

MINUTES **CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR** **AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY** **MEETING AGENDA** **August 17, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

Council Members Present: Horn, Vosburg, Schindler

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, Police Commander Sean Young, Financial Services Director Mai Vang, City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia (via Zoom), Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: Ramirez and Hedgecock

Others Absent: Chief of Police Jose Garza

Changes to the Agenda: City Manager Marissa Trejo announced the following changes to the Agenda:

None

*Motion by Vosburg, Second by Horn to Approve the Agenda for the meeting of August 17, 2023. Motion **Approved** by 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote. (Hedgecock and Ramirez – Absent)*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. 2023 Quarterly Report, Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, Mid Valley Disposal

District Manager Isacc Kulikoff and Programs Manager for South Valley Operations Thomas Hamond presented the 2023 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 reports. Mr. Hamon announced Mid Valley Disposal would be holding their Fall Clean-up event on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

2. 2023 Quarterly Report, Quarter 2, Gimme Love

George Anderson presented the Gimme Love Quarter 2 report.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

Hilda Crawford announced that the Coalinga-Huron Library District, along with the Coalinga Chamber of Commerce, will be holding their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 3rd and Sunday, September 17th between 11:00am – 5:00pm. On Sunday, September 3rd will be their Blood Drive between 11am – 4pm. The event will take place along the Coalinga Plaza. Mrs. Crawford urges anyone interested in being a vendor during the event to contact the Library or visit the Library's website for more information.

George Anderson of the Gimme Love Animal Shelter announced that they will be having their annual Haunted House beginning Friday, October 27, 2023 through Sunday, October 29, 2023 and urges the public to come by.

Tina Griswold-Yadon of Yeadon's Gold Star Wellness and Ruth Thurman announced that they are putting on a Blanket Drive to help our local community. Please drop off your donated blankets to Sea, Sky and Shelter located at 192 E. Elm Avenue, Suite 103. The blankets will be passed out on Sunday, November 19, 2023, between 11:00am – 1:00pm. Sea, Sky and Shelter also host periodic rummage sales, clothing exchange and Prom Closet. Please drop off any donated items to the shop.

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

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES – August 3, 2023
2. Information Only – Status Update on Clock Tower
3. Information Only – Review of City's Peddler Ordinance

Councilman Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.3 for discussion.

City Manager Marissa Trejo provided a brief overview of the item, stating there are currently no active peddler permits issued. Mrs. Trejo urged concerned citizens to contact the Police Department's non-emergency number (559-935-1525) or the City's Code Enforcement Officer (559-935-1533 x141) to report peddlers.

4. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 861 related to Planning Application CDA 22-02 – 256 E. Polk Street
5. Adopt Resolution No. 4174 Approving the Battalion Chief Job Description
6. Adopt Resolution No. 4175 Amending the Fire Captain Job Description

7. Adopt Resolution No. 4176 Approving Fire Mid-Management Pay Scale
8. Direct Staff to Obtain Cost Estimates to Make Crime Statistics Available on City Website for Public Information
9. Approve Survey Language and Direct Assistant City Manager to Distribute Survey related to Elm Ave Rehabilitation Project with Complete Streets Elements including a Road Diet – ITEM UPDATE

Councilman Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.9 for discussion.

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer provided a brief overview of the item, explaining that the lanes on Elm Avenue, from Cherry Lane to 5th Street, will be reduced from 4 lanes to 2 lanes with one lane traveling in each direction. The survey shall be created using google forms and will distributed on social media and the City's website.

10. Authorize Submission of Grant Applications under Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Carbon Reduction Grant Programs
11. Authorize City Manager to Sign a Letter of Opposition on behalf of the City Council Opposing SB 423 (Weiner) – By-Right Housing Approvals: Multi-Family Housing Developments: SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) Expansion
12. Authorize City Manager to Sign a Letter of Opposition, Unless Amended, on behalf of the City Council Opposing AB 309 (Lee) – Social Housing Program
13. Direct City Manager to Solicit Public Input on City's Website and Make Recommended Changes to be Reported to Council for Consideration and Approval

Councilman Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.9 for discussion.

City Manager Marissa Trejo gave a brief overview of the item, explaining that staff would implement a 30-day review period for citizens to make recommended changes that can be made to the City's website. Posts will be made on the City's Facebook page and staff will be including a message at the bottom of the utility bills. Anyone interested may send an email with their recommendations to info@coalinga.com or they may drop off recommendations at City Hall. Clarifying changes to the website will be made internally, however any recommended additions will be brought back to the Council for formal consideration and approval.

14. Approve Health Policy and Management Consulting Services Renewal with Health Management Associates and Participating Cities
15. Approve Release of Request for Statement of Interest and Qualifications to Perform Airport Planning, Environmental and Consulting Services for the Coalinga Municipal Airport

*Motion by Schindler, Second by Vosburg to **Approve** Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.15. Motion **Approved** by a 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote. (Hedgecock and Ramirez – Absent)*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Direction regarding Natural Gas Rates
Dan Bergmann, IGService

Dan Bergmann of IGService presented the current outlook on the City's natural gas rates. Based on lower than anticipated gas costs for the 2023-2024 winter, Mr. Bergmann recommends a 20% reduction in the current natural gas rate effective September 1, 2023. Rates shall be revisited in August 2024 for recommendations for the proceeding year.

*Motion by Vosburg, Second by Horn to Adopt Resolution No. 4173 Approving the Decrease of Natural Gas Rates as a Result of Lower Wholesale Gas Prices. Motion **Approved** by a 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote. (Hedgecock and Ramirez – Absent)*

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action related to Permitting Small Accessories Structures within the Required Setbacks of Reverse Corner Lots
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer gave a brief overview of the item.

Councilman Schindler spoke in favor of allowing small accessory structures that do not require a permit within the setbacks on reverse corner lots and such shall be required to be placed behind a 6-foot fenced in area. Staff shall initiate the Zoning Text Amendment process where the item will be brought to the Planning Commission before being returned to the Council for final approval.

Consensus of the Council is for Staff to Initiate the Zoning Text Amendment Process with the Planning Commission to Allow Small Accessory Structures that Do Not Require a Permit within the Setbacks on Reverse Corner Lots and that such Structures shall be Required to be Placed Behind a 6-Foot Fenced in Area.

3. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Authorizing Battalion Chief Positions
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

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

*Motion by Horn, Second by Schindler to **Approve** Three (3) Battalion Chief Positions to Replace the Recent Vacancy of the Division Chief Position. Motion **Approved** by a 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote. (Hedgecock and Ramirez – Absent)*

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo announced that the City is hosting Remote Video Proceedings through Fresno County Superior Court in the City Hall Council Chambers every Wednesday morning from 8:30am to noon. Mrs. Trejo urged the community to utilize the program when needed otherwise we are likely to lose the services. Types of assistance provided include but are not limited to obtain general information regarding case(s); place a case on calendar to be heard the same day or a future date; and provide various forms to be

completed and submitted. Types of cases that can be heard include infraction cases (arraignments and court trials).

Mayor Horn requested flyers be posted at high traffic businesses to assist with getting the word out.

Mrs. Trejo stated flyers can be posted around town. The note will be included in the message box on the utility bills, the information is included on the City's website and the Fresno County Superior Court's website, as well as the City's Facebook page. Mary Jones has also included an article in the paper.

Council Member's Announcements:

Councilman Vosburg stated that he has received various reports of an increased number of minors riding ATVs on City streets at a high rate of speed.

Mayor Horn asked if the law still required ATVs to be pushed or trailered?

Police Commander Sean Young confirmed the vehicle code does in fact require ATVs to be pushed or trailered.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Horn announced that school started and everything seems to be going very well.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Horn requested a Future Agenda Item to research the ability and potential cost savings of providing customers paperless alternative for their utility bills.

Councilman Vosburg requested a Future Agenda Item for Staff to post a Press Release on the legal use and operation of ATVs. He also requested the item include an enforcement mechanism when the City receives complaints. He would also like more patrols of these areas.

9. CLOSED SESSION


1. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – Government Code Section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. PROPERTY: APN: 072-154-02 located in the City of Coalinga on E. Glenn St. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo, Assistant City Manager, Sean Brewer; and City Attorney Mario Zamora. NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Patel Shushilaben Ambelal Trustee. UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment
2. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – Government Code Section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. PROPERTY: APN: 072-127-22 located in the City of Coalinga on the SE Corner of Elm Avenue and 5th Street. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marisa Trejo and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Jagdish Singh. UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment.
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): Coalinga's International Association of Firefighters and Coalinga Non-Sworn Public Safety Personnel

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

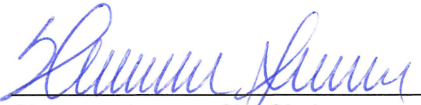
11. ADJOURNMENT 7:30 PM

APPROVED:



James Horn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

September 7, 2023

Date