

# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA February 20, 2020

## 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM

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

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Police Commander Sean Young (in for Chief Darren Blevins), Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, City Treasurer James Vosburg, Senior Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, and Fire Chief Dwayne Gabriel

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: Police Chief Darren Blevins

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Accept the Corrected Copy of the Police Pay Scale for Consent Calendar Item No. 5.6 and to Approve the Agenda for the Meeting of February 20, 2020. Motion **Approved** by a 5/0 Majority Voice Vote.*

## 2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

### 1. Gimme Love Annual Report

Lori and George Anderson of Gimme Love Animal Shelter gave a brief presentation on all the activity being worked on through the shelter.

Mayor Lander asked if the shelter had implemented a volunteer program to walk the dogs? Could you elaborate on that?

Mr. Anderson said yes, we have a volunteer program where each dog is walked every Monday and Wednesday. We are in need of more volunteers, especially those who can help on the weekends. The hours of the animal shelter are Monday through Friday between 1pm and 4pm.

Councilwoman Stolz congratulated the Andersons on all their work partnering with PetSmart. Other rescues I know who have partnered with them always do really well and just within a day or two all the cats are adopted.

Lori Anderson stated 31 cats, in a month and half, have been adopted out.

Mayor Lander thanked the Andersons for all their hard work and a job well done.

Mrs. Trejo read a written question submitted by Ms. Angie Alvarez, who could not be here tonight, it read, "We bought a house that was overrun by cats. If we can catch them, do you have room for them or maybe know an inexpensive place to fix them? The lady that used to live in the house has been taking food to them, but we are having to stop her."

Mrs. Anderson said she had personally spoke with Ms. Alvarez. They are feral cats and the shelter is not able to take in feral cats as we do not have the appropriate cages for them. They are dangerous and both my husband and I have sustained injuries from them. No one wants a feral cat, however we were able to adopt a few out to ranch owners, but we have had no luck adopting any out since. We are not currently taking in feral cats, but we are offering the TNR program, which is a program where feral cats are trapped, spayed, or neutered and then released back out into the area where they were originally trapped. The only problem with that is there is currently no grant available. Anyone interested in the program would have to pay for it. We have reached out and the cheapest rate for a female is about \$40 if the cat is not pregnant or in heat. Most people are not willing to do that. We are hoping to find grants that can help cover or at least lower the expense. We were previously using Cat House who had a grant and that is how most people were having them done for \$10 per cat.

Mr. Anderson announced they will be coming back to Council with an idea on how they can implement their own TRN program. We hope that we can do it with someone from the Feral Cat Coalition from Visalia. We would like the coalition to come and present some literature and education on how the program can be successful in controlling the population of cats.

Mrs. Trejo read a written comment submitted by Ms. Donna Stevenson, who could not be here tonight, it read, "Dear City Council Members, I would like to know if you can help solve the out of control animal issue we have in this town. It's obvious that Gimme Love shelter is not working. I called them about a month ago about some stray cats around my house (a lot of cats) and they informed me that I would need to gather them up myself and then they would call me when they had room...imagine my surprise...in addition, they informed me that it would be 35 dollars per animal...what? They are not even mine...well, no worries there they have not called me as of yet... I would really like to know what you're gonna do about this awful situation...and it really is awful. Thank you for your time."

Mayor Lander said, well I believe we just heard the report and why something would transpire like that because they were probably feral cats.

Mrs. Jones said Ms. Stevenson is my neighbor and explained there was a person who lived a few houses down who fed every single cat. I would not say they are truly feral cats. They are humanized but they do not belong to anyone. People think they are being nice by feeding them but really, they are just causing more problems. Education on the issue is so important.

Mr. Anderson assured everyone that they do return every phone call. It may be a day or a couple hours later, but every call is returned. I wish we could pick up all these cats, but we cannot. It is a work in progress.

Mayor Lander mentioned reading that a single feral cat can produce over 200 kittens in its lifetime.

Mrs. Anderson commented that it is not the feeding of feral cats that is the issue, rather it is not fixing them.

### 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 835 (Adoption of 2019 California Building Codes)
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3949 Authorizing A One-time Water Sale to Members of Pleasant Valley Water Conveyance Partners, LLC
3. Approval of the Comprehensive Fee Schedule for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Update effective January 1, 2020
4. Sales Tax Update for 3rd Quarter 2019 for July through September 2019
5. Approval of Amended Gimme Love Contract
6. Adopt Resolution No. 3950 Revising the Police Pay Scale

*Councilwoman Stolz pulled Item No. 5.6 for discussion.*

Councilwoman Stolz is concerned with the incorrect attachment that was originally included with the agenda and stated how unfair it is to the Police Department to see those numbers thinking that is what they were going to receive.

City Manager Marissa Trejo explained the file included with the item was somehow corrupted and we are researching how that could have happened. The numbers on the corrupted document were not what was discussed in negotiations. What was discussed was a 2% increase effective February 17, 2020 which was the first page of the attachment, however there were additional pages included that should not have been. The attached documents are documents that could not be approved as presented per CalPERS as they were missing the required dates on the heading. The hard copy I have provided is basically the first page of the original document included with the agenda and this is the only thing that was discussed and approved by Council and provided to the Police Officers Association.

Mrs. Mary Jones asked if the page that shows July 2019 at the top is accurate?

Mrs. Trejo said no, the only page that is accurate is the page that shows Effective February 17, 2020.

7. Adopt Resolution No. 3951 Approving the Police Technician I/II/III Job Description
8. Adopt Resolution No. 3952 Establishing the CPOA Non-Sworn Pay Scale

9. Direct City Manager to Create and Distribute Quarterly City Newsletter

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Singleton to Approved Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.9. Motion to **Approved** by a Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS (NONE)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

None

Council Member's Announcements:

None

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Lander announced the Area Community Health Center is now open Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. They are located at 191 E. Polk street, next door to Goin' Postal which is next door to Me-n-Ed's. Walk-ins are welcome. It is a family practice. Their number is (559) 935-2100.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilwoman Stolz requested an update on the status of the hospital from the Hospital Board or from Dr. Singh. I had heard the hospital was going to open in March or April and now I am hearing August. I have citizens inquire with me all the time, but no one is really sure.

Mrs. Trejo said she would reach out to them and see if they would be willing to come and give a presentation.

Mrs. Jones stated that last she had heard it was August.

Mayor Lander concurred that he also receives multiple requests for information.

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS-Government Code Section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. PROPERTY: APN's 071-084-24 (formally 071-084-01, 02, 03, 21 & 06) located in the City of Coalinga on the SW Corner of Elm Avenue and Cherry Lane. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo and City Attorney Mario Zamora NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Salyer American, Inc. UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT 6:32PM

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Ron Lander, Mayor

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

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Date