

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA February 21, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM

Council Members Present: Lander, Ramsey, Stolz, Adkisson, Singleton

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Interim Chief of Police Darren Blevins, Community Development Director Sean Brewer, Public Works and Utilities Director Pete Preciado, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, City Treasurer James Vosburg, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, Fire Chief Dwayne Gabriel, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

The Special Agenda and Regular Agenda will be considered concurrently.

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Table Consent Calendar Item No. 5.8 for Further Review and to Approve the Agenda for Meeting of February 21, 2019. Motion **Approved** by a 5/0 Majority Voice Vote.*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Award of Outstanding Service to the City of Coalinga for Michael Salvador, Outgoing Chief of Police *(Item from Special Agenda)*

Councilmember Stolz gave a brief speech and presented outgoing Chief of Police, Michael Salvador, with a plaque for his years of service with the City of Coalinga. Mr. Salvador gave a brief speech regarding his time with City.

2. Presentation by Dig Deep

Tia Cavender, Founder and CEO of Dig Deep Research gave a brief overview of their company and how they can be of service to the City of Coalinga.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked what is the cost of the Basic Membership?

Ms. Cavender stated Basic Memberships start at \$10,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked if there was a money-back guaranty?

Ms. Cavender stated, no there are no guarantees, other than our track record. We have an 80% hit rate.

Mayor Lander announced a five-minute break.

3. City of Coalinga Website Reveal Presentation

Community Development Director Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the new website.

Councilman Adkisson asked if a live feed of the Council Meetings is available with the new website?

Mr. Brewer stated that would be a separate type of project that staff would research.

Mayor Lander remarked at what a big improvement the new site was. He went on to thank everyone involved and recognized former Mayor Nathan Vosburg, for his contributions to the new website.

Mrs. Mary Jones concurs with Mayor Lander and added how easy the new site is to navigate.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Lewis reminded the citizens of the March 7th vote on Measure R. He commented that some of the feedback on the measure has been poor. It is important to show the people who are trying to restore the hospital that there is a lot of public support. Mr. Lewis encouraged citizens to get out and vote on election day.

Mayor Lander asked Mr. Lewis to explain why the citizens are being asked to vote on the reinstatement of the hospital.

Mr. Lewis explained that the taxpayers approved the hospital bond and are paying the bond off through their property tax bill. The hospital board is not allowed to approve any transactions, such as a lease or sale, without voter approval.

Mrs. Terri Yanez announced that 'Western Weekend' at West Hills College will begin on March 21st with team roping at 6pm. On March 22nd there will be slack at 8am and the rodeo performance at 6:30pm. On March 23rd slack will be at 8am, 1pm local alumni family team roping, and at 6:30pm will be the championship go-around. On March 24th bad girls break-a-way roping will start at 11am.

Mrs. Yanez commented on the two locations the former Chief of Police Michael Salvador had previously suggested. She asked that the Council reconsider the Coalinga airport as the location for commercial trucking parking instead.

Mrs. Yanez went on to comment about transparency of the Council. She was upset to learn about former Chief of Police Michael Salvador's departure from the City on Facebook.

Mrs. Jones informed Mrs. Yanez that the announcement was made by someone in the community that did not have permission to do so before an official announcement could be made by the City.

Ms. Sara Pruitt, District 3, observed the street sweeper's inability to sweep the road because it was the same day as trash day, and everyone had their trash bins on the curb. Ms. Pruitt requested that the scheduling be readjusted so the street sweeper isn't sweeping the middle of the road on trash day.

Mr. Scott Netherton, announced next Wednesday, February 27th is Reel Time Entertainment's 10-year anniversary. They will be celebrating by showing Avatar and the animated movie Up, two of the bigger movies that opened that year. Showings will be at 6:30pm and 7:00pm. Admittance is free, there will be free hotdogs and free cake and a couple of other activities for the kids. Mr. Netherton said the seating is limited so please get your tickets quickly.

Mathew Apple, aka John Sunlight, aka Emperor of Coalinga and opinion writer for the Coalinga Press. Mr. Apple thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for putting up with his eccentricities and apologies if they have received any negative impact from the way that he presents himself. He stated that sometimes you must be a little outlandish to get your point across and if being the squeaky wheel is what it takes for the City to get the attention that it deserves then he will continue to do so.

Mr. Apple again requested the City adopt a Disaster Plan with the fire season underway. He requested a discussion, or at least an update on the issue at the next Council Meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES - January 17, 2019

Councilwoman Stolz pulled Item No. 5.1.

Councilwoman Stolz announced she would like to clarify comments she made regarding the Veteran's Banner Program discussion at the January 17, 2019 Council Meeting. She stated that she brought up a way to include disadvantaged Veterans that cannot afford to pay for the banner. She went on to clarify that she did not intend for the City to pay for those costs.

City Attorney Mario Zamora stated the clarification would be made in the minutes for tonight's meeting and if Ms. Stolz would like to further discuss the item she can do so when the item is discussed later in the meeting.

2. Check Register: 10/01/2018 - 10/31/2018
3. Check Register: 11/01/2018 - 11/30/2018
4. Check Register: 12/01/2018 - 12/31/2018
5. Approval of Resolution No. 3890 Designating Certain Signatures for City Bank Accounts with Union Bank
6. Update Regarding Credit Card Payments Accepted by the City of Coalinga for Utility Billing Payments

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey pulled Item No. 5.6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked the Financial Services Director, Jasmin Bains to explain the changes regarding the use of credit cards for utility billing payments.

Ms. Bains stated, effective Tuesday, February 26, 2019 the City will accept credit and debit card payments at City Hall and online through a new provider, free of charge to our residents. Costs associated with the change will be absorbed through the enterprise funds. A Press Release will go out on Monday. Online payments can be made through a new website at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/coalingaca. There will also be a new pay-by-phone service, that number is (833) 273-7455. In order register for the new online payments, be aware that you will the Account Number printed on your Statement and your last payment amount as a method of verification. Some new features are the ability to view updated billing and consumption history, real time account balances and view graphs of your consumption history. She went on to urge residents to be patient with staff as she does anticipate some growing pains as the new system is implemented.

7. Information on Policy and Procedure for Renting Frame Park for a Public or Private Event
8. Review and Approve Resolution #3888 Designating Commercial Parking Areas in the City

Consent Calendar Item No. 5.8 was tabled for further review.

9. City of Coalinga MyCivic App Update
10. Authorize the Purchase of CP-125 Heated Hose Machine from SoCal Sealcoat Solutions, LLC
11. Consider and Act Upon Westlands Water District Ballot for Board of Directors Election to be Held on February 26, 2019; Approve Resolution No. 3889 Authorizing the City Manager to Act as the City's Voting Representative for the Special Election, Westlands Water District

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Stolz to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.7 and 5.9 through 5.11. Motion **Approved** by a 5/0 Roll-Call Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Council Direction Regarding Two (2) Future Vacancies on the Planning Commission
Sean Brewer, Community Development Director

Community Development Director Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item. Commissioner Helmar and Jacobs' terms on the Planning Commission will soon expire. Both Commissioners have expressed interest in continuing their service on the Planning Commission.

Councilman Adkisson stated he would like to see both Ms. Helmar and Mr. Jacobs reappointed. They are engaged and very knowledgeable with what is going on.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey agrees.

Mr. Brewer announced that both Commissioners are present tonight.

Mayor Lander agrees and asked if either Commissioner would like to speak.

Planning Commissioner Jim Jacobs addressed the Council and remarked what a pleasure it has been to serve on the Commission. This is a very forward-thinking job and it is nice to see people come in and see their dreams happen. Sometimes there are hot topics and they always try to weigh both sides of the isle and come to a consensus. He focuses on protecting property values and the safety of the community.

Planning Commissioner Michele Helmar, District 1, addressed the Council and remarked how much she enjoys serving on the Commission. Ms. Helmar enjoys working through the issues that come to the Commission for discussion and stressed her desire to continue serving on the Commission.

Mayor Lander commented on how much work is involved by serving on the Commission. He appreciates both volunteering and serving on the Commission.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Singleton to Approve the Reappointment of Michele Helmar and Jim Jacobs to the Planning Commission. Motion **Approved** by a Majority Voice Vote.*

2. Discussion and Direction regarding the Implementation of a City of Coalinga Military/Veteran's Banner Program
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item. When the Council previously discussed the cost of the banners, we used the City of Brentwood as an example. We now have a quote from a local vendor, the cost of the banners would be \$67.12 each. We also looked at the cost to provide the banners to disadvantaged Veteran's, as well as Veterans killed in the line of duty. If Council is interested in doing that, she would recommend capping the number since it would be a General Fund expense. At \$67.12 per banner, we would recommend covering the cost of no more than 10 banners per year and processing them in the order received for a total annual cost of \$671.20. The brackets are \$80 each and she would recommend the City absorb these costs instead of passing the cost on since they will be used repeatedly and are not specific to each banner. Ms. Trejo recommends purchasing 40 brackets at a one-time cost of \$3,200 to the General Fund.

She went on to announce the City learned the light poles staff intended to hang the banners from are owned by PG&E so we would need permission prior to using them.

Councilwoman Stolz stressed what a great program this is, but she is concerned about the costs. Originally it was reported that there would be no cost except staff time, but now that we've done our research, we know there are costs to incur. When you specifically look at staff time, when you take an employee's hourly rate and add their benefits, the costs add up. It also takes them away from their other duties. Reflecting back on budget cuts, a lot was cut, and departments are already overextended. Ms. Stolz expressed concern that perhaps this isn't the right time considering our current budget situation and requested that Council revisit the implementation of the program in 2020 after we've received one year of Measure J monies, paid some bills and are in better standing.

Councilman Adkisson suggested that we only honor those who have died in the line of duty. We have plenty of resources that families can take advantage of, whether it be private donations, donations from businesses to help any Veteran pay for this. He suggested that we increase the cost for a banner by \$20 to help offset the \$3,200 and request an additional \$20 donation be made to help maintain our Veteran's Park.

Mrs. Trejo asked, for those who were killed in the line of duty, would you want to keep the staff recommendation of 10 per year?

Councilman Adkisson answered, yes and further requested that those banners are specifically hung in the downtown area.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey agreed that we should cap the amount the City pays for at 10 per year. Mr. Ramsey announced that he would personally find a donor for the \$3,200 cost of the brackets.

Mayor Lander asked about the brackets, does the Chamber hang banners all year around? Perhaps the brackets could be shared between the City and the Chamber.

Mrs. Trejo answered that they usually only use them during Christmas time and for the Derby, however the brackets are not the same.

Councilman Adkisson remarked how great it would be if we were able to get a donation to cover the costs of the brackets and we would no longer need to charge an additional \$20 to help cover the costs.

Mayor Lander stated he likes the program and agrees on the cap of 10 per year and that we do need a donation to help cover the costs. He requested the item be brought back with the specifics laid out from tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Adkisson asked for a deadline to be added so that the program could be rolled out in time for the Horned Toad Derby Parade.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

None

Councilmember Announcements:

Councilwoman Stolz announced the Animal Shelter Committee Meeting will be this Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 6:15pm in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey announced he received a phone call from Michael St. John from the Coalinga State Hospital requesting information on the upcoming vote for the sale or lease of the Coalinga Hospital. He will be recommending a "yes" vote to others.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Lander requested that we all need to bring back a sense of pride in our community. He sees and hears things that are discouraging. He requests that everyone put the negativity away and for people try to start being positive and be proud of where we are and who we are.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Government Code Section 54956.9(d)1): 1 Case. California 5th Appellate District Court Case No.: F078081 DACE v. Nathan Vosburg, et al.
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo; City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): Coalinga's Police Officer's Association
3. CITY MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Government Code 54957(b)
4. CITY ATTORNEY'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Government Code 54957(b)

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:13PM

Ron Lander, Mayor

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

Date