

**MINUTES  
AMENDED  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR  
AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY  
MEETING AGENDA  
April 2, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00PM** *Meeting conducted via teleconference.*

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

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: None

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Singleton to Approve the Agenda for the Meeting of April 2, 2020. Motion **Approved** by a 5/0 Majority Voice Vote.*

**2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS (NONE)**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

City Attorney Mario Zamora read a comment from Mr. Chris Wallace that was submitted via email to the City Manager. Mr. Wallace expressed his dismay with the way the City has handled the pandemic so far. He believes Councilman Adkisson is the only member of the Council who is doing a good job of keeping the public informed. Mr. Wallace is opposed to the public censure of Councilman Adkisson.

Mr. Zamora read a comment from [rrscott4272@att.net](mailto:rrscott4272@att.net) that was submitted via email. The email read, "November is coming."

Mr. Zamora announced that there would be time for a second public comment at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Nathan Vosburg said if the Council chooses to censure Councilman Adkisson, then Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, Councilwoman Stolz and Mayor Lander should also be censured, all of which have violated the Code of Conduct. He stated Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, on May 16th, violated several sections of the Code of Conduct. On May 16th Councilwoman Stolz was brought forward for violating several sections of the Code of Conduct. And Mayor Lander for not conducting the Council Meetings as outlined in the Code of Conduct and

motions of Robert's Rules of Order. He suggests that everyone agree to disagree as stated in the Code of Conduct and stop nitpicking other members of the Council. Referencing discussion Item No. 6.2, Mr. Vosburg stated that Council has already spoke on the matter and he is opposed to stopping health insurance for any member of the Council during the pandemic. Mr. Vosburg acknowledges his father is the City Treasurer and this would affect his health coverage, as well as Mayor Lander and Councilwoman Stolz. Lastly Mr. Vosburg expressed his disagreement with a statement in the resolution where the City would suspend nonessential services, specifically services relating to California Public Records Act Requests. He questions whether this is legal. He suggests adding additional time, such as 30 days instead.

Mr. Zamora read a comment from Jode Keasler. Ms. Keasler believes Councilman Adkisson is the only member of the Council who is keeping the public informed and is opposed to him being censured.

Mr. Zamora read questions from Guest 738 who asked why the City is not taking precautions set forth by the CDC, Governor, and the President here in Coalinga? We have received word that our Hospital may be used primarily for COVID-19 patients. Guest 738 asked why Councilman Adkisson is the only one who is being proactive by relaying his ideas to help us?

Mr. Zamora read comments from Mary Jones who stated Councilman Adkisson is in my district. I voted from him and still support him.

*The following comments were read by the City Attorney at the end of the meeting:*

Mrs. Mary Jones stated Sheila Todd has insulted me and many other Coalinga residents for no reason, calling names and telling lies. Ms. Todd has a track record of being hostile and destructive.

Mr. Zamora read a comment made by Guest 953 who stated, isn't it illegal to not do due diligence giving name of said documents that were not turned in? Let me add that I feel ashamed for being in a town where the Council does not have our best interest at heart. Council is not doing anything to help our City feel safe and protected. Adam has always been there and spoken up in our best regard and has always been upfront with our emergency. Why can't the Council put personal agenda things aside? Why is that the Mayor Pro-Tem cannot justify the reasons for censure if he has no answers. This is a witch hunt and travesty in our City government. What a huge waste of time. I believe the Council is bias and Councilwoman Stolz demonstrated violations of the Code of Conduct towards citizens and the audience as well as being condescending towards Councilman Adkisson. City leaders do not have our best interest in considering their decisions. I trust Councilman Adkisson because of his honesty and transparency. He is the only member who is keeping the community in the loop as far as this pandemic. Also, the City Manager posted a letter from public health officials and did not send them to the businesses effected. Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey addressed the community as bullies, was that not a violation of the Code of Conduct in being disrespectful towards the citizens?

Mrs. Mary Jones commented that the WHC, CHUSD, CHRPD, etc. all have similar meetings, and all are effective at their manner of dealing with the public. Mrs. Jones will address them after the meeting. Meetings cannot go on like this. I am pretty sure there is something in the Brown Act about citizens being heard. Mrs. Jones said, I do not believe this is an effective meeting. I attend many online meetings, and this is the only one that fails to allow people to make needed comments. As a resident, I do not feel like I have adequate representation. There were at least two times when I did not get to make my comment because there was no gap to ask about some new facet that came up during the issue being discussed.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

#### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES - May 16, 2019 (Amended)
2. Approve MINUTES - June 20, 2019 (Amended)
3. Check Register: 02/01/2020 - 02/29/2020
4. Authorize City Manager to Approve the Proposal Received from Bryant L. Jolley, CPA for Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2019-2021 with an Option to Extend for an Additional Two Years
5. Approve Resolution No. SA-334 Approving a Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions and Addendum No. One by which the Successor Agency will Sell Certain Property Located at 155,163 and 165 E. Elm Ave. (APNs 072-131-06, 072-131-07 and 072-131-08) to Rajinder Singh in Accordance with the Department of Finance Approved Long Range Property Management Plan and the Dissolution Law

*Mayor Lander abstained from Item No. 5.5 due to a perceived conflict of interest as his place of business is located directly across the street from the subject property.*

6. City Council Waiving of the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 836, Amending the Planning and Zoning Code as it Relates to Conditional Use Permit Regulations for Commercial Cannabis Facilities
7. Review and Approve the City of Coalinga's Strategic Grant Report

*Councilman Adkisson pulled Item No. 5.7 for discussion.*

Councilman Adkisson, referencing the stormwater drain in Section B, asked if there was anything that could be included to help alleviate the issue with the heavy collection of water at Harvard and California streets when it rains?

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer said yes, it may be a valley gutter issue or a surface drain. The Washington/Van Ness storm drain will run from Elm Avenue to Coalinga Street and that will collect most of the water that will normally flow from that area of town. We do have issues with some valley gutters in that area.

Councilman Adkisson asked if something could be added to help with the center medians? Are there any grants to address the lack of lighting around the City? Are there any grants to replace the dead trees scattered across town?

Mr. Brewer stated he has already started looking into grants to replace the trees. The Department of Forestry has an annual grant and we plan to apply for it once it is released.

Councilman Adkisson asked Chief Blevins if a grant should be added for additional security cameras around town?

Chief of Police Darren Blevins stated the City already has funding through Homeland Security. We currently have \$9,200 for the project and we are just waiting on some quotes before it can be brought before the Council for consideration.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 5.7. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

8. Authorize Purchase of Anthracite Filter Media for Water Treatment Plant
9. Review and Approve Regulatory Permit for Green Coast Industries
10. Authorize Police Recruit Sponsorship

*Councilwoman Stolz pulled Item No. 5.10 for discussion.*

Councilwoman Stolz stated her desire to include the Coalinga Police Officer's Association ("POA") before Council's approval to authorize police recruit sponsorship and suggested the item be tabled until we can get the POA's thoughts on the matter.

*Consensus of the Council is to **Table** Consent Calendar Item No. 5.10 until the POA has commented on the proposed sponsorship of individuals through the academy in an attempt to fill the two vacant Police Officer positions.*

11. Direct City Manager to Suspend all Non-Mandatory Out of Area Training for all Employees through June 30, 2020

*Councilwoman Stolz pulled Item No. 5.11 for discussion.*

When called upon, Councilwoman Stolz stated she mistakenly confused Consent Calendar Item No. 5.11 for another item. Ms. Stolz stated she no longer desires to discuss this item.

*Motion by Adkisson, Seconded by Singleton to Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 5.11. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

12. Direct City Manager to Hold Off on Replacing Flooring in Police Department Dispatch Center
13. Stop City Council Travel for Remainder of Fiscal Year

*Councilwoman Stolz pulled Item No. 5.13 for discussion.*

Councilwoman Stolz stated Council's travel was cancelled over a month ago by the various entities that administer the trainings and conferences.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 5.13. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

14. Information on Ceasing Mileage Reimbursements for City Staff and City Council for Less than 100 Miles (Informational Only)

*Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey pulled Item No. 5.14 for discussion.*

Councilwoman Stolz stated she is fine with ceasing mileage reimbursement for City staff and for City Council, with the exception of the Fresno Council of Government ("COG") meetings that the Mayor (or his designee) attends.

Councilman Adkisson asked Mayor Lander if the COG meetings were still taking place right now?

Mayor Lander stated the COG meetings are taking place via webinar because of the situation with COVID-19.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked if ceasing the mileage reimbursement was just for the remainder of the Fiscal Year?

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated this item was informational only. It just states that the City provides mileage reimbursement at the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") rate and that we are required to do so. The Council does not need to take action on this item.

15. Approval of Small Business Loan Program related to Proclaimed Existence of a Local Emergency

*Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey pulled Item No. 5.15 for discussion.*

Councilwoman Stolz stated she is all about supporting our local businesses. She has been approached by various citizens and businesses about the requirements for the small business loans, where is the money coming from, and how will the City decide who gets one. With all the Federal and State funding opportunities that are coming she encourages everyone to start applying for those now since she is sure there will be a wait time. The City will only have so much money to go around and we still have a business to run.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey agrees and stated he did not want to put the City at risk if businesses are unable to repay the loan. Mr. Ramsey expressed concern over having to seize someone's land because they are required to put it up as collateral. I feel for everyone, but I do not believe the City is in a position to provide loans. He encourages businesses to apply for Federal and State programs.

Mayor Lander read a statement he received from AERA Energy. The 2-1-1 system of United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties is available and serves as a lifeline to individuals and families in need. The information will be shared with the City Manager so it can be shared with the public.

Councilman Adkisson stated the main reason this is needed is to bridge a gap between when the Federal and State funding will come in and right now. We've had a lot of businesses that have already been losing a lot of money because they have been forced to close for no fault of their own. Mr. Adkisson believes \$150,000 will not bankrupt us and we have been in much worse situations. I read an article today that said the Federal and State governments are weeks away from getting these loans approved. We may not even go through \$150,000 as some businesses may not need help. The City has a much faster response time than the State or Federal government will have.

Councilwoman Stolz asked the Financial Services Director if we do have extra money and can we afford it?

Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains stated she does not believe she is in a position to say YES or NO at this point.

Mayor Lander asked, why Ms. Bains was unable to answer right now?

Ms. Bains stated that it is an unbudgeted item. We did pass a budget with a surplus. I just ran a report for Quarter 1, but we just do not know with the pandemic. There is potential for loss of sales tax revenue, which is the second/third highest revenue source for the City. There many variables that make it difficult to say one way or another.

Councilman Adkisson asked, what if we instead cut the number in half and offer \$75,000 for small business loans, with each business being able to apply for no more than \$7,500?

Councilwoman Stolz stated she does not believe that changes what the Financial Services Director just said.

Councilman Adkisson stated he is positive the City can come back from \$75,000.

Councilman Singleton stated, we just do not know how long this is going to go on and he cannot justify taking any money from the City right now. We do not know when this is going to end or if it will get any worse.

Councilman Adkisson agreed, we do not know if this will get any worse. My main thinking is, will this cost us more to lose these businesses?

*Motion by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 5.15. Motion **Failed** from lack of a Second.*

16. Refund of Business License Taxes upon Request with Repayment Due Three Months after the Proclaimed Existence of a Local Emergency is Ended

*Councilwoman Stolz pulled Item No. 5.16 for discussion.*

Councilman Adkisson stated we must provide some form of capital, something for them to get through this. This would only be upon request and only for businesses that have been shut down because of the pandemic.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramsey to Approve Refunding Business License Taxes upon Request with Repayment Due Three Months after the Proclaimed Existence of a Local Emergency has Ended. Motion **Failed** from lack of a Majority Vote. (Singleton, Stolz and Lander Voted "NO").*

17. Introduce and Waive First Reading of Ordinance No. 837 (COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency)

*Councilman Adkisson pulled Item No. 5.17 for discussion.*

Councilman Adkisson said this was one of his Future Agenda Items, however he did not add the takeout or suspension of the California Public Records Act ("CPRA"), that was added later by the City Manager. I would like to remove that language. It seems like the City is trying to hide something even though I know we are not.

Councilman Adkisson asked if there was a fine already in place for businesses overcharging by more 10% for goods? Is it a current State law, or do we have to come up with a dollar amount for the fine?

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated we do not have a City fine. We could come up with one and add it to the next Agenda. During our research we did find some language for the City to issue fines to nonessential businesses that continue to operate. This language would allow the City to issue the fine without having to come back to the Council for approval. For businesses who are price-gouging we do have a mechanism in place for reporting them to the District Attorney's office, however if we want to be able to handle it ourselves we would need to bring a dollar amount for a fine for the Council to consider.

Councilman Adkisson asked, so right now we are not looking at fines, it is more of a criminal prosecution?

Mrs. Trejo said, that is correct.

Mr. Martin Jones commented that Coalinga residents need exercise and we need a safety zone of six feet. He requested that the parks are kept open and a \$50 citation is issued to those who continue to group in large numbers. This all needs to have a definite sunset date. He suggested Christmas or the end of the emergency.

Guest 93 expressed concern over how the City is handling the pandemic. At this time of need why aren't we seeing more support from the Mayor like Mayors from other cities? Why aren't we getting updates on how many cases we have in Coalinga? We deserve to know what the Council plans to do to keep Covid-19 under control.

Mrs. Trejo stated the item does have a sunset. Chapter 16 shows the items are for so long as there is a proclaimed state of emergency in effect within the City.

*Motion by Adkisson, Seconded by Singleton to Approve the Waiving the First Reading of Ordinance No. 837 (COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency) with the Removal of the Suspension of CPRA Requests. Motion **Approved** by a 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

#### 18. Adopt Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Singleton to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.6, 5.8 through 5.9, 5.12 and 5.18. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote. (Lander – Abstained from Item No. 5.5)*

## 6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Resolution No.3960 Approving Public Censure of Council Member Adam Adkisson  
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

*Note from the City Clerk: Typically, brief summary minutes are used to record the proceedings of the legislative body. However, due to the intensity and emotionalism of some of the comments associated with this item, I have attempted to transcribe those comments as closely as they were presented.*

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated this was a Future Agency Item by Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey commented that nothing has changed since the request to censure Councilwoman Stolz, except for who we are talking about censuring. The item outlines the things that I think are causing the issues again. I stand by my reasons.

City Manager Marissa Trejo read Resolution No. 3960 into record.

City Attorney Mario Zamora read a comment from Guest 93 who stated Councilman Adkisson is from my district and I am opposed to his censorship.

Nathan Vosburg asked, wasn't Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey also in violation of those same sections of the Code of Conduct when he called the public "bullies" and "part of the peanut gallery" back on May 16th? You guys are talking about losing the trust of the Council, what about losing the trust of the people? You guys are picking teams and fighting back and forth. Whoever has three votes wins. We have two people vying for Mayor right now, one is Mayor and one wants to be Mayor. The Grand Jury will know this. When you move to censure Councilman Adkisson that information, along with everything else, will be turned over to the Grand Jury and they will sort it out. When they sort it out it, it will be election time and you guys will have to see what they say about that. I bet they will say you guys broke the exact same rules that you are accusing Councilman Adkisson of. The video is on YouTube and a lot of people have seen what Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey thinks about the people. It is hypocritical to list these items about Councilman Adkisson when you are doing it yourself.

City Attorney Mario Zamora read a comment from Scott Netherton, owner of Reel Time Entertainment. While I do not see eye-to-eye on a lot of things that Adam says or does, I do absolutely believe he serves the community and does not deserve to be censured. This is disgraceful on every level. If you censure Adam, then you should all be censured. You are all an embarrassment at this point.

Councilwoman Stolz said, my situation was in the past and there was already a vote on it. I think what happened a year ago should not be reflected in what is happening now. These are two separate cases, regardless of who did or said what.

Councilman Singleton said, I still feel that Adam is definitely an asset and Adam, in my opinion, has kept the public informed. He has answered questions to the fullest. There is no doubt that he is a very intelligent young man and is an asset to what we do here as a City Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey asked for a vote to be called.

Councilman Adkisson said, I want to first talk to the people of Coalinga and say I do not want to be talking about this right now during a time of national emergency. I do not want to talk about this, but I am forced to. I would rather be talking about how to help the citizens through this emergency. First off, I think some of the Council are out of touch. There is no need to be talking about a censure right now. It should have been tabled and waited to be talked about until after the emergency was over. First off, I would like address Exhibit 2. Mr. Ramsey what was the complaint on Exhibit 2?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey said, the Council was supposed to turn in the documents that we had, and we were told that you did not turn any in.

Councilman Adkisson said, I turned in documents. Can you tell me what I did not turn in?



Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey read the February 18, 2020 letter composed by the City Attorney and included as Exhibit 2.

Councilman Adkisson said, I'm guessing since you are putting me up for censure, which is the highest level of review a City Council can do on a City Councilmember, that you have investigated this in some way to know what documents I did not turn in? So, I am asking you, what documents did I not turn in?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I do not know. According to this you did not turn in any documents.

Councilman Adkisson, no, I did turn in documents. So, I am asking you what documents did I not turn in?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm just going by what I read just now.

Councilman Adkisson, so you didn't even do your due diligence to try to figure out what documents I did not turn in?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I don't know what documents you had.

Councilman Adkisson, who did you ask?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm not trying to get into a fight with you now.

Councilman Adkisson, you're putting me up for censure, of course I'm going to question this. That is my right.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, yes that is your right.

Councilman Adkisson, so what did you do as your due diligence to figure out what I didn't turn in?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I asked the lawyer.

Councilman Adkisson, and what did the City Attorney tell you that I didn't turn in?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, it says that you didn't turn it in.

Councilman Adkisson, you brought this to the Council for my censure, I'm asking you what was your due diligence on what I did not turn in? Do you not have an answer for that? If you don't, that's ok. Just say you don't know.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I don't know what you had.

Councilman Adkisson, then why are you adding this if you don't know what I didn't turn in?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey said, because it says you didn't turn in anything.

Councilman Adkisson, but you did not do your due diligence to figure out what I did not turn in.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, how would I know until you turn it in?

Councilman Adkisson, you should have asked somebody. How do they know what I didn't turn in?

Mayor Ron Lander asked, Mario (the City Attorney) may I ask what documents we are talking about here?

City Attorney, Mario Zamora said, I don't know that we have a list, just that we were told there were additional documents that were not provided.

Councilman Adkisson, so who has a list of documents that I didn't turn in? If no one else is doing their due diligence, I guess I have to go around and figure out what I didn't turn in. Is it fair to say we can strike this from the record?

Councilwoman Stolz said, as I read it, it says the City is aware Councilman Adkisson is in possession of documents responsive to your request, however he has refused to provide those documents and the City is unable to obtain those documents without his cooperation. How do we know what you have if we don't know what you have and we have a letter from the City Attorney saying that he is aware, the City is aware, that you are in possession of documents but you are not turning them in? Did you sign a penalty of perjury? Or how does the City know you have documents that you refused to turn in?

Councilman Adkisson, that is what I'm asking, how does the City know that I had documents that I didn't turn in?

Councilwoman Stolz, I'm asking you that, you are the one who has the documents that haven't been turn in. Or allegedly haven't been turn in.

Councilman Adkisson, I turned in documents. We can go back and see what documents were turned in. So, I'm asking Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, he is the one who brought before the censure and he included this as an exhibit. What documents have I not turned in? You are supposed to investigate on your own. It sounds like you are just throwing the whole kitchen sink at me and hoping something sticks, which makes this personal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, this is not personal.

Councilman Adkisson, I'm sorry, but how many times have you asked for me to be censured before?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, this is the first time.

Councilman Adkisson, no you said it the last time when Tanya was up for censure.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I said if she was going to be censured then you should be too because you guys were doing the same thing.

Councilman Adkisson, and you asked for who else to be censured?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramey, you.

Councilman Adkisson, thank you.

Councilwoman Stolz, I think we can argue on this until the cows come home. This letter was prepared by the City Attorney and with his signature he states that the City is aware that Councilman Adkisson is in possession of documents, but refusing to turn them in. So, I would redirect the question back to the City Attorney. How were you aware and how do we know that Adam didn't turn in documents that he was asked to turn in? I don't believe that is something that a single councilmember is going to know even though, hypothetically, Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey could have asked the City or Adam. Or anyone could have asked Adam, but if you are not going to produce them to the City then why would produce them to any of us? So, I question Mario.

Councilman Adkisson, how am I supposed to turn in documents when I don't know what you're referring to? Ok Mario, I'm guessing you would know what documents I did not turn in?

City Manager Marissa Trejo, I will answer the question because this letter had nothing to do with the censure at the time that it was written. This letter was sent to an individual who requested public records and so the language was drafted by the City Attorney's office by my request because we needed to provide the documents to an individual who had requested them. The letter was written to protect the City as best we could. It was not written with the intent to include in a censure. The letter was written that way because the documents we received from Councilman Adkisson were in relation to any conversation he had with City individuals regarding the matter the Public Records Request pertained to, but we did not receive all responsive documents as far as any communication he had with anyone outside the City.

Councilman Adkisson, is there a certain person in mind? You can go ahead and say it, I know who you are talking about.

Mrs. Trejo, the request had to do with all City Council text messages, emails, Facebook messages, something to that affect, relating to the incident with Faith Christian. You did provide documents and it was in response to anything you had having to do with the City. So, if there were documents, if you had documents with other individuals that did not work for the City, that is what we did not receive. And I know we had a conversation about it, and we needed to include that because if the City was found to be withholding information then the City could be found liable. That is why that statement was included. At the time it was written there was no talk of a censure. There was no plan to include it in a censure by the City, it was only because we had to respond to an individual and provide all the documents we had knowing you had stated you had a few other documents, but they were not with City individuals and so you didn't want to provide those with the request.

Councilman Adkisson, so let me clarify that. I did not say I had other documents. I asked you if communication between my wife and I were included in this? Did I not?

Mrs. Trejo, that was part of what you asked me, yes.

Councilman Adkisson, Mr. Ramsey do you believe you are entitled to discussions between my wife and I?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no I don't.

Councilman Adkisson, thank you so can we strike this one from the record?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no there could have been other stuff in there.

Councilman Adkisson, no there was not.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, can you prove that there was anything else in there? I would like to review it. Would you let someone look through your phone?

Councilman Adkisson, would you like my wife to read our text messages?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no not your wife, you.

Councilman Adkisson, well that is who we are talking about. That is what I said to the City Manager. I asked if conversations between my wife and I needed to be turned in? She said yes. Well, if you want conversations between my wife and I you better go get a court order. I never said I had conversations between my wife and I. I just said "if" but let me move on to court cases related to this. By the way, was there a complaint from the person who requested these documents?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I have no idea.

Councilman Adkisson, there wasn't. The only person complaining is Mr. Ramsey. Let me move on. I don't know why, if there was no complaint from the person who requested this why you have to complain about it. So, can I conduct City business with my wife Mr. Ramsey?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, can you conduct City business with your wife? I don't understand the question.

Councilman Adkisson, my wife does not work for the City so how could I conduct City business with my wife? How are you entitled to conversations between my wife and I? Further, the Court has ruled, to qualify as a public record under the California Public Records Act (CPRA), at a minimum, a writing must relate in some way to the public's business. Now of course my wife and I had conversations back and forth about Faith Christian, our kids went there. But does that mean you are entitled to them?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, did you have conversations with anyone else? That you did not turn in?

Councilman Adkisson, every conversation I had has been turned in. This is your censure. If you had evidence otherwise you should have included it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm just asking you if you have anything else?

Councilman Adkisson, no I don't have anything else. I turned everything in that I had. And let me move on to the court case, the City of San Jose vs Superior Court - 2017. The first element, the Court reached the already commonly understood conclusion that emails, text messages and other electronic platforms or writings under the CPRA. The second element raised more difficult issues because the Court noted, the overall structure of the CPRA, with its many exemptions, make clear that not everything written by a public employee is subject to review and disclosure. After reciting examples of writings that would likely not be a public record, such as an email to a spouse complaining my coworker is an idiot, the Court clarified that to qualify as a public record under the CPRA the writing must relate to some substantive way to the conduct of the public's business. Though this standard is broad, it is not so elastic as to include every piece of information the public may find interesting. Communications that are primarily personal, containing no more than incidental mentions of agency business generally will not constitute public record. So, I ask again, can we strike this from the record?

Councilwoman Stolz, I read through the public records request and I see text messages between yourself and the City Manager but they don't match up. It seems as though, on your end, that some of the communication was not submitted regarding the Faith Christian situation.

Councilman Adkisson, I don't understand. You see text messages, but they are not all there? Is that what you are saying? I'm guessing what you are talking about are emails.

Councilwoman Stolz, no I am talking about text messages.

Councilman Adkisson, well I have never deleted text messages between myself and the City Manager so they should all be there. I do delete my City emails because they add up. If there were emails in there, then I deleted them and I'm sorry. I turned in everything that I had.

Councilwoman Stolz, so those are not there, and you do not know why?

Councilman Adkisson, what, the text messages?

Councilwoman Stolz, yes.

Councilman Adkisson, I don't know, I'd have to go back and look. If they are not included in this I cannot say. All I see is an Exhibit 2 with the letter from the City Attorney. So, I'm asking Mr. Ramsey if he did his due diligence and did he look in this?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, that's why we hire the lawyer. I stand by what I say.

Councilman Adkisson, Mario, if I say to my wife, I'm on my way to Faith Christian to talk to Tara. Do I have to turn that in?

Mr. Zamora, typically that kind of conversation, no you would not.

Councilman Adkisson, so why are we including this? Now this seems personal. If you can't look at this and say we should strike this...

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, how do we know there isn't more that you haven't turned in?

Councilman Adkisson, I could say the same thing to you. How do I know you didn't turn everything in? If you make a claim towards me then I can also make the claim on you. We can play with hypotheticals all day long.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I stand by what I've said, and I call for the vote.

Councilman Adkisson, you can't call for the vote because I'm not done. I'm asking you what is it that I didn't turn in and your telling me you have no idea. Your asking me to be censured on an item that you have no idea. This is discrimination, this is personal, and I will take action after this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I go with what the lawyer tells us, thank you very much.

Councilman Adkisson, we heard you say that. I'm asking you; this is your censure so answer the question. What haven't I turned in? If your answer is "I don't know", then how can I be censured for something you don't know about?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, because I don't know until you turn it in.

Councilman Adkisson, I don't have anything to turn in. That's what I just told you. I just asked the City Attorney. If I told my wife in a text message that I'm on my way to Faith Christian to talk to Tara, does that have to be turned in? And what did he say?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, he said no but do you have any texts to other people talking about this?

Councilman Adkisson, you're speculating.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, so are you.

Councilman Adkisson, no I'm not speculating, you are speculating that I have information to which you have no proof. You have no proof that I have information in my phone that I did not turn in. My conversation with the City Manager was specific to my wife. If you want to go to Court, then take me to Court. Then you can look at the messages between my wife and I and you'll see there was nothing that I should have turned in. This letter was written because I told the City Manager if you want conversations between my wife and I you need to take me to Court. I never said I have anything between my wife and I. So, are you still unwilling to strike this from the record?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, yes.

Councilman Adkisson, ok good, I'll make sure this goes somewhere else then. Ok, let's move on. What's next, Exhibit 3? Please tell me about Exhibit 3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I stand by my Exhibits. Just read them and that's what they are for.

Councilman Adkisson, you are the one who turned them so I need to know what it is about that made you want to censure me.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, just look at it and it will tell you.

Councilman Adkisson, no you are the one that turned in the censure.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm sorry, I'm not going to respond.

Councilman Adkisson, you turned in the censure, this is your baby so own it. We are doing this right now because of you, so please tell me in Exhibit 3 what it is that you think I should be censured for. I can't just look at and say, "oh you want me to be censured for this." This is your thing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, ok how about having people die?

Councilman Adkisson, having people die. So, I didn't say I wanted people to die.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, "I have a few people I can think of. I hope it's in that number."

Councilman Adkisson, ok so that is something I should be censured for?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, well when you want people to die when we are in a pandemic.

Councilman Adkisson, I didn't say I wanted people to die. First of all, I have a sense of humor something that you might not have.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, when people die, I don't have a sense of humor.

Councilman Adkisson, no, no, let me finish. No one is dying.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, all that does is create panic.

Councilman Adkisson, who is panicked? The same day that they are saying I caused panic I went outside; I went to the store and I did not see anyone panicking. I went through the City and did not see anyone panicking. I went to Rite Aid to pick up a prescription, no one there was panicking. So, who are these people who are panicking?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, the people in the Exhibit who tell you that you shouldn't say that.

Councilman Adkisson, people say I shouldn't say that, so everything I go on from now on has to do with people who say I shouldn't do this or that?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, you feel that you can say anything you want and you are representing the City. You do a lot of stuff for the City, but you do a lot of stuff that makes the City look bad too.

Councilman Adkisson, no I don't. I don't answer to you, I answer to the voters and I wish you would understand that. So yes, I made a joke about someone. I do have a sense of humor. You've all know that. Before I got on Council, what would I say? I told the people before they voted for me that I am who I am. I'm not a politician and I was never supposed to be in a position like this. I have never lived a life like a politician. I am how I am and I'm not going to change for nobody. I am not going to change for you, the Mayor, or anybody else, whether you want to censure me or not. I will joke when I want to joke. And to be honest I went to my grandfather's funeral last week and I joked around because my grandmother died before him. And I said "God had to take my grandfather because my grandmother was creating hell in heaven." I'm joking, my grandmother isn't really creating hell in heaven, I just like to joke about that. That's how I keep it light. And to be honest, is that really that bad of a thing?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I stand by what I say.

Councilman Adkisson, yeah I've heard you say that but you're not explaining yourself. Ok so the next Exhibit. Go for it. What is the thing that bothers you in the next Exhibit?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, number 4?

Councilman Adkisson, it's the page right after.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, oh thank you for telling me that.

Councilman Adkisson, whatever.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, and you're kidding again, huh? Ok, you're asking the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem to call an emergency meeting?

Councilman Adkisson, I'm sorry, we're...

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I haven't heard from you at all. Today is the first time I've talked to you since you've done this.

Councilman Adkisson, wait I'm not talking about that, you're going ahead. Go back. I think we are still on Exhibit 3, I need to explain every item you turned in for Exhibit 3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, what one are you referring to?

Councilman Adkisson, we just got done talking about the first one, so now we are talking about the second screen shot.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I stand by what I said on all of them. I'm sorry, but I'm not going through each one of these. It is all here and the Council can look at it and make their own decisions.

Councilman Adkisson, well how can I defend myself?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm sorry that's all I'm going to say. I'm stopping now.

Councilman Adkisson, how can I defend myself on a censure if you're not going to explain what it is in each one that you think I need to be censured for? These are what you turned in. We are here because you asked for me to be censured. I am asking what is in each one so I know what you are talking about and I can defend myself.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, Mayor, I call for a vote.

Councilman Adkisson, you turned these in, how am I supposed to defend myself?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, Mayor, I call for a vote.

Mayor Ron Lander, Council where do you want to go on this?

Councilman Adkisson, ok, when Tanya was up for censure, you let her speak. You let her attack me the whole time and submit packets that had nothing to do with the censure. It made it look like I was on trial. Mayor, you allowed that and that's fine, its your meeting. I should also be allowed to defend myself.

Mayor Lander, and I'm doing that as we speak.



Councilman Adkisson, I know you are, but I'm saying I should still be allowed to defend myself. This is your meeting and you are the boss here.

Mayor Lander, Council are you agreeable to continue?

Councilwoman Stolz, Adam keeps asking Ron to explain himself. I understand him asking that, but I also understand from Ron's perspective, that it is all included because if one were to read the resolution it clearly states right there what the issues are and refers to the Exhibits. So, I personally don't feel that Ron needs to justify each one. I think he did when he did this. I would like to respectfully ask Adam, in you addressing Ron and asking him this stuff, please do not be condescending to him when you ask him these questions.

Councilman Adkisson, ok fair enough.

Councilwoman Stolz, that is another violation with how you are treating a fellow Councilmember.

Councilman Adkisson, I'm trying to figure out in the next screenshot that Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey provided, what it was that violated anything? No just violated but makes it so I should be censured. I am guessing, I don't know, but I'm looking right here, is it because I said, "shut up"? I move to table this since the Mayor Pro-Tem doesn't want to say why I should be censured. Why are still talking about this? He has the burden of proof, not me.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I have the burden on proof, and it says everything in the paperwork.

Councilman Adkisson, and you should be explaining it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, just read the paperwork.

Councilman Adkisson, I read the paperwork but it does not give examples.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I stand by what I've said.

Councilwoman Stolz, in reading the Resolution, under (iv) 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, they are clearly stated what he feels is the problem. So, I guess I'm not understanding what you're not understanding.

Councilman Adkisson, so he listed problems, right? But he did not list where in the Exhibit the problem exists.

Councilwoman Stolz, ok Adam you're a smart guy. I would say that if you can read it you would know yourself what you've done that may have caused this, joking or not. So come on, be a smart guy and read it. And try to put the shoe on the other foot as to how and why he may feel and why he would have submitted that.

Councilman Adkisson, right but when I called for your censure, I was very clear as to why it needed to be done. I provided documentation and I talked about the documentation. He has the burden of proof here. He needs to prove to you why I need to be censured. Not just, I stand by whatever. Standing by it doesn't mean anything.

Councilwoman Stolz, well I have read the Resolution and I've read the Code of Conduct and I've looked at all of his Exhibits.

Councilman Adkisson, I want to be able to defend myself with each screenshot. I think that is fair. But in order for me to do that I need to know exactly what it is the Mayor Pro-Tem found so offensive that I should be censured. The Resolution lists things but it does not list examples on each item in the Resolution. All it does is say it violates this, but it doesn't say what in there violates it.

Councilwoman Stolz, if I may, I believe the person sends in the documentation to the City Attorney and it's the City Attorney's job to write the Resolution.

Councilman Adkisson, yes if I remember correctly...

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'll go ahead and start again if that's ok? On that last one, Councilman Adkisson did not treat the public with dignity, courtesy, and respect by posting comments on Facebook relating to members of the public contracting the novel coronavirus as demonstrated in Exhibit 3.

Councilman Adkisson, ok that's the one we just talked about I believe.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, ok number 3, Councilman Adkisson did not work to build trust by refusing to disclose documents pursuant to the California Public Records Act as demonstrated in Exhibit 2. Number 4, Councilman Adkisson displayed inappropriate comments on social media by making comments relating to members of the public contracting the novel coronavirus as demonstrated in Exhibit 3 and Councilman Adkisson gave individual direction to the City Manager as demonstrated in Exhibit 4. That should answer all of your questions right there.

Councilman Adkisson, in Exhibit 3 you provided 5 pieces of documentation. In each piece of documentation, you allege that I violated the Code of Conduct. So, I'm asking you to go through them one-by-one and tell me where I've violated the Code of Conduct.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, which one are we on?

Councilman Adkisson, Exhibit 3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, that's where you say, "there are a few people I can think of that I hope are in that number". The other individual was talking about individuals just outside of town, 245 people just outside of town. I know that you guys were joking, but still you don't joke about this kind of stuff when you're on the Council.

Councilman Adkisson, according to who?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I don't think people would like you to talk about people dying just outside of town.

Councilman Adkisson, who complained?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, there may be a lot of people who die from this.

Councilman Adkisson, who complained?

Mayor Pro-Ramsey, who complained? Robert Burnett complained.

Councilman Adkisson, ok there was one person who complained. Anyone else?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, one person is enough.

Councilwoman Stolz, I've complained.

Councilman Adkisson, obviously you're going to complain.

Councilwoman Stolz, I don't think you need to be talking about death in the City and wishing people would die.

Councilman Adkisson, there are a lot of things, you don't need to be talking about, my wife and kids. The Council seems to think that was ok.

Councilwoman Stolz, ok we aren't going back a year, but I got that information from your wife.

Councilman Adkisson, ok there *you* are going back a year.

Councilwoman Stolz, no you just brought it up.

Councilman Adkisson, the next one is, you're saying "you shut up". I'm guessing that you think that someone telling me to shut up and that I returned the favor and told them to shut up, that I deserve to be censured for that?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, that was just part of that whole thing right there, I had to do it in two pieces because that was the hole thing.

Councilman Adkisson, ok so can we strike that from the record? Since this doesn't have anything to do with what you're...

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no its part of the top.

Councilman Adkisson, ok then what in this screenshot is in violation?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, not treating people with respect.

Councilman Adkisson, because I said, "shut up" when someone told me to shut up?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, i'll go to the next one.

Councilman Adkisson, I'm asking you if that deserves censure?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm telling you that I don't want to strike anything Adam and I've already read you what you've broke.

Councilman Adkisson, and where did you get these screenshots?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, where do you think I got them? Off the computer.

Councilman Adkisson, who sent them to you?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, some of them I got off other people's sites. You can go to any site you want and take screenshots.

Councilman Adkisson, you can see exactly who sent them to you.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, on all of them?

Councilman Adkisson, yeah look at the bottom right corner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I just got some of the screenshots.

Councilman Adkisson, that he sent to you?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, yeah.

Councilman Adkisson, so now you're taking orders from Greg Cody? The person I have a restraining order against. This person has an obsession towards me that you are feeding. You should be censured for talking about me to him. There is a reason why I have a restraining order, there is a reason why a judge agreed with me on that. You are putting me in danger by feeding into him. He has an unhealthy obsession towards me, he posts about me almost daily. Moving on. There is one with Sheila Todd and she put "I guess we are leaving the City of Coalinga to our new home in Arizona. There will be other families following also." And I said, "praise the lord". I guess that is why you put that on there because I said praise the lord?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, yep.

Councilman Adkisson, ok.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, praise the lord that she is moving.

Councilman Adkisson, so what you didn't include on there is what was said just a little bit earlier. It says, "yes Sheila Todd..." and I'm quoting, she is talking to someone else. "...you would be perfect..." and if anyone wants to take their mute button off and you want to laugh at this, I totally allow you to laugh at this because she did a good job. "...you are way far more better looking than that bald pencil neck werido that is sitting in that chair. Better personality and especially you are much more of a man, where Adkisson isn't a man at all. Just wishful thinking on his part. Thank you. He supposedly knows martial arts and claims to be a bounty hunter, really? To funny. And he is afraid of a physically disabled senior citizen who is on oxygen and who can barely stand, let alone walk. Way too funny. Adkisson is nothing but a freak of nature. Someone should have aborted him from his, whatever it was who created him." So, she is talking about me like that, fine. She says she is moving, and I say praise the lord. Is that really something I should be censured for?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, we'll see.

Councilman Adkisson, I've heard more worse from you guys.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, are you done now?

Councilman Adkisson, no I'm on Exhibit 4 now. Go ahead with Exhibit 4.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, ok "many of you have been asking for a response", is the one you are talking about?

Councilman Adkisson, when did I say I talked to you? the Mayor Pro-Tem?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, "I have called on the Mayor to hold an emergency Council Meeting, only the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem may call one." Did you ask the Mayor to hold a meeting?

Councilman Adkisson, I did and if I talked to you that would be a violation of the Brown Act, wouldn't it?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, ok.

Councilman Adkisson, so I don't understand how...

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, how about telling the City Manager?

Councilman Adkisson, for an agenda item? Yeah, I did.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no you didn't say you were going to make an agenda item.

Councilman Adkisson, I didn't specifically say, what do you think you're doing to the City Manager when you ask her to make an agenda item? I think you got that from Greg Cody and just ran with it. You're following orders from Greg Cody and that's a shame.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no I'm not.

Councilman Adkisson, I see him in everything single screenshot that you put in. You're putting me in danger by doing that.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, where is he at in that screenshot? Where's he at?

Councilman Adkisson, oh in that one? Ok, so you admit he is in the other ones though, right?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, some of them, yes.

Councilman Adkisson, no you're feeding into his obsession?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no.

Councilwoman Stolz, I have a comment and I'm not defending Greg. I'm just saying, in my opinion it doesn't

matter where the screenshots came from, if they came from Greg or Joe Blow. It is Ramsey's perception of what he wants to do.

Councilman Adkisson, in my opinion it does matter because his whole life revolves around him taking me down. There is a reason why there is a restraining order and when the Mayor Pro-Tem feeds into his obsession towards me that puts me in danger.

Councilwoman Stolz, so I would ask the Mayor Pro-Tem, have you communicated back to Greg? Or is it one-sided communication? I mean do you feel that you're being forced into doing this?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I don't communicate with Greg.

Councilwoman Stolz, there you go.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I don't. You can look at my phone.

Councilman Adkisson, it's in the evidence that the Mayor Pro-Tem turned in. So anyway, why is Exhibit 4 in this at all? Did you know this was shared by several City Councilmembers throughout the Valley. They said I did a good job with that. No one body ever said that it sounded like I was speaking for the Council. Do you know the vice mayor in several towns shared this?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, no I didn't.

Councilman Adkisson, did you know that they sent me messages saying, "good job, that's one of the best ones we've ever seen"? So why is this on here?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, its my perception.

Councilman Adkisson, its your perception? So, I'm being punished for your perception.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, you haven't been punished for anything, yet. Have you read the punishment?

Councilman Adkisson, I'm not interested in the punishment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, all it says is, don't do this. That's all the punishment is.

Councilman Adkisson, you have to prove your case. This is the highest level.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, you have to follow the Code of Conduct.

Councilman Adkisson, you have let the Code of Conduct slide. You have called for my censure twice. This is personal and I don't want to be talking about this but I'm being forced to talk about it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I have not called for it twice.

Councilman Adkisson, we have a huge problem going on and *this* is what we are talking about. This should have been tabled and waited on until after the emergency, but you wanted to continue moving forward because you have a vendetta against me.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I don't have a vendetta against you.

Councilman Adkisson, you can't even tell me why half of these are on here.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, they speak for themselves.

Councilman Adkisson, they do not. If they speak for themselves then you should have no problem explaining them. You're saying your perception has to do with what?

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm done.

Councilman Adkisson, yeah exactly. You can't explain yourself so you go and hide. This is your baby.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, I'm not hiding.

Councilman Adkisson, you are. You keep saying you're done. I'm not going to go on with this. I hate talking about this when we have all this stuff going on in Coalinga.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, well then stop talking about it and let's go for the vote.

Councilman Adkisson, no. Imagine if you put as much time and effort into coming after me as you should put into Coalinga.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, you don't know half the stuff I've done for Coalinga.

Councilwoman Stolz, when I read Adam's post where he addresses the citizens, I read I'm directing the City Manager to look into options for City-funded low to no interest small business loans. When I read that, I read that you are directing her to do that. Its not an agenda request item. Its not hey this or that. You clearly say I am directing.

Councilman Adkisson, and was it on this agenda.

Councilwoman Stolz, yes but it's your wording. When you address the public...

Councilman Adkisson, oh my wording, your going to go on my wording?

Councilwoman Stolz, you cannot direct the City Manager to do anything. It takes all of City Council and a majority vote.

Councilman Adkisson, what do you think we do when we ask the City Manager to come up with agenda items.

Councilwoman Stolz, well when I do it, I say, "I would like to request an agenda item" and then I say what I am requesting.

Councilman Adkisson, well that may be a nice way of saying it, but what we are doing is directing her to put an agenda item on for the Council. This is semantics. We are talking about semantics now. So, I offer myself up for censure. I have let all of Coalinga know what is going on here. And just let me give you my closing statement. First, I want to apologize to the citizens of Coalinga for having to deal with this nonsense. This should have never happened. We are in the middle of an emergency here and this is what we are dealing with. If Council would put this much time and effort into Coalinga instead of worrying about me we would get so much farther. These circumstances aren't going to determine if I will be successful or not on this Council. My mindset will be what will determine my success. There is no enemy within me, so the enemy outside of me can do me no harm. I have made the decision that I ain't giving up, I'm not giving in, I will do whatever it takes to be successful and I will do whatever it takes to make Coalinga successful. I do not come here to be mediocre, I do not come here to fall in line with the rest of Council. I do not go where the path may lead, but I go where there is no path and leave a trail. This is absolutely personal, and I have proven that without a shadow of a doubt. The rest of Coalinga will see this as well. Another problem we have here, and why I think it is so important that the people vote on Mayor is because you create these alliances. Why? These alliances are what helps you shift seats into the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem seats. It is the Council who determines the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem and not the people. The people should be deciding who is the Mayor at the very least. This is why we have these issues. We have a Mayor Pro-Tem who says right now that I'm not answering anymore. He says I'm just going to run away and he can't tell us why I need to be censured. We have let the people down. You let the people of Coalinga down. And I want to tell you the people, and no disrespect to anyone on Council, I don't care about the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem. I don't care to come here and do what I do *for them*. I do it for the people. I don't need the Mayor to give me a pat on the back or some kind of positive affirmation. I care more about Coalinga then I care about what the Council thinks of me. I could care less what the Council thinks of me. I was voted in by the people, I was not voted in by the Council. I have standards and values that I will live by in this Council and while I am on Council. I chose to do this and I will not give the people any less because of a threat of censure or because they don't like me. Why, because I value Coalinga enough to give 120% or not do it all. And that is the problem with some of you. You always want to blame other people and hold other people to the fire, but not hold yourself to the fire. For instance, we have a Councilmember who has a "Recall Adkisson" sign in their yard until just the other week. I don't care, I could care less what you say about me. But it is a violation of the Code of Conduct. That seems to be just fine with all of you. You owe Coalinga an explanation. Look at yourself and ask yourself why you're only giving 50% or less. You need to put yourself on censure. You need to tell yourself no more cake and cookies. We need to stop talking about cake and cookies, we have an emergency to deal with. You need to quit pointing fingers at others and start pointing them right back at yourself. What are you not doing for Coalinga? So, I offer myself up for censure.

Councilwoman Stolz, I have a comment about the sign. That was my neighbors and when they moved the sign disappeared. It was not in my yard and you are more than welcome to check the property line.

Councilman Adkisson, yes it was in your yard, it was on Greg's car for a very long time. Then it was in your yard, then it moved just slightly beyond the property line. So nice try. Let's get this over with, let's get to the vote.

Mayor Lander asked if there was a motion to approve Resolution No. 3969.

Councilwoman Stolz, is Ron Ramsey there?



Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey, yes I'm here.

*Motion by Stolz to Adopt Resolution No. 3969 Approving the Public Censure of Council Member Adam Adkisson. Motion **Failed** from lack of a Second.*

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action to Terminate Health Insurance Eligibility for Elected Officials effective April 30, 2020

**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

*Mayor Lander and Councilwoman Stolz abstained from Item No. 6.2 due to a conflict of interest as they each receive health insurance benefits from the City of Coalinga.*

City Manager Marissa Trejo explained this item was requested as a Future Agenda Item by Councilman Adkisson. Mrs. Trejo gave a brief overview of the item and expressed concern over coverage losses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilman Adkisson requested the item be tabled until the local state of emergency has been cancelled.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramsey agreed to table the item.

Councilman Singleton agreed to table the item; however he is opposed to eliminating health insurance benefits.

Councilman Adkisson stated the money would help pay for the small business loans. Mr. Adkisson asked again to table the item for a later date.

*Consensus of the Council is to **Table** Item No. 6.2.*

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo announced, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Monthly Chief's Breakfast scheduled for next Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:00am will not take place at Café 101. Instead she urged the community to check the City's Facebook page on Monday for information on possibly doing the Chief's Breakfast as a Zoom meeting.

### Council Member's Announcements:

Councilman Adkisson announced he is working with Faith Christian Academy to setup a fund to help local small businesses and individuals who have been affected by the pandemic pay their City utility bills. Donations to the fund will be tax deductible and checks should be written out to Faith Christian Academy. Mr. Adkisson will follow up with additional information in the future.

### Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Lander announced he spoke with Joaquin Arambula's office in trying to get clarification on the operations of the hospital reopening in Coalinga. At this time there is still no concrete answer as to whether it

would be filled with COVID-19 individuals or people who have been diagnosed as negative. They will be getting back to me. Mayor Lander went on to announced he also spoke to Buddy Mendez, the County and TJ Cox today. As previously stated, he also spoke with AERA Energy about assistance that will be made available to those who need it.

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilman Adkisson requested a tab be added to the City Website for all the information for small businesses the City received from Fresno Economic Development Corporation.

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated this would not need to be a Future Agenda Item. She will work with Larry Miller to add a tab or it can be included in the launch of [grow.coalinga.com](http://grow.coalinga.com) which is specific to economic development and businesses.

Councilman Adkisson requested a Future Agenda Item to suspend the flat rate on utilities for businesses who were forced to close due to the Governor's Stay in Place order.

Mrs. Trejo stated she would add an item for discussion. For the time being, she recommends businesses request their services be shut off. A yellow envelope has been placed next to the payment drop box just outside City hall which contains Utility Request Forms. There are also sample forms that have been completed and taped to the window for reference. Once complete, the forms should be submitted through the drop box for processing. The utilities will be shut off and the fees no longer accrued. Usually in order to reinstate services a business would need to pay any balance in full, however for small businesses who are impacted we will allow them to make payment arrangements.

Councilman Adkisson asked how will businesses know about this?

Mrs. Trejo stated she will get the word out. We do have Facebook. There is a section on the Business License Application for businesses to list an email address and phone number, unfortunately they often leave those sections blank. So, we are unable to send out an email blast out to everyone with a businesses license in Coalinga.

Councilman Adkisson asked if there was a fee to turn services back on?

Mrs. Trejo answered no.

Councilman Adkisson requested a Future Agenda Item making the estimated \$9,000 remaining in the Council's training, travel and conference budget line item available to people and small businesses that can prove they have been affected by COVID-19 to use towards payment of their City utility bill.

Councilman Adkisson stated he realizes he has been hard on Council and requested his, from here on out and until the emergency order is rescinded, Council bimonthly pay of \$127 (after taxes) be donated to anyone in District 1 who has been affective by COVID-19 and needs help paying their City utility bill. He also stated he would donate his federal refund, if he receives one, to Faith Christian Academy to go towards the fund being set up to help local small businesses and individuals who have been affected by the pandemic pay their City utility bills.

Mayor Lander announced for the general public that his place of business is closed, and he will not be receiving any funds in any way, shape, or form from the City of Coalinga.

9. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:04PM

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Ron Lander, Mayor

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

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June 18, 2020

Date