

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING April 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Osorio called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11th Avenue.

INVOCATION

Mayor Osorio provide a moment of silence.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Morris led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Bryan Osorio (via teleconference), Veronica Vasquez (via teleconference), Joe Alindajao (via teleconference), Liz Morris (via teleconference), Salvador Solorio-Ruiz (via teleconference)

Council members absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Mayor Osorio presented a Proclamation for April 2021 as DMV/Donate Life Month to Kathy Vochoska, OneLegacy Ambassador from Regional Lead Kern County.

Mayor Osorio and Chief Nevarez provided a recognition to Police Officer Ochoa. Claribel Gutierrez shared some thought and experiences working with Officer Ochoa.

Chief Nevarez also announced this month is Autism Awareness month and officers will be wearing a patch in respect to bring awareness to Autism which was led by Officer Ochoa and Officer Nino.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Jordan Davis congratulated and thanked Officer Ochoa. He also thanked the Police Department and Council Member Morris for participating in the Kiwanis East.
2. Alex Dinsing congratulated Officer Ochoa for his work. She shared her thoughts about the homeless shelter as she had reiterated at the last Council Meeting. She shared her concern over her daughter's safety as well as the other clients of DADD. She stated she opposed the project at the DADD facility.
3. Gabrielle Cortez asked to verify where the homeless shelter will be.

Mayor Osorio shared it will be at the DADD facility.

4. Jessica Villalobos shared her concern about the homeless shelter and opposes this being located at the DADD building.

Mayor Osorio clarified the City of Delano is not within the decision process and it is being spearheaded by the County.

Council Member Morris added this would not be a permanent location.

5. Lupe Martinez asked about the cameras at Memorial Park and asked what was the reason. He also asked how many cameras are by the cemetery. He inquired if the Autism Police patch is available to the public and how would he go about obtaining an Autism Police patch. Lastly, he asked about the town hall meeting regarding the homeless shelter.

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 \$2,001,413.88
- 3) Minutes of regular Planning Commission meeting of February 10, 2021
- 4) Minutes of regular Community Law Enforcement Liaison Board meeting of January 21, 2021
- 5) Approving agreement No. C63070 between the State of California Franchise Tax Board and the City of Delano to continue its participation in exchanging data with the Franchise Tax Board from June 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2023 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement (**Resolution No. 2021-09a**) (**Agreement No. 2021-12**)
- 6) Resolution of the City Council of the City of Delano authorizing designated positions to execute any actions necessary for obtaining financial assistance provided by the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (**Resolution No. 2021-09**)

- 7) Approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Delano Transportation Department and Omni Family Health Clinic to provide Dial-a Ride Services to transport their clients (**Agreement No. 2021-08**)
- 8) Authorize City Manager to Execute Agreements for the City's Health Plans for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (**Agreement No. 2021-09**)
- 9) Second and final reading of an ordinance amending subsection 2.64.040 of Chapter 2.64 of the Delano Municipal Code Regarding the meeting date and time for the Community Law Enforcement Liaison Board (**Ordinance No. 2021-1327**)

Motion was made by: Morris to approved items 1 – 9 on consent;

2nd by: Solorio-Ruiz

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Osorio/Vasquez/Alindajao /Morris/Solorio-Ruiz

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 10) Direction for support on SB40 (Hurtado) – California Medicine Scholar Program and direct the Mayor to sign proposed letter of support (Mayor Osorio)

Staff report provided by Mayor Osorio.

Presentation was provided by Senator Melissa Hurtado's staff Joseph Lopez and Marisol Ibarra.

Mayor Osorio opened public comment.

Claribel Gutierrez asked if this is available at BC and when will it start.

Mr. Lopez responded it will start at the community colleges, but isn't too sure of when it will start.

Ms. Ibarra added this bill is in the middle of the legislative process.

Hector Jimenez urged the Council to vote "no" for this given Senator Melissa Hurtado's legislative record as she has been a problematic democratic senator and instead, he urged the Council to support SB562 The Healthy California Act.

Mayor Osorio closed public comment.

Council Member Alindajao asked if the bill had any other components other than purely educational.

Ms. Ibarra responded this is to create and support college students to pursue the medical field and added there is another bill they are working on which does have other components

Motion was made by: Morris;

2nd by: Alindajao

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Osorio/Vasquez/Alindajao /Morris/Solorio-Ruiz

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

- 11) Direction for support on SB61 (Hurtado) – Supportive Services for Workforce Training Programs and direct the Mayor to sign proposed letter of support (Mayor Osorio)

Staff report provided by Mayor Osorio.

Presentation was provided by Senator Melissa Hurtado’s staff Joseph Lopez and Marisol Ibarra.

Mayor Osorio opened public comment.

Claribel Gutierrez asked if there is job assistance or job placement after completing the program.

Ms. Ibarra responded this will help organizations to provide training and assist individuals with support services so they can get a high paying job.

Claribel Gutierrez asked again if there is job assistance or job placement after completing the program.

Ms. Ibarra responded there needs to be a partnership with these organizations.

Anthony Cortez stated he’s looking at the website and it shows SB61 is about firearms transfer.

Mr. Lopez provided clarification to it being the year 2021 Senate Bill from Senator Melissa Hurtado.

Arthur Rodriguez asked if this program includes senior citizens who want to work.

Ms. Ibarra responded in the affirmative.

Jordan Davis asked if this is a letter of support for clarification. He also asked how will this benefit Delano.

Ms. Ibarra responded Senator Melissa Hurtado is asking for a letter of support. She also added this bill would create additional training program partnerships to address the displacement of farmworkers and at-risk youth by California Workforce Development Board.

Mayor Osorio closed public comment.

Council Member Alindajao asked what is the cost of the tax payers for this bill.

Ms. Ibarra responded \$50 million.

Council Member Alindajo inquired about workforce programs.

Ms. Ibarra responded a synopsis of how the Workforce Training Program works.

Council Member Alindajao asked what is defined as a high paying job.

Ms. Ibarra responded it would differ throughout the State, but there is not emphasis on this.

Council Member Alindajao asked who would be administering this.

Ms. Ibarra responded it would be California Workforce Development Board.

Council Member Alindajao asked if there are any workforce students in Delano.

Ms. Ibarra responded she doesn’t know if there are any, but can follow up and let him know.

Council Member Alindajao asked if this bill has any co-authors.

Senator Caballero and Assembly Member Salas.

Motion was made by: Morris;

2nd by: Solorio-Ruiz

Vote: 4-1

Ayes: Osorio/Vasquez/Morris/Solorio-Ruiz

Nays: Alindajao

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

- 12) Discussion on development of Police Department Review Board to address issues, proper staffing, equipment, hiring practices, and compensation matters that might affect hiring (Council Member Alindajao)

No discussion was provided.

No Council Action.

- 13) Approval of purchase agreement for approximately 2.4 acres of property, generally located at First Avenue and Belmont Street, in the City of Delano, Kern County, California, (a portion of APN 422-100-04-00-7) from the Housing Authority of Kern County in the amount of \$380,000 for city future development of a public park (**Resolution No. 2021-10**) (**Agreement No. 2021-10**)

Staff report provided by City Attorney Richman.

Mayor Osorio opened public comment.

Claribel Gutierrez asked if the purchase will be with the sole purpose of a park and half of the land being utilized for an apartment complex.

City Attorney Richman responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Gutierrez asked who's going to be in charge of navigating the whole property as a whole, would it be Kern County or the City of Delano.

City Attorney Richman responded it would be Housing Authority of County of Kern in which they will abide by all the conditions and regulations.

Ms. Gutierrez shared her support for this project.

Arthur Rodriguez asked if the City is putting money into it.

City Attorney Richman responded HACK approved \$500 for this project, as well as getting other funds from other sources which are the components of this project and the City is only purchasing the property.

Yolanda Vega asked if the purchase of this property related to the Magical Bridge Foundation Playground project and asked for an update.

City Manager Reyna responded the expansion of this is connected to this purchase, as well with the \$2.4 million grant and cannot move forward until the property is obtained.

Jordan Davis asked if it will be maintained by the City.

City Manager Reyna responded it is an expansion of the existing MLK park, so it will abide by the same guidelines, rules and policies the current park is under.

Lupe Martinez suggested for restrooms at the park.

Suzanne Villaruz asked for help to visualize the size of the park.

City Manager Reyna provided a visualization as requested.

Ms. Villaruz stated she's never heard of the Magical Bridge Foundation and asked about the grant.

City Manager Reyna stated there was city outreach.

Ms. Villaruz asked what are the chances of getting the grant and is there an alternative plan.

City Manager Reyna stated the grant will move forward upon obtaining the property, nevertheless it will proceed to build it as a park at slower pace and maybe not as elaborate as the Magical Bridge Foundation would have done.

Ms. Villaruz asked about letters of support.

City Manager Reyna stated there was a resolution, but would welcome any additional support.

Gabrielle Cortez asked how the money would be purposed and is the grant specific to the park or can it be relocated or repurposed.

City Manager Reyna responded if the site has been submitted for that grant, it cannot be moved once the grant has been submitted.

Mayor Osorio closed public comment.

Council Member Solorio-Ruiz is glad they're getting it done.

Council Member Morris stated this is much needed housing. She also is happy to see a park and it will serve lots of kids, so she's looking forward to it.

Council Member Alindajao stated it's a great project and Delano will be blessed with this great partnership in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez informed the public to google Magical Grant in Delano and they can access the information about the project with a map of the location.

Mayor Osorio echoes the sentiments of the other Council Members.

Motion made by: Morris

2nd by: Solorio-Ruiz

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Osorio/Vasquez/ Alindajao/Morris/Solorio-Ruiz

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

City Manager Reyna reported in respect to the flyer already provided to the City Council about the Kern Women Business Leaders are going around town contacting business to making them aware of the various funding out there through CARES Act by providing workshop and classes. She also added the flyer is available on the City website.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Council Member Alindajao: None.

Council Member Morris: She inquired about when is City Hall opening. She also thanked staff for all the flyers provided on the website and requested flyers for the public at City Hall.

City Manager Reyna stated City Hall will be opening next Monday to Thursday 8am – 6pm. She further stated the flyers can be made available to the public and added the information was due to the efforts of Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez in gathering it in which it's been compiled into flyers.

Council Member Solorio-Ruiz: He attended the two most recent Hope and Heal Fund Committee Meetings. He's also attended all vaccination clinics hosted by the UFW Foundation. He also shared there will be vaccinations this weekend at the 40 Acres as well. He stated the food distributions have been set for the 4th Saturday of the month at the Jefferson Center. Lastly, he asked for resolutions on SB222 - Water Rate Assistance fund and SB223 - Water Service Protection for Residents be on the next agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez: She stated she's hosting a town hall meeting on April 14th and 17th to hear from the community, though the City is not on the forefront, she would like to provide that to the Supervisor. She also added 300 letters were sent out to a 3-block radius informing them about the town hall meetings. She also wished everyone a Happy Late Easter and collaborated with the Easter Bunny to meet with families at the cemetery.

Mayor Osorio: He gave a shoutout to Council Member Morris for her involvement at the Vaccination Clinics at the 40 Acres. He stated he's also been volunteering himself at the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at the 40 Acres. He's also been working on obtaining hygiene items for distribution. He received a request a proclamation for deported veterans. He also asked for a letter of support to be placed on the next Council Meeting for AB1400 Single Parent Healthcare System and SB467 Prohibiting Fracking and establishing setbacks. He also would like to see the exploration or discussion of a potential committee by community leaders to discuss the gap of broadband access with educators, community residents or elected officials. Lastly, he requested for a presentation to be allowed at the next council meeting regarding on what legal cannabis dispensaries would look like in Delano as it stimulates the economy, but also jobs as a discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

No items.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Morris, seconded by Solorio-Ruiz, and unanimously carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:01p.m.

Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk