted that many people in Delano want to volunteer.

Councilwoman Morris absent

Mayor Pascual reported that he also attended the conference. He attended the session about volunteers. He noted there are a lot of things that can be done. The community needs to get involved for it to work. He stated the city may need to get multiple grant writers. He and Councilman Chavez have talked about forming a grant writing committee with members of the community serving on it.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Pascual was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 9) Conference with real property negotiators Maribel Reyna and Bonny Garcia regarding possible acquisition or lease of property owned by the United States Government, located south of Garces Highway and west of Melcher Avenue; (Voice of America) pursuant to govt. code section 54956.8

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Hill and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 6:52 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 9) Information was provided and by unanimous consent of all those present direction was given.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk