

MINUTES

**CITY OF DELANO
CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Dowling offered the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Janet Rabanal led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Ruben Hill (arrived 5:42 p.m.), Liz Morris, Rueben Pascual, Grace Vallejo
Council members absent: Joe Aguirre

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Attorney Garcia, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director Rios, Police Chief DeRosia, City Engineer Dowling, Human Resources Director Zamudio, Chief of Corrections Marshall, Transportation Manager Zamora

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

No items

Mayor Morris announced the passing of Nathan Ford. She stated she is grateful for the passion he had for this community and appreciates his dedication. She asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Richard Markham stated he is trying to get In N Out Burger to come here; we need to get something where El Pollo Loco used to be; somebody need to be watching the police; the last Police Liaison Board meeting was not held; the Delano police department set him up

Alice announced there will be an informational event February 23, at the library regarding immigration.

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 \$2,651,745.60
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of February 6, 2017
- 4) Minutes of Pension Committee November 14, 2016

- 5) Minutes of Planning Commission meetings December 14, 2016; January 11, 2017
- 6) Second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-1289 approving the zone amendment for Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 410-040-05, Combined Development Permit Application No. 2014-002
- 7) Approve the purchase of one (1) Ford CNG bus in the amount of \$108,372.13 from A-Z Bus Sales and authorize the city manager to execute any necessary agreements Agreement No. 2018-13
- 8) Resolution No. 2017-06 allowing destruction of public records pursuant to Government Code Section 34090 (City Clerk Department)
- 9) **(staff requested this item be pulled from the agenda)** Resolution accepting grant deed in fee for a well site at the southeast corner of Morse Boulevard and Belmont Street from DMP II Limited Partnership and appropriating \$400,000 from the water fund to install the test well
- 10) Approval of Contract Scope Adjustment No. 1 to MKN & Associates, Inc. Professional Engineering Services Agreement (#2016-74A; Tank at Water Plant 4 Improvements) for \$57,776 and authorize the city manager to sign all documents necessary Agr 2017-14
- 11) Approval of consultant agreement with John Lippitt for on-call civil engineering and city surveyor services Agreement No. 2017-15
- 12) Approve reclassification of Administrative Secretary to Department Assistant and adopt revised miscellaneous unit salary schedule Resolution No. 2017-07 Department Assistant; Resolution No. 2017-08 Department Assistant MCCF; Resolution No. 2017-09 Department Assistant City Manager; Resolution No. 2017-10 Misc. Salary Schedule

Mayor Morris announced that staff has requested item #9 be pulled from the agenda. Members of the public requested items #7, #10, and #11 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Pascual, and unanimously carried by all those present to approve the Consent Agenda with item #9 pulled from the agenda and items #7, #10, and #11 pulled for discussion.

Item #7) Roberto Ibarra asked why the city wants to purchase a bus when transit cannot make ends meet. Ms. Zamudio explained staff wants to keep the fleet up-to-date; repairs are expensive; staff applies for grants as they become available; buses are replaced one at a time rather than all at once. She noted the bus to be replaced is used for the seniors.

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

Item #10) Roberto Ibarra stated it is a drain on the city's finances to take care of the wells and they are a constant expenditure. Mr. Dowling explained that when a tank reaches its useful life, it has to be emptied and repaired to extend the life of the tank.

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried by all those present to approve item #10.

Item #11) Roberto Ibarra asked for the nature of the agreement. Mr. Dowling explained the city has an existing agreement with Mr. Lippitt. He is the city's surveyor. Because the current agreement is old, the auditors have asked for a new agreement. This is a clean-up item.

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried by all those present to approve item #11.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 13) Public Hearing #2017-03: Receive comments related to unmet transit needs that may exist and can be reasonably met

Ms. Zamora presented the staff report. She noted that the city is required to hold a public hearing each year to receive public comments. Staff will review all comments presented and make a recommendation to council at the March 6, meeting.

Mayor Morris asked for public comments.

Roberto Ibarra stated the city should have a trolley that connects all the cities; this is a drain of city money; why not do public outreach; there are no buses at 4:30 a.m.; people getting off work do not use the bus; it is mostly seniors who use the bus.

Richard Markham stated he is concerned about seniors and the disabled and that he thought older buses were being rebuilt.

Ms. Zamora stated she had received written comments from Manuel Lopez requesting council revisit the rates and from Howard Nielson requesting changes in the stops.

Mayor Morris closed the public hearing.

Councilman Pascual noted that at the last meeting Art Rodriguez stated he had trouble understanding the route map. Councilman Pascual asked if there is any way to educate the public so more would use the bus. Ms. Zamora and Ms. Zamudio stated the new bus shelters will have maps in them and staff is always available to train anyone regarding the maps and the transit system.

Councilman Hill asked if we have stops at Walmart. He was informed that we do.

Councilwoman Vallejo noted that staff reviews the routes every year to know what stops are and are not used, as well as what the ridership is. She stated the city purchased a trolley several years ago and found it did not work out well and was expensive to maintain. She added that staff is continually looking to improve service but sometimes what citizens want is not reasonable to provide.

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried by all those present to accept the report as presented by staff and receive the public comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

No items

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Dowling stated that street striping will be discussed during the CIP workshop in March.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

No items

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Hill, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Morris was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and Human Resources Director were asked to remain.

- 14) Conference with labor negotiators Bonny Garcia, and Human Resources Director Noemi Zamudio regarding negotiations with the Delano City Employee Association (miscellaneous unit); govt. code section 54957.6
- 15) Conference with labor negotiators Bonny Garcia, and Human Resources Director Noemi Zamudio regarding negotiations with MEG employee group; govt. code section 54957.6
- 16) Conference with labor negotiators Bonny Garcia, and Human Resources Director Noemi Zamudio regarding negotiations with the Delano Police Officers Association; govt. code section 54957.6

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Pascual and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 14) Information was provided; no reportable action taken.
- 15) Information was provided; no reportable action taken.
- 16) Information was provided; no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Hill, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk