

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING May 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

INVOCATION

Mayor Morris offered a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Vallejo led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Liz Morris, Joe Alindajao (via teleconference), Joe Aguirre (via teleconference), Bryan Osorio(via teleconference), Grace Vallejo
Council members absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Reyna, City Clerk Chavez, City Attorney Richman (via teleconference), Finance Director Lara Rios, Human Resources Director Zamudio, Interim Community Development Director Mynk (via teleconference), Recreation Manager Bath-Chavez (via teleconference) and Transit Manager Zamora (via teleconference)

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

No Items

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Ingrid Brostrom from Center of Race Poverty and the Environment, shared her appreciation for the City of Delano's action on the eviction protection ordinance. She stated that she feels it doesn't go far enough and shared her concern with the lost rent payment coupled and the reduction in income for many residents it's a double whammy. She shared that the City of Delano should have a plan such an emergency fund to help the residents, utility debt and mortgage forgiveness.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Authorization to waive the reading of any ordinance in its entirety and consenting to the reading of such ordinances by title only
- 2) Warrant Register in the amount of \$3,838,690.96 (Payroll 03/20/2020)
- 3) Warrant Register in the amount of \$4,445,999.07 (Payroll 04/03/2020 & 04/17/2020)
- 4) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of March 16, 2020
- 5) Minutes of special City Council meeting of March 26, 2020
- 6) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of April 6, 2020
- 7) Minutes of special City Council meeting of April 20, 2020
- 8) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of April 20, 2020
- 9) Approval of a revised resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for the Per Capita Grant Fund Program (**Resolution No. 2020-22**)
- 10) Resolution approving updates to the guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Homebuyer Acquisition Only/Acquisition with Rehabilitation Program (**Resolution No. 2020-23**)
- 11) Resolution calling and giving notice of the holding of a general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the election of certain officers (**Resolution No. 2020-24**)
- 12) Resolution requesting the Kern County Board of Supervisors to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 with the Statewide General Election (**Resolution No. 2020-25**)
- 13) Approve Agreement for Payment of Development Impact Fees with Sam Mohan for 355 Dover Parkway (APN 422-010-298) and authorize the City Manager to execute the same (**Agreement No. 2020-12**)
- 14) Approve Agreement for Payment of Development Impact Fees with Sam Mohan for 425 Del Sol Parkway (APN 422-010-306) and authorize the City Manager to execute the same (**Agreement No. 2020-13**)
- 15) Resolution adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2020-21 funded by Senate Bill (SB) 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (**Resolution No. 2020-26**)

- 16) Resolution authorizing an All-Way Stop control at the intersection of Glenwood St., Lincoln Lane and Ellington St. (**Resolution No. 2020-27**)
- 17) Award the contract for the “2020 Transit Center Work Stations Project” to Sierra School Equipment Company for \$124,540.11 and authorize the City Manager to sign any documents needed to carry out this project (**Agreement No. 2020-14**)
- 18) Adopt an agreement approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Delano and the Management Employee’s Group (**Agreement No. 2020-15**)
- 19) Confirmation of actions taken by City Manager as Director of Emergency Services pursuant to City Council and Local Emergency Proclamation of March 16, 2020 and Delano Municipal Code 2.44.060 in response COVID-19 Pandemic
 - a. Renewal of Health Contracts to include Blue Shield, Premier Access, Superior Vision, Lincoln Financial, and PACE TPA for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Superior Vision) (**Agreement No. 2020-16a**)
 - b. Renewal of Health Contracts to include Blue Shield, Premier Access, Superior Vision, Lincoln Financial, and PACE TPA for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Premiere Access – Custom Plan 2124) (**Agreement No. 2020-16b**)
 - c. Renewal of Health Contracts to include Blue Shield, Premier Access, Superior Vision, Lincoln Financial, and PACE TPA for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Premiere Access – Custom Plan 5) (**Agreement No. 2020-16c**)
 - d. Renewal of Health Contracts to include Blue Shield, Premier Access, Superior Vision, Lincoln Financial, and PACE TPA for a term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (Premiere Access – DHMO Plan 600) (**Agreement No. 2020-16d**)
 - e. Award of “Emergency Sewer Line Replacement on the Oxford/Clinton Alley” Project to JM Pipeline Construction, Inc., as a time and materials contract, not to exceed \$350,000.00; this project includes the replacement of a collapsed sewer service line in the subject alley between 10th and 11th Avenues, along with other utility repairs necessary to accomplish this and protect the public health (**Agreement No. 2020-17**)

Motion was made by Council Member Aguirre to approve items 1 – 12, 15 – 19 on consent agenda;

2nd by: Vallejo

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Alindajao/Aguirre/Osorio/Vallejo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Item No. 13 pulled by: Council Member Vallejo

Reason for being pulled: Council Member Vallejo shared that she understands that money is tight with everyone. She understands why this developer came to the City of Delano to pay these fees in payments. She suggested to the City Council to reduce the interest rate from 4% to 2% or 3%. Therefore, it would be an incentive for the developer to continue.

Council Member Osorio asked if 4% is a standard rate.

City Manager Reyna responded that the 4% is a lower rate than what the local banks would offer.

Council Member Osorio asked if this is standard to go higher or lower than this.

City Manager Reyna responded that the City tries to help developers and assist by offering a lower rate than what's provided in the market.

Council Member Aguirre stated that it is in Delano's best interest to support the developer and anyone else who helps Delano.

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao asked if the reduction in the interest rate has anything to do with aside from the simply helping the developer, but also due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Vallejo responded in the affirmative as to both aspects.

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao asked if there is an adverse impact in lowering the interest rate.

City Manager Reyna responded there won't be a negative effect as staff is diligent to make it easier for the developer as it would be Council's call.

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao stated he'd be in support.

Mayor Morris stated she's also in support.

Motion made by: Vallejo

2nd by: Aguirre

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Alindajao/Aguirre/Osorio/Vallejo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Item No. 14 pulled by: Council Member Vallejo

Reason for being pulled: Same reason as to item no. 13.

Motion made by: Vallejo

2nd by: Aguirre

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Alindajao/Aguirre/Osorio/Vallejo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Items.

REGULAR AGENDA

No Items.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No Items.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Council Member Osorio: He echoed Council Member Aguirre' statement commending City Manager Reyna's efforts. He mentioned the food distribution by the UFW at the 40 acres and the great job Chief Nevarez did with traffic control. He had a few conversations with organizations in Kern County to ask for funds from the County.

Council Member Aguirre: Shared that the Governor is easing up on some of the guidelines by this Thursday or Friday. He stated that City Manager Reyna is doing an incredible job for the City of Delano under this crisis.

Council Member Vallejo: She stated that she was also aware of the UFW's food giveaway where Armando Elenes contact her and advised her of what was going to happen and however the City could help out. She contacted the Chief regarding the 1,000 dinners. She added this was a two-fold where they were also supporting local businesses and purchasing dinners locally. She stated that the County got a lot of the money, but hopes that the City gets some of that funding through those guidelines and knows that they will have to make some hard choices in the future as there will be some cuts and need to be prepared for that as she foresees that for the City. She thanked City Manager Reyna for all the decisions that she has already made and would like her to consider an ad-hoc committee to determine which businesses would be allowed to opened. She also shared that the numbers have been released and each city should determine their own choice. She added to Mayor Morris' statement that she believes it was individual schools were doing it and not the School District so she encouraged Mayor Morris to encourage each individual school to proceed in the parade and not ask the District, but still obey stop signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Alindajao: He thanked City Manager Reyna, Chief Nevarez, and staff communicating important instructions such as CDC guidelines can be very difficult. He appreciated the City working with the Elementary School District with distributing those banners. He also thanked the men and women throughout the City.

Mayor Morris: She thanked the City Manager as she has the best interest for the City of Delano in heart. She also shared that she was disappointed that the school parade was not allowed as it's happening everywhere and wasn't sure how that came down.

City Manager Reyna clarified that the City indicated to the School District that the City was not going to participating, but they sure could proceed by abiding by traffic laws. It was the Superintendent felt that it might be an activity to encourage people to congregate and therefore wouldn't be a good idea.

Moved for Closed Session by: Vallejo

2nd by: Alindajao

Time: 6:07 PM

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Alindajao/ Aguirre/Osorio/Vallejo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

The City Clerk was excused. City Manager was appointed as Acting City Clerk. Human Resources Director Zamudio (Item Nos. 21, 22, 23), City Engineer Dowling (Item No. 20), Finance Director Lara Rios (Item No. 20), City Attorney Richman, Attorney, Che Johnson (Item Nos. 21, 22, 23) and City Manager Reyna were present.

CLOSED SESSION

- 20) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8.
Property: 1002 11th Ave., Delano, CA 93215
APN: 038-360-145
Agency negotiator: City Manager, City Engineer and City Attorney
Negotiating parties: First United Methodist Church of Delano
Under negotiation: price and/or terms of payment

Action: No Reportable Action.

- 21) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency negotiator: City Manager, Attorney Che Johnson (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore), Finance Director and Human Resources Director
Negotiating parties: Delano City Employee Association (miscellaneous unit)

Action: No Reportable Action.

- 22) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency negotiator: City Manager, Attorney Che Johnson (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore), Finance Director and Human Resources Director
Negotiating parties: MEG employee group

Action: No Reportable Action.

- 23) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency negotiator: City Manager, Attorney Che Johnson (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore), Finance Director and Human Resources Director
Negotiating parties: Delano Police Officers Association

Action: No Reportable Action.

Moved for Open Session by: Alindajao

2nd by: Vallejo

Time: 6:58 PM

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Morris/Alindajao/Aguirre/Osorio/Vallejo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Alindajao, seconded by Council Member Vallejo, and unanimously carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk