

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING September 18, 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

Council Member Aguirre offered the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

City Clerk Chavez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Liz Morris, Grace Vallejo, Rueben Pascual, Joe Aguirre, Ruben Hill
Council members absent:

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Attorney Rachel Richman, City Clerk Chavez, Finance Director Rios, Police Chief DeRosia, City Engineer Dowling, Human Resources Director Zamudio, Recreation Manager Bath, and Transit Manager Zamora

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Proclamation was given for the 2017 Delano Harvest Holidays Week, October 1 – 7, 2017 and received by Alice Luque Duarte, Don Hiatt, and Arnold Morrison.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Jose Colado spoke about the annexation of the Lytle Community and requested to speak to the council while providing his contact information.
2. Roberto Ibarra requested a departmental report for the Jefferson Center.
3. Richard Markham shared his discontent with the Delano Police Department and Housing Authority.
4. Javier Cruz appreciated the streets being fixed, but upset that his call was not returned by the city manager. Also shared his concerns about the semi-trucks traveling down Avenida Castro.

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 \$2,718,270.86
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of September 5, 2017
- 4) Minutes of special City Council meeting of September 7, 2017
- 5) Minutes of Planning Commission meeting of August 9, 2017
- 6) Approval of the co-sponsorship to host the Delano Chamber of Commerce Farmworkers Appreciation Event in the total amount of \$900 for the usage of the Armory National Guard building on November 15-16, 2017
- 7) Approval of request from Delano Union School District for City of Delano to sponsor parade permit for Annual Kiddie Parade in the amount of \$1,350
- 8) Release funds from developer escrow account to the Vineyard Retail Center (Delano Market Place II) per MOU no. 2016-84 for the required offsite improvements in the amount of \$101,332.79 for payment application no. 09

Motion was made by Council Member Vallejo to approve consent agenda; 2nd by: Pascual

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Vallejo/Hill/Pascual/Aguirre

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Items

REGULAR AGENDA

- 9) Approve and Adopt the 2040 Long Range Transit Study

Staff Report was provided by Transit Manager Zamora.

Cordoba Corporation presentation was made by Catherine Higley with Narbeh Issagholian and Lynnette Hartenian present.

Public Comment was opened by Mayor Morris.

Roberto Ibarra is in favor of the high speed rail and stated that it would benefit the city from removing vehicles off the road.

Public Comment was closed.

Council Member Aguirre inquired about transit scheduling from 10am-2pm. Transit Manager Zamora provided explanation about saving costs and preserving transit vehicles by making certain changes. Council Member Aguirre inquired about transporting goods and what exactly did that consist of. He also shared ideas of partnering with nonprofits such a DADD which can possibly help preserve transit vehicles.

Council Member Pascual requested that staff review the recommendations in the staff report and explore a committee to see a better approach for meeting the fair box ratio. Council Member shared that we need to explore different ways and be proactive in expanding our services. Council Member Pascual also expressed to be included in the discussion for the short and longer range plans.

Council Member Vallejo suggested that if there is already a group that will be meeting, then Council Member Pascual should simply be invited to join them. Transit Manager Zamora shared that she will coordinate the meeting. Council Member Vallejo requested that we look into advertising on the buses; as that can help generate revenue for the city. Transit Manager Zamora shared with the City Council that the RFP for advertisement arrived today and will be going before the council for their approval. Council Member Vallejo also suggested that we explore lowering the number of the fair box ratio and finding out who dictates this number.

Council Member Pascual commented that there are grocery stores that provide riding vouchers for their customers and that the City should look into such a program with Wal-Mart.

Transit Manager Zamora stated that she will be attending a symposium offered by KernCOG that will be discussing many issues and reviewing questions that concern the transit department.

Council Member Vallejo shared that Transit Manager Zamora is already taking action on said items that have been mentioned and are being asked about today.

Council Member Pascual expressed that though he does not give many compliments, he acknowledges the good job that Transit Manager Zamora is doing.

Mayor Morris stated that there is a balance that we must figure out due to riders that want service after 5pm or routes to rural areas. Also shared her surprise that people would walk all the way from Allensworth to Delano. Mayor Morris commends Transit Manager Zamora for bringing operating cost down due to the high awareness on the job. Transit has also made a conscious effort to accommodate most of the riders. She also did reference concerns about the riders' safety at the bus terminal and find out a way to alleviate that.

Moved by: Pascual 2nd by: Vallejo

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Vallejo/Hill/Pascual/Aguirre

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No Items

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilman Aguirre: None

Councilman Hill: None

Councilman Pascual: Inquired about hiring code enforcement officers. Also wanted an update from YK America regarding any new businesses, restaurants, or stores coming into the development. Also requested updates for the Jefferson Center, Community Center, and Domestic Violence Center.

Councilwoman Vallejo: None

Mayor Morris: Asked everyone in the audience to come and enjoy the Harvest Holiday Celebration.

Moved for Closed Session by: Vallejo 2nd by: Hill

Time: 6:34PM

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Vallejo/Hill/Pascual/Aguirre

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

The City Clerk was excused. City Manager was appointed as Acting City Clerk. City Attorney Rachel Richman and City Manager Reyna were present.

CLOSED SESSION

- 10) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 potential case)

Action: Direction was given. No other reportable action.

Moved for Open Session by: Vallejo 2nd by: Hill

Time: 6:59PM

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Vallejo/Hill/Pascual/Aguirre

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Vallejo **2nd by:** Hill

Time: 6:59PM

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Vallejo/Hill/Pascual/Aguirre

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

/s/

Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk