

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING March 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

INVOCATION

Councilman Aguirre offered the invocation

FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Ramirez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Salem, City Attorney Alan Peake, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director DeDios, Police Chief DeRosia, Transportation and General Services Director Newhouse, Community Development Director Woodcock, City Engineer Dowling, Chief of Corrections Galaza, Economic Development & Redevelopment Director Reyna, Human Resources Director Kirkwood, Community Services Director Tracey, Engineer Consultant Wankum

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Introduction of Young Delano Chamber of Commerce

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

No items

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Warrant Register in the amount of \$1,472,704.24
- 2) 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
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of February 22, 2011
- 4) Approval of Contract Change Orders 18, 19, and 20 with CW Roen Construction regarding various additional work at the wastewater treatment plant expansion in the net amount of \$94,840 Agreements No. 08, 09, 10
- 5) Resolution No. 2011-21 approving the application for grant funds from the State Bicycle Transportation Account for the construction of class II bike lanes on Randolph Street and Browning Road

- 6) Resolution No. 2011-22 of the City Council of the City of Delano to renew a land lease agreement with Mr. Joe Paesano to lease approximately one hundred forty (140) acres of land at the municipal airport for agricultural purposes Agreement No. 2011-11
- 7) Approve expansion of City's downtown "Green District" to include the City block bordered by 11th Avenue, Kensington Street, 12th Avenue, and Jefferson Street

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

REGULAR AGENDA

- 8) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano approving and authorizing an addendum to the service agreement by and between Michael Burger and Associates and the City to perform general real estate appraisal services

Ms. Reyna presented the staff report.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Ramirez and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2011-23 approving an addendum to the service agreement with Michael Burger and Associates to perform general real estate appraisal services. Agreement No. 2011-12

- 9) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano approving and authorizing a service agreement be and between Video Memories and the City to prepare a marketing video in an amount not to exceed \$12,099.95

Ms. Reyna presented the staff report.

There was brief discussion regarding the RFP issued, what locations will be filmed, and the value of having a video. Councilman Ramirez showed a video regarding the construction of a building.

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2011-24 approving a service agreement with Video Memories to prepare a marketing video. Agreement No. 2011-13

- 10) Approval of letter of support regarding gas tax swap, comprehensive fix to address Propositions 22 and 26 and the March 2010 transportation tax swap

Mr. Salem presented the staff report.

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to approve the letter of support regarding gas tax swap, comprehensive fix to address Propositions 22 and 26 and the March 2010 transportation tax swap.

- 11) Approval of letter of support for SB 325 for the development of a structure through which short-haul rail lines can be protected from abandonment and short-sighted interests

Mr. Salem presented the staff report.

Al Wagner of Senator Rubio's office reported that the bill has not yet been assigned to a committee for review. When it is assigned, he will provide the names of the committee members so that a copy of the letter may be sent to them as well.

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried to approve a letter of support for SB 325 for the development of a structure through which short-haul rail lines can be protected from abandonment with direction to send copies to members of the committee to which the bill will be assigned.

INFORMATION

No items

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilwoman Vallejo: Councilwoman Vallejo stated we may need to get more serious about a hiring freeze noting that if redevelopment agencies are eliminated by the State, we may have to shift some staff. She asked the item be placed on the next agenda for discussion and action.

Councilman Ramirez: Councilman Ramirez stated we should have a budget session, adding that he does not want the city to be dependent on state or federal funds. He stated we need to have a plan in place if the RDA ends. Councilman Ramirez stated he had received a call from a national tenant who has not had a response from the city regarding a proposal he submitted. Ms. Reyna reported on the steps staff has taken regarding that proposal.

Councilwoman Morris: Councilwoman Morris asked why hand rails were installed in the sidewalk in front of Penney's on Main Street. Mr. Dowling explained this is part of the corrective steps taken regarding sidewalk improvements in compliance with ADA laws.

Councilman Aguirre: no items

Mayor Chavez: Mayor Chavez thanked Mr. Dowling for staff's response regarding alleys. He asked that a report from the committee regarding a community center be placed on the next agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:23 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Chavez was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 12) Conference with legal counsel: City of Delano v. CMLC; govt. code section 54956.9 (a)

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 7:56 p.m. Mr. Peake provided a report on closed session as follows:

Information was provided and by unanimous consent direction was given.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilman Aguirre, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.