

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING February 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Vallejo asked all those present to observe 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, Interim Community Development Director Keene, City Engineer Dowling, Human Resources Director Zamudio

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Proclamation Declaring February 2014 as Black History Month

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Valerie Gorospe expressed concern that Richelle Cariño is no longer with the city and noted that the Community Development Department had accomplished a great deal during her service as director.

Richard Markham, 315 Dover Drive, stated we need to stop all the shootings. He thanked the police department for their help in his neighborhood. He stated it would be good for all officers to have business cards. He stated the city needs to extend Dover Street.

Lois Woodard, pastor at New Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, thanked the council for naming the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. She thanked council for the proclamation for Black History Month and announced events for its celebration.

Mary Franklin, 10454 Mettler Avenue, Mary's Heavenly Bites, stated she has had homeless people coming to her restaurant asking for food or money, and stated that anyone is welcome to come to her restaurant for help.

Dorothy Morgan stated that her son was shot in the park in November 2013. She expressed concern with all the violence and asked if the city can have a task force for violence. She stated that she has not gotten any answers to questions she has and has not received any victim assistance.

Isabel Miranda asked who is in charge of the exit from Highway 99 on County Line Road, and stated it is impossible to drive over it.

Nathan Ford, 1314 Belmont Street, stated there is still a lot of work to do on our fire contract. He stated there is no reason the city cannot have its own fire department.

(unable to understand name) asked what the city is trying to hide. She stated that everyone complains about the street in front of Pacific Tire. She stated that council does not listen to the people. She noted that we are losing taxes on businesses on the Tulare side of County Line Road.

Javier Cruz stated the lawyer does not answer questions. He stated this town has corruption in government.

Cornel Markham stated he wants to schedule a meeting with mayor to finish the discussion they started.

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 \$1,877,358.73
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of January 21, 2014; special City Council meeting of January 27, 2014
- 4) Acceptance and approval of the City of Delano Quarterly Investment Report dated February 3, 2014, for the quarter ended December 31, 2013
- 5) Approval of open purchase orders for \$35,000 or more for the period January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014
- 6) Resolution No. 2014-07 of the City Council of the City of Delano approving proposed changes to the City's Homebuyer Program and Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines

Councilman Aguirre asked that item #5 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilwoman Morris, seconded by Councilman Chavez, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with item #5 pulled for discussion.

Councilman Aguirre asked if the funds have been budgeted. Ms. Rios replied that they have been.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilman Chavez and unanimously carried to approve agenda item #5.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7) Public hearing #2014-02: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano approving Reversion to Acreage No. 2013-01 for the reversion to acreage of Tract 6224 Phase A and Tentative Tract Map No. 7250 on a 8.51 gross acre site generally located 0.25 (1/4) mile north of Garces Highway, between Hiatt Avenue and Timmons Avenue, and 0.125 (1/8) mile south of Avenue / Matthews Avenue

Mr. Keene presented the staff report.

Mayor Vallejo asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mayor Vallejo closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-08 approving Reversion to Acreage No. 2013-01.

- 8) Public hearing #2014-03: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano approving Reversion to Acreage No. 2013-02 for the reversion to acreage of Tract 6224 Phase B and Tentative Tract No. 7249 on a 7.49 gross acre site generally located 0.25 (1/4) mile north of Garces Highway, between Hiett Avenue and Timmons Avenue, and 0.125 (1/8) mile south of Avenue / Matthews Avenue

Mr. Keene presented the staff report.

Mayor Vallejo asked for public comments.

Roberto Ibarra asked for clarification. It was explained that this action will allow the bonds placed on the proposed development to be released and the land will revert back to acreage.

Mayor Vallejo closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014-09 approving Reversion to Acreage No. 2013-02.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 9) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano amending Resolution No. 2013-16 to rescind all street sweeping service rate charges implemented by Resolution No. 2013-16

Mr. Garcia presented the staff report. He explained this is a clean-up item. The increase has never been collected and will be taken off the books.

Roberto Ibarra, 1815 – Avenue, stated that a few months ago he complained that streets were not being swept, but he has no complaints now.

Gloria Herrera asked for an explanation of what the resolution means. She was informed that the current charges will stay the same. Ms. Herrera asked when the street sweeping charges were put in place. Mayor Vallejo stated staff can get that information for her.

Valerie Gorospe stated that her utility bill shows a charge for street sweeping. She asked that staff use words other than “rescind” to explain this item. Mr. Garcia explained that in the past, bills had a charge for street sweeping. In April an increase was approved. The increase was never included on the bill. This resolution will make the policy match the practice.

Richard Markham asked if each house is charged for street sweeping. He was informed the property owner pays the charge.

(No name given) asked what would keep the city from putting an increase back on the books at a later date. She was informed that there is a process the city has to follow for any increase.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Morris and unanimously carried by a roll-call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2014-10 amending Resolution No. 2013-16.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Chavez no items

Councilwoman Morris no items

Councilman Pascual no items

Councilman Aguirre no items

Mayor Vallejo reported that three council members recently attended the ACCAPS conference in Sacramento. They spoke with legislators, not just our representatives. ACCAPS is pushing for money to improve task forces for gangs and for more officers. Water issues were also discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:28 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Vallejo was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 10) Public Employees Performance Evaluation, City Manager; government code 54957

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 10) The evaluation was preformed. No reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Chavez, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk