

# **SPECIAL MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA August 4, 2022**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER 5:01PM**

Council Members Present: Ramsey, Singleton (arrived at 5:06pm), Adkisson, Ramirez, Horn

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, Chief of Police Jose Garza, Financial Services Director Jasmin Bains, City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina, (arrived at 5:19pm), Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller, and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: City Attorney Mario Zamora, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, and Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia

Changes to the Agenda: None

*Motion by Ramirez, Second by Adkisson to Approve the Agenda for the special meeting of August 4, 2022.  
Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

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

None

## **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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

None

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

Greg Cody

## **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## 5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

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

1. Discussion of Semi-Truck Parking within City Limits  
**Marissa Trejo, City Manager**

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

Councilman Horn, addressing Mr. Robert Burnett, asked if some drivers were still being allowed to park at Terry Johnson's Trucking, Inc.?

Mr. Robert Burnett - ?

Councilman Ramirez asked of the possibility of CHRPD allowing drivers to park in the undeveloped section of the Sports Complex, suggesting that the drivers use the backway off Monterey instead of Cambridge Avenue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Singleton expressed his concern to find a suitable resolution, stating that drivers cannot continue to park at someone else's business. He had hoped that someone from the public, that has land, might come forward. It is not the City's responsibility to locate a spot, however we are trying to assist the drivers. We don't want them to be displaced.

Mrs. Mary Jones urged the Council to provide a list of properties that had been considered and include a reason why they were each found to be unsuitable.

Councilman Ramirez stated he had previously reached out to Granite Construction Company regarding the possible use of the old airport property. They seemed to be ok with the idea, until potential environmental issues were brought up.

Mr. Burnett agrees that drivers should not continue to park at the old K-Mart property. He listed the following potential sites:

- Terry Johnson – open land near the garlic plant out at the Industrial Park
- Johnny Benson's property off Alcalde
- Sports Complex (CHRPD) – accessing the property by way of Gale to Monetary to avoid schools on Cambridge
- vacant property next to the bridge just north of the Cambridge Inn Hotel located on the east side of Phelps Avenue

Mr. Burnett suggested have the drivers sign a contract and provide a certificate of liability.

Councilman Ramirez suggested the Caballo Club property as possible location.

Mr. Burnett stated that the going rate for semi-truck parking is \$100 and drivers are willing pay.

Councilman Horn suggested the City-owned property that is being leased to Lovelace Farms across from CalFire (old drive-in) as a possible location.

Mr. Burnett stated that patrol would need to be increased if located in that area. With the current prices of fuel, gasoline theft is a big problem.

Mr. Nathan Vosburg stated his belief that all business should have the opportunity to exist. He understands that truck drivers also pay taxes for road maintenance, but it costs \$500,000 to 1M to replace a ½ mile of road. Agreeing that the old K-Mart parking lot looks terrible, the truck drivers cannot take all the blame for the condition for the lot as the circus punched holes in the ground when they erected their tents.

Mr. Vosburg suggested the property off of Merced Street, across from the PG&E plant as a possible suitable location. He believes the road has a higher impact rating than other roads around town. He does not believe the Industrial Park is suitable, stating there is not enough room for all the trucks and the road are already getting bad. Mr. Vosburg suggested an area out at the new airport could be developed with warehouses and include truck parking.

Mr. Burnett stated the airport property would also need to be patrolled if parking was located there. Airports are a usual place for the location of truck parking, it only requires gravel, fencing and lighting. Mr. Burnett agrees with Mrs. Mary Jones that a list of properties that have been considered would be helpful.

Councilman Horn questioned whether the airport could be used since it is surrounded by Habitat Land.

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated that the airport land was purchased and developed with grant funds and the City is prohibited from using the property for anything other than aeronautical activity. Therefore, the City no longer able to allow Shift S3ctor events on the property.

Mayor Ramsey stated that the Council didn't want to tell the drivers that they cannot park within the City-limits without assisting with locating an alternative place.

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated she had previously reached out to the Cities of Hanford, Lemoore, and Avenal to see how they were handling truck parking. The City of Hanford allows commercial trucks to park in their industrial zones; however, they have begun parking in other parts of the City and they are receiving complaints from nearby businesses. The City of Lemoore does not have enough space in their industrial park to accommodate and drivers are starting to park in other areas of town where they are not permitted. The City of Avenal purchased property and paved it for truck drivers to park. They charge a permit fee of \$100 per month, however the funds collected will not cover the costs to repair the wear and tear. They do not recommend this approach.

Councilman Ramirez suggested that if CHRPD or the Caballo Club were willing to unitize their property, perhaps the City could pay for part of the expense.

City Manager Marissa Trejo stated that CHRPD could be a viable option but is concerned that the property was expected to be developed under a grant which may pose an issue. Therefore, the Caballo Club may be a good option.

Mayor Ramsey suggested we also look into Highway 198 and Alcalde property and Terry Johnson Trucking that had been suggested.

*Consensus of the Council for Staff to consider all the suggestions and bring the item back for further discussion.*

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo announced that the meeting would continued, not adjourned.

### Council Member's Announcements:

None

### Mayor's Announcements:

None

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case.

## **10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

None

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting paused at 5:31PM.

**APPROVED:**

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Ron Ramsey, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

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August 18, 2022

Date

**From:** [Greg Cody](#)  
**To:** [Marissa Trejo](#); [Shannon Jensen](#); [Information](#)  
**Subject:** Citizen comment August 4th  
**Date:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 5:02:33 PM

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I don't stand alone when I say most often I find councils decisions to be very inconsiderate. I'm certain your minds are made up in regard to truck parking. You will sure show them when you hammer down on them so hard that it makes their jobs nearly impossible or drive them out of business.

This matter has gone unresolved for years.

I remember when Councilwoman Stoltz was in office she worked much harder. This issue was not a exception as she devoted her own personal time and talked someone into allowing the trucks to park on their business property. Unfortunately the city placed a great deal of unreasonable conditions upon him so he backed out. As you all know the city of Coalinga has a reputation for those type of things. That is why many businesses leave Coalinga and far more do not even come at all.

The truck driving goes far beyond the matter of where to park. It's the "principal" which some of you are too arrogant to consider or just too ignorant to understand. It sickens me when I hear council begin by making their self-serving disclaimer saying how much they understand and respect them then to go on to disrespect and show no consideration.

I would like to see council members get off of their pompous ass and follow Councilwoman Stolz footsteps and find a reasonable parking alternative.

Especially you fellas who are seeking reelection.

Regards, Greg Cody