

Minutes

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA May 3, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:04 PM

Council Members Present: Vosburg, Stolz, Ramsey, Lander, Adkisson.

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Community Development Director Sean Brewer, Financial Services Director Jasmine Bains, Public Works and Utilities Director Pete Paciado, Assistant to the City Manager Shannon Jensen, Senior Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia, Police Chief Michael Salvador, Fire Chief Dwayne Gabriel, Police Lieutenant Darrel Blevins, Public Works Employee Eric DeLeon, Planning Commissioner Oscar Garza, City Treasurer James Vosburg, City Clerk Wanda Earls

Mayor Vosburg announced that Special Council Meeting Agenda is running concurrent with this Agenda.

City Manager Trejo announced that Item 2.1 is removed from the Agenda.

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Stolz to Accept and Approve the Agenda with changes for this Council Meeting. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation by Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, Curtis Williamson

This item was removed from the Agenda.

2. Employee of the Month for April 2018 - Robert Drappo

Public Works and Utilities Director Paciado announced employee of the month as Robert Drappo. He volunteers for all projects and is technically talented. He helped lay the tiles for the fountain and there are areas of work where he excels.

Mayor Vosburg said Robert does an excellent job for our City.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Greg Cody expressed that the Animal Shelter is open. Facebook sometimes contains false remarks. A job well done by our Council; this is a great Council.

Mr. David Keys candidate for Auditor/Control for Fresno County briefly outlined the experience and expertise of his profession. His office is open to you at anytime.

Ms. Feleena Sutton, Public Action Specialist for Coalinga from AERA stated she is interested in having coffee, lunch, etc., with Council Members.

Ms. Lupe Espinoza, candidate for the 31st Assembly District 2018 announced she is from Coalinga and would appreciate your hometown support.

Speaker (Could not understand name) announced he is running for City Council. You can see him on Facebook.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Ramsey pulled Item 3 for explanation.

Mayor Pro-tem Stolz pulled Item 6 for explanation

Ms. Mary B. Jones pulled Item 4 for explanation.

1. Approve MINUTES - March 15, 2018 (Amended)
2. Check Register: 3/01/2018 - 3/31/2018
3. Direct City Manager to Amend Food Truck Resolution to Allow Food Trucks within the City of Coalinga Any Day of the Week

The following comments were made by Council Members:

- The original process was slow working
- Food trucks can pull people in
- Lunch time is a problem with kids scheduling
- Opportunity provided for venders to test their food
- Support from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM
- Need to bring back ordinance
- Allow certain days per month
- We have to be fair to our local businesses because they have overhead
- Twice per week would be acceptable
- City parking lot would be location

4. Approve Resolution No. 3809 Condemning State Law that Restricts Law Enforcement and Endangers Public Safety (aka Sanctuary State Laws)

Ms. Mary B. Jones pulled Consent Calendar Item 4 indicating that Coalinga has undocumented residents and they can respond. She said there could be fear in the population.

Police Chief Salvador said there is no change in their practice.

Mayor Vosburg read Resolution No 3809. He indicated there are conflicts between State and Federal Law. Just state our opposition.

Police Chief Salvador stated we are a temporary holding facility. Sheriff has to worry about this situation. SB 54 limits cooperation. It does not preclude cooperation. If we receive a warrant we have to honor it.

City Attorney Zamora recommended creating resolution of opposition to SB54, AB450, and AB103.

5. Fire Department Report – March 2018
6. Public Works & Utilities Monthly Report for April 2018

Public Works and Utilities Director Pete Paciado showed photograph at 205 Houston Avenue emphasizing the before and after repair work done. This is an example of the work they are doing and want to continue doing for our sidewalk repairs, etc.

The State toured the Water Treatment Plant. Staff explained the operation and improvements. Robert is lead operator and has made many improvements.

Mayor Pro-tem Stolz indicated that the CofC sign is under a tree and cannot be seen.

Mayor Vosburg asked about the pavement management system.

Mr. Paciado said it is a partnership with the County; they are accessing roads. The program is moving along.

Mayor Vosburg asked why certain areas get done.

Mr. Paciado said it is a matter of choice. In the meantime, we do hand calculations. It depends on the condition of the roads. Residents should be pleased with website. They can see list of roads listed for repair. We want to maximize the funding.

Mayor Vosburg said we don't repair Caltrans roads; Elm, Polk, 5th Street or 198/33.

Mr. Paciado indicated that some streetlights are owned by PG&E which the City does not repair.

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Adkisson to Approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 5. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Stolz to Direct Staff to Amend Resolution Options for Consent Calendar Item 5.3 and Bring Back to Council. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

*Motion by Ramsey, Second by Lander to Amend Resolution No 3809 to Indicate That Federal Law is the Supreme Law of the Land. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Proposal from National Demographic Corporation for Demographic Services relating to City Council Districts and Set a Not to Exceed Cap of \$40,000.

Marissa Trejo, City Manager

(This item is from Special Council Meeting running concurrent with this meeting.)

*Motion by Lander, Second by Adkisson to Approve Proposal From National Demographics Relating to City Council Districts and Setting a Cap Not to Exceed \$40k. Motion **Approved** by a Roll-call 5/0 Majority Vote.*

2. Discussion and Direction Regarding FY 19 Budget

Marissa Trejo, City Manager

City Manager Trejo introduced Financial Services Director Jasmin Baines who indicated there have been a number of changes in the budget for the coming year. She does anticipate a balanced budget which has not happened for a number of years.

Mayor Vosburg commented on the following:

- Gas Fund needs to be repaid the \$600K borrowed
- Council had to stop the bleeding
 - Only 24% of Budget is used for the operation of the City
 - 76% is for Police/Fire or public safety.
 - The 1% tax was needed but people didn't vote

He recommends transferring the funds in the Capital Improvement Fund into the General Fund.

Balancing the budget is like peeling an onion back piece by piece.

Attorney fees have been brought under control.

City Manager Trejo said staff is recommending placing the tax measure back on the ballot.

Council Member Adkisson suggested with a sunset date.

Mayor Pro-tem Stolz said it was the number of citizens vs. the patients at the State Hospital.

City Attorney Zamora said the vote was 485/435. It was an off election year. City should hope for a better turnout.

Mayor Vosburg thanked the citizens showing up for the Council Meetings. This is your City and you are responsible,

Ms. Bains went over the most important line-items and changes to the Budget.

Comments:

- Only 20% of revenue from RDA properties sold is received by the City. The rest goes to the Districts.
- Mr. Bill Luis said the Hospital District still has longtime bonds to be paid. The District will continue and remain in existence. There are 12 years left on bond debt.
- It was reported that the City has some 600 acre feet of water for sale.
- The City's allocation was reduced by 75%
- Some Enterprise Funds are spending down reserves because some or excessive
 - Can funds be kept in the accounts
 - It is not allowed, a raise in rates must be done to meet current expenses.
- It was reported that Public Works is doing necessary repairs
- Consider getting out of the Fresno Rural Transit Agency.
 - People are unhappy because of no driver; there are ongoing complaints

City Manager Trejo explained that County does not have relief drivers.

- Why difference in Fire Department IDT funding
- Habitat fund??
- \$75K to new Animal Shelter from sale of old shelter
- Dispatch fees from Parlier PD

Mayor Vosburg wants details on Worker's Compensation fees and how much they went up. He wants dollars to numbers. Bring back on May 17th Council Meeting.

- New website will add transparency
- Part/time vs. full/time – full/time down and part/time up

Police Chief Salvador explained that Worker's Comp is up in PD because law enforcement is a dangerous profession.

In the future, he will be taking a black and white home and doing some transport to Fresno.

- Work with DA on drug charges; they are not pursuing cases, 25% of cases are dismissed
- Closing of emergency room at hospital means more transports to Fresno
- Property crimes don't stick
- \$350K in O/T for Fire Department explained. They were down positions because of time spent on RR Fire and Thomas Fire, etc.
- Two ambulances running
- IDT possibly going away
- Look at Huron – guys going to Huron. No reimbursement. Needs to be brought back to look at.
 - Had District for years
 - Have you considered volunteer service?
 - Volunteers must be trained to same level as regular fire personnel
 - People rolling back volunteers
 - Lemoore has long-time volunteer system but they have more population and they are experiencing problems.
- Can staff handle increased calls with only 2 ambulances staffed?
 - Department doesn't know impact yet
 - What happens when ambulances are out and local residents need an ambulance?
 - City has an equipped engine and American Ambulances can respond

City Manager Trejo said staff will bring back cost to staff an additional ambulance.

Ms. Mary Jones said City needs to be prepared. Mr. Allen trying to create liaisons here.

Mayor Vosburg said he spoke to every senator and assemblyperson when in DC. The hospital needs a bridge loan. He has received no response back. There has been little communications with CEO at hospital. He has plans for the hospital and he needs to be transparent with local government.

Comments:

- Ambulances sometimes gone the whole time
- Chief Gabriel has spoken to American regarding situation
- Fifteen employees at Fire Department
- CA Zamora indicated no one in process of retirement
- \$23K in overtime per employee
- Chief Gabriel said overtime is because of filling vacancies
- One position open with two candidates in background
- Two active reserve positions

City Manager Trejo said wages are too low for successful recruitment. We end up with lesser qualified candidates. The guys help with recruitment. There is a demand for FF/paramedics. The City salaries are too low.

Police salaries are too low.

Mayor Vosburg said to add overtime to pay when recruiting. Our guys are highly trained and make over \$100K per year.

Chief Salvador said it is tough. Fresno police officers make twice what we pay; \$120K per year in Fresno. It is a very competitive environment for both police and fire.

Comments:

- Avenal has reserves
- Can we recruit reserves

Ms. Bains asked for clarification on recommendation to transfer Capital Improvement Fund to General Fund \$1.7M. There may be additional items when 2017 audit is completed.

Consensus of Council is to authorize the transfer to Capital Improvement Funds to General Fund.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Luis said he is intrigued by tax measure on next ballot. The City needs to turn out. Can inmates vote? We need more citizens to turn out to vote.

Mr. Glenn Mitchell said the Thrift Shop is local and he is encouraging citizens to bring their mattresses to the Thrift Shop and support our local communities Also, to discourage collection bins around town and encourage citizens bring their items to the Thrift Shop.

With the Horned Toad Derby coming he would request the clean-up and weed abatement on our major roads.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Trejo said of the notices sent out for weed abatement, some have responded and some have not. The properties need to be abated.

In the past the Council has always not met for the first meeting of June or July. In June it is due to Graduation and July is normally a slow month.

Council Member Lander said to skip the first meetings in June and July.

Consensus of the Council was agreement to skip the first meeting in June and the first meeting in July.

Mayor Vosburg reported on his trip to Washington, DC. It is who and what you know and you have to engage consultants. You must have project, scope and vision.

He spoke on High Speed Rail for Fresno. He discovered they don't like California. It is who you know and how much you know. DC is important; he hopes the Council will continue to send representatives to Washington. He was able to talk to three legislators about Cannabis. The word is Trump will not veto Cannabis.

The City did not pay for his entire trip. He placed \$1,000 on his credit card which will not be reimbursed.

Mayor Pro-tem Stolz said next Tuesday Arambula to take AB2839 to Committee. This will oppose the vote of 582/545 against the tax measure. A new tax measure could pass.

Remember the Spring Community Clean-up on Saturday, May 12th.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Vosburg said he recommends that medical insurance for the clerk, treasurer, council members not be allowed after two terms in office. This would not affect the current Council.

He wants an update on a Council office. It needs to lock and have a mail box and a phone. Council Members need an area to have meetings.

He would like to know the exact splits between the City and districts when selling RDA properties to include Cannabis properties.

He would like volunteers to place rescued pets on Facebook. Police Chief Salvador said this is done and it begins on Monday

He would like to restrict all purchases of \$10K or more. Also, that overtime is approved by completing a form and getting approval. He would like a quarterly report to Council.

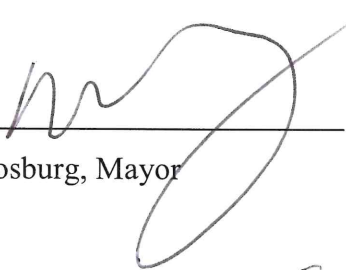
Ocean Grove should be fully operational in June because PG&E providing sufficient power.

10. CLOSED SESSION

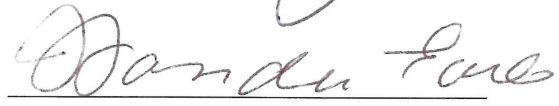
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6.
CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo; City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): Non-Represented Employees; General Employees; International Association of Firefighters; and Coalinga's Police Officer's Association

City Attorney Zamora indicated there would be no report out from Closed Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT 9:23 PM



Nathan Vosburg, Mayor



City Clerk / Deputy City Clerk

6-26-18

Date