

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING March 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilman Aguirre offered the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Delano Union School District Honor Band student Mark Ramos led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Joe Aguirre, Ruben Hill, Liz Morris, Rueben Pascual, Grace Vallejo
Council members absent: none

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Proclamation Declaring March 2017 as Music in Our Schools Month

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sarah Diaz stated she is speaking for Roberta Hunter, owner of Sequoia Christian Academy, who is unable to attend this meeting. She is requesting a small business assistance loan to bring their school building up to standards.

Lorena Reeves stated her daughter and brother both attended Sequoia Academy. She asked the council to help so that the school can stay open.

Roberto Ibarra asked what the excavation near the post office is for.

Richard Markham stated he has heard Radio Shack is closing; Smart & Final seems to be doing good; we need a FoodsCo here; will the police liaison board meet on March 16

Theresa Lopez stated Roberta Hunter has heart and love for her students.

Glenda stated she is a student reporter for the CSUB Runner. She asked for updates on water contaminants and if can residents get constant updates on what is being done.

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 \$2,539,012.62
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of February 21, 2017
- 4) Approve extension of service agreement with Balance Public Relations to represent the City of Delano at state legislative level for advocacy and lobbying efforts on various projects Agreement No. 2017-16
- 5) Approve Councilman Pascual travel to attend the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council meeting March 1, 2017, in Sacramento
- 6) Approval of open purchase orders for \$35,000 or more for the period January to June 2017
- 7) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Kern Community College District to provide college classes for the CDCR inmate population at the Delano Modified Community Correctional Facility (MCCF) and authorize the city manager to execute the MOU Agreement No. 2017-17
- 8) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Women Center High Desert Incorporated to provide Victim Advocate Services for the CDCR inmate population at the Delano Modified Community Correctional Facility (MCCF) and authorize the city manager to execute all documents necessary Agreement No. 2017-18
- 9) Ratify emergency water and sewer line repair project; approve agreement with ConCastCo, General Engineering Contractor on a time and materials basis with a not to exceed budget of \$475,000; authorize the city manager to sign any documents needed to carry out the project; appropriate \$125,000 from the Water Fund and \$350,000 from the Sewer Fund Agreement No. 2017-19
- 10) Release funds from developer escrow account to the Vineyard Retail Center (Delano Market Place II) per the Memorandum of Understanding No. 2016-84 for the required offsite improvements in the amount of \$123,736.17 for payment application no. 03
- 11) Urgent appropriation of \$300,000 from the Water Fund for the waterline replacement project on Main Street from Cecil Avenue to 18th Avenue
- 12) Resolution No. 2017-11 of the City Council of the City of Delano declaring unmet transit needs were presented but were determined by the City Council there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet

Councilman Pascual asked that item #4 be pulled for discussion. Roberto Ibarra asked that items #5 and #12 be pulled for discussion.

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Aguirre, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with items #4, 5, and 12 pulled for discussion.

Item #4) Councilman Pascual asked if this is a month-to-month agreement. Ms. Reyna informed him there is no end date and it will be month-to-month. There was discussion regarding transportation bills currently under consideration.

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried to approve item #4.

Item #5) Roberto Ibarra asked what this item has to do with the city. Councilman Pascual informed him that the eight counties in the valley have joined together to work for transportation projects and funding.

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried to approve item #5.

Item #12) Roberto Ibarra stated that at the last meeting he talked about the city having a trolley serving many cities. He was informed this item is about service within the city.

Moved by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo and unanimously carried to approve agenda item #12.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

REGULAR AGENDA

- 13) Presentation by Blais & Associates – no council action required

Neil Blais reviewed the grants his company has helped the city secure and the assistance provided to city staff. There was brief discussion regarding future grants and the reports provided by Blais & Associates.

No council action required

- 14) Appoint alternate to the Special City Selection Committee of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Mayor Morris appointed Councilman Aguirre to serve as the alternate.

- 15) Potential purchase of property owned by the County of Kern, APN 037-130-15 (adjacent to Jefferson Park); APN 521-010-07; APN 424-020-08

Mayor Morris stated this item will be discussed in closed session but is listed under regular agenda items to allow for any public comments.

Richard Markham ask where is property is located and what it would be used for.

Roberto Ibarra asked what would happen to the property if the city does not purchase it.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Aguirre asked that an item be on the next agenda regarding the city providing assistance to businesses in Delano. He asked council to consider setting aside maybe \$50,000 per year.

Councilman Pascual thanked the staff for putting together the workshop for CIP and balanced sheets. He would like goals for the next two years discussed before the budget is adopted. When the budget is ready, he would like a clean copy 2-3 weeks before it comes to council for approval. He noted that California has some of the worst highways in the country and it is important that the city pushes legislators regarding transportation funding. Senator Florez stated he can draft a letter to the city manager for council approval at the next meeting regarding legislation. He will go to both committees in Sacramento to testify.

Councilwoman Vallejo asked if it is appropriate for our lobbyist to contact other cities regarding the letter and noted we should encourage neighboring cities to also send letters.

Councilman Hill no items

Mayor Morris stated that roads are an issue for the League of California Cities all the time. Saturday will be the City Walk. KernCOG recently presented awards. One was awarded to the Delano Police Department for public safety in schools. One was awarded to Councilwoman Vallejo for her years of hard work in the community.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Aguirre, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 6:46 p.m. The City Clerk was excused. Mayor Morris was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney and City Manager were asked to remain.

- 16) Conference with real property negotiators Maribel Reyna and Bonny Garcia regarding possible purchase of property owned by the County of Kern, APN 037-130-15 (adjacent to Jefferson Park); APN 521-010-07; APN 424-020-08

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilman Hill and unanimously carried to reconvene in Open Session at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Garcia provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 16) Information was provided; no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Pascual, seconded by Councilwoman Vallejo, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk