

# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

### MEETING AGENDA

#### February 18, 2021

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:01PM** *Meeting also conducted via Zoom webinar for the public's participation.*

Council Members Present: Ramsey, Horn, Adkisson, Singleton, Ramirez

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Chief of Police Darren Blevins, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, Public Works, Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller, and Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: None

*City Manager Marissa Trejo announced, if approved, Item No. 9.1 "Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): Threat of litigation from Greg Cody in email dated February 8, 2021 alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson" from the Special Meeting will be Added to the Regular Meeting as Closed Session Item No. 9.3.*

Councilman Adkisson requested Approval of the Regular and Special Agenda be voted on separately.

*Motion by Horn, Second by Adkisson to Approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2021. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Ramirez, Second by Horn to Approve the Agenda for the Special Meeting of February 18, 2021. Motion **Failed** by Roll-Call 2/3 Vote. (Singleton, Adkisson and Ramsey voted "No")*

**2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. City Staff and Caltrans Joint Presentation – State Route 33/198 Rehabilitation Project and Complete Streets Components

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer introduced Diana Gomez, District Director for District 6.

Diana Gomez gave a brief presentation of the Rehabilitation and Complete Streets Components project.

Ms. Gomez introduced Project Manager Jeanie Wiley and Design Engineer Michael Stavropoulos, who each gave an overview of their portions of the project.

### 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

*The following individual(s) submitted electronic comment(s):*

Chris Wallis – wrote in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

Scott Netherton – wrote in favor of a united City Council and opposes t Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson. Mr. Netherton requested a Future Agenda Item to consider the re-opening of City Council meetings to the public.

Penny Reynolds – wrote in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

Kimberly Chaney – wrote in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

Robin Scott – wrote in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

Anonymous – wrote in favor of the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

Susan B. – wrote in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

Christina Garcia – wrote in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

*The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:*

Mary Jones spoke in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

Nathan Vosburg spoke in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson. Mr. Vosburg voiced a complaint against City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina with regard to comments she made online in reference to the Planning Commission Meeting item to consider a City-initiated zoning text amendment to amend the commercial cannabis regulation relating to the distance requirements between non-retail cannabis operations and schools.

Andrea Rosas spoke in favor of a united City Council and opposes Mayor Pro-Tem Horn's call for the Special Meeting to discuss the threat of litigation from Greg Cody alleging misconduct by Councilman Adam Adkisson.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

#### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES – February 4, 2021
2. Approve Police Department's Annual Ammunition Purchase using COPS Grant Funds
3. Approve Police Department's Request to Add One Police Officer Position

*Mayor Ramsey pulled Item No. 5.3 for discussion.*

Chief of Police Darren Blevins gave a brief overview of the item.

4. Adopt Resolution No. 4008 Authorizing the Police Department to Enforce Parking Restrictions on State Routes with the City Limits
5. Adopt Resolution No. 4009 Designating Certain Signatures for City bank Accounts with Union Bank
6. Adopt Resolution No. 4010 Formally Adopting the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Approved at a Noticed Public Hearing on February 4, 2021
7. Adopt Resolution No. 4011 Placing the Positions of Emergency Medical Technician (Non-Safety) and Paramedic (Non-Safety) as Unrepresented Positions, Not Currently Subject to any Bargaining Unit
8. Authorize the Purchase of Three (3) New Trucks for Public Works and Utilities
9. Information on Illegal Dumping at the Thrift Store

*Councilman Ramirez pulled Item No. 5.9 for discussion.*

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave an overview of the item along with a list of recommendations for the Thrift Store to consider to help remedy the illegal dumping concerns.

10. Police Department's 2020 Annual Report
11. Public Works, Utilities & Community Development Monthly Report for January 2021

*Motion by Singleton, Second by Horn to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.11. Motion **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Vote.*

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

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Staffing Code Enforcement in Fiscal Year 2021-2022  
**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

*Consensus of the Council is to **Approve** and Move forward with Option No. 1 to Budget for a Full-Time Code Enforcement Officer (approximately \$60,300-\$77,000 per year for personnel costs) in FY 2021-2022.*

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Appointment to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Committee  
**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Singleton to **Approve** the Mayor to Serve as the Committee Member and the Mayor Pro-Tem to Serve as the Alternate on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Committee. **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

3. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding the Scheduling of Planning Commission Meetings  
**Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager**

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item, stating this was a Future Agenda Item by Councilman Adkisson.

Councilman Adkisson expressed interest in streamlining the approval process for items involving the Planning Commission and possibly implementing dual, or joint noticing practices.

City Attorney Mario Zamora explained that in some instances dual noticing can be utilized, however it can cause some issues if the Planning Commission requests more information or makes changes on an item, it will require the item to be brought back and in turn, backs up the item being brought before the City Council. Its not always practical.

Mr. Brewer and Mr. Zamora will continue to look into utilizing dual noticing, specifically on non-controversial items.

4. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action related to Removal and Replacement of the Street Trees on 7th Street between Elm Avenue and Forest Street  
**Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager**

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item stating this item is be continued from the previous meeting on February 4, 2021.

*Motion by Adkisson, Second by Ramirez to **Approve** the Revised Scope of Work to Include the Removal and Replacement of Street Trees on 7th Avenue between Forest and Polk Street. **Approved** by Roll-Call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

5. Council Direction and Potential Action regarding the Elm Street Improvements between Polk Street and 7th Street  
**Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager**

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item stating this item is an update from a discussion back in 2014 and was requested as a Future Agenda Item by Councilman Adkisson.

*Consensus of the Council is for staff to bring a scaled-down version of the Project back for Council's Consideration that would address the street improvements along the front of the Fire Department on Elm Avenue during FY 2021-2022 Budget Discussions.*

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo announced the Joan Ayres-Beason Scholarship application is available on the City's website. The scholarship is not only for high school seniors, but also for college students. Applications are due March 1, 2021.

### Council Member's Announcements:

Councilman Adkisson announced that he, along with Councilman Singleton, will be meeting with Senator Melissa Hurtado to discuss CARES Act funds and several other issues important to Coalinga.

Councilman Ramirez thanked City Manager Marissa Trejo for all the help she provided to one of our community members. Mr. Ramirez also thanked one of the Police Officers that visited the football field and addressed the kids.

Councilman Singleton, considering the events of tonight's meeting, requested the Council come together and represent the City and its citizens. Mr. Singleton expressed his hope that they could all move forward in a positive direction.

Mayor Pro-Tem Horn agreed with Councilman Singleton's comments. Mr. Horn announced he recently utilized the hospital's services for an issue with his child. They were thorough and quick. Mr. Horn also thanked the Coalinga Fire Department care of his daughter on their way to the hospital. They made sure she was safe before they left and the next day they called to check on her.

### Mayor's Announcements:

None

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilman Ramirez requested a Future Agenda Item to discuss the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Glenn and Pine.

Mr. Brewer stated Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller is currently working on item to be brought before the Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Ramsey requested a Future Agenda Item addressing concerns at the Airport.

Councilman Ramirez requested a Future Agenda Item for information on possibly repairing the railroad bridge. Councilman Adkisson said he had some ideas and asked if they could work together on it.

Councilman Adkisson asked that the Council come together and requested a Future Agenda Item to consider reorganizing the office of Mayor Pro-Tem. Mr. Adkisson announced he would not accept the position for himself.

City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina expressed concern over Councilman Adkisson's role in the Council coming together as a whole.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): Coalinga Police Officers' Association

**10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT 7:53 PM**

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Ron Ramsey, Mayor

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

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Date