

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING February 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE

Princeton School students 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 Clerk Kraft

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Proclamation Declaring February 26, 2016 as “Read Across America” Day in Delano

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jesus Ramos read a statement from his daughter, Kelly Bervel, regarding transportation for wheelchairs. She stated there are many after school activities and evening meetings and shopping available at the Market Place. She stated that transportation would provide for the creation of jobs and more revenue. She stated that she now has to depend on others for transportation because Dial-A-Ride is not available.

(no name given) stated it is difficult to find public transportation for wheelchairs. Private wheelchair transportation is expensive and for many, public transportation is the only option.

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 \$2,240,231.11
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of February 1, 2016; special meeting of February 8, 2016
- 4) Minutes of Pension Committee meetings of November 2, 2015; December 8, 2015; January 12, 2016

- 5) Minutes of Community Law Enforcement Liaison Board meetings of September 17, 2015; November 19, 2015
- 6) Approval of continued support to the Delano Chamber of Commerce for fiscal year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$50,000
- 7) Resolution No. 2016-06 of the City Council of the City of Delano authorizing the application for the Housing Related Parks grant and authorizing the City Manager to execute the documents
- 8) Approve the co-sponsorship of the Community Action Partnership of Kern's commodity distribution at the Armory Hall for 2016, in the total amount of \$10,450

A member of the public asked that items #6 and #8 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilwoman Morris, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with items #6 and #8 pulled for discussion.

Item #6) Roberto Ibarra stated that last year the Chamber of Commerce was given less money. He stated that \$25,000 should go to the Chamber of Commerce and \$25,000 should go to transportation.

Luis Pulido expressed concerns that Measure I did not pass and the city is looking at a fiscal emergency in 2018. He asked what the Chamber of Commerce uses the money for, where it is coming from, and why the amount is \$50,000.

Lupe Martinez asked how many members the Chamber of Commerce has and if they could look at other ways of getting money.

Janet Rabanal, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, stated the funds cover office expenses and allows the Chamber to market the city outside the city. They have a \$175,000 budget and try to raise money to bring jobs to the city. She noted they are working on a new marketing booklet and video. The Chamber of Commerce has 275 members.

There was discussion that \$50,000 was provided last fiscal year and \$30,000 was provided for the centennial celebration. The Chamber of Commerce budget pays for the salary of two people. The amount provided has changed through the years, but it is in the city's budget. It was noted that the Chamber does a lot to promote the city.

Moved by Councilwoman Morris, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried to approve agenda item #6.

Item #8) Ms. Reyna explained that the amount listed is the value of the rent for the armory. It would be provided at no cost to the Community Action Partnership of Kern for use one day per month.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

REGULAR AGENDA

No items

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Hill asked if staff has done anything regarding the complaint voiced at the last meeting regarding transit. Ms. Reyna replied that staff has met with the citizens.

Councilwoman Morris no items

Councilwoman Vallejo reported that the Chevron Barn is now open, it is a nice place, and has a lot to offer. She added it is good for city revenue and good for the citizens.

Councilman Pascual stated he had asked for a report on the water issue discussed at the last meeting, and Councilwoman Vallejo had asked for a report on the City's grant writers. He also would like reports on abatement, marijuana dispensaries, and master plans for sewer, water, storm drain, and recreation.

Mayor Chavez asked about a meeting for Mr. Martinez with Mr. Dowling regarding water. Mayor Chavez stated he would like to know the state regulations regarding water, what we are testing for, and what the process is.

CLOSED SESSION

No items

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Pascual, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk