

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA February 2, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:04PM

Council Members Present: Horn, Ramirez, Adkisson, Vosburg, Hedgecock (via Zoom)

Others Present: City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Assistant City Manager Sean Brewer, Chief of Police Jose Garza, Financial Services Director Mai Vang, 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: None

Others Absent: City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina

Changes to the Agenda: Councilman Vosburg requested that Item No. 6.4 be removed from the Agenda. City Manager Marissa Trejo announced the following changes to the Agenda:

1. Item No. 5.8 will be moved to the second meeting in February.

*Motion by Vosburg, Second by Adkisson to Approve the Changes to the Agenda and to Approve the Agenda for the meeting of February 2, 2023. Motion **Approved** by 5/1 Roll-Call Majority Vote. (Horn voted "No")*

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. The CrisCom Company – Quarterly Report

Chuck Jelloian of the CrisCom Company presented the CrisCom Company quarterly report.

2. Recognize Police and Fire Department Staff for Water Rescue

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez presented the Police and Fire Departments with certificates of recognizing the police and fire department staff for their excellent emergency assistance during the swift water rescue on January 9, 2023.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

Mr. James Carr spoke of his concerns with code enforcement violations he has received for parking on an unimproved surface in the front of his home and illegal dumping in his alley. Mr. Carr asked that the municipal code be reviewed for these items.

Mrs. Hilda Crawford spoke of her concerns about the overpass on Jayne Avenue. She understands that this is not within the jurisdiction of the City, however she requested that staff put her in contact with someone from the County that she can speak with regarding the on-going safety concerns of the overpass and having a light signal installed. City Manager Marissa Trejo stated that she would email a name and contact to her on Monday. Mrs. Crawford suggested that the City endeavor to bring an assisted-living facility to town. Mrs. Crawford stated that people are moving out of town because we do not have these types of facilities.

Ms. Gina Lopez spoke of her concerns of the condition of the City's water. She wonders how the water can be sanitary to soak in. Ms. Lopez is also concerned with the City not doing more to capture the water from the hydrants when staff flushes the lines. Ms. Lopez asked why residents cannot present their City bill to Mid Valley to make a drop-off at the dump. There is so much illegal dumping and this could help with cleaning up the City. She requested staff look into it.

Ms. Rebecca Howard thanked the Council for removing the censure item from the agenda. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Jose Cardoza, referencing the censure item, expressed concern with Councilman Adkisson's Facebook comments on other Councilmembers, especially the Mayor. Mr. Cardoza stated that these comments are unprofessional. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Mr. Rocco Papietro, referencing the censure item, stated his disappointment for the item being removed. He believes community members from both sides should have been able to comment on the matter. Mr. Papietro expressed concern with Councilman Adkisson and the district residency requirements and urged the Council to review the policy to see where the policy requirements can be reinforced. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Mrs. Mary Jones spoke in opposition of censuring Councilman Adkisson and urged the Council to work together. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Ms. Angie Ramirez spoke in opposition of censuring Councilman Adkisson. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Mrs. Hilda Crawford spoke in opposition of the Council using Facebook and the comments that are posted. Mrs. Crawford urged the Council to put aside personal feelings and to work together.

Ms. Laura Taylor spoke in opposition of censuring Councilman Adkisson. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Charles Loveall spoke in opposition of censuring Councilman Adkisson. *(Item No. 6.4)*

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

Mr. Dave Canada provided written comments regarding Councilman Adkisson's residency. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Mr. Greg Cody provided written comments in favor of censuring Councilman Adkisson. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Jode and Rick Keasler provided written comments in opposition of censuring Councilman Adkisson. *(Item No. 6.4)*

Vanessa Huttenlocker provided written comments in opposition of censuring Councilman Adkisson. (Item No. 6.4)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES – January 5, 2023
2. Check Register: 12/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
3. Information Only – Smart Water Meter, AML Update

Councilman Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.3 for discussion.

Public Works and Utilities Coordinator Larry Miller gave a brief overview of the item.

4. Information Only – Animal Shelter Update

Councilman Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.4 for discussion.

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

5. Direct City Manager to Convert Part-Time Animal Control Office Position to Full-Time Animal Control Office Position for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Councilman Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.5 for discussion.

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

6. Direct City Manager to Schedule and Notice a Public Workshop to Discuss Animal Control at 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Councilman Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.6 for discussion.

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

7. Direct City Manager to Terminate ACCAPS Membership
8. Authorize \$325 Payment to Coalinga High School to Purchase 10 Chess Boards for the Chess Club

Item No. 5.8 was pulled from the Agenda during Changes to the Agenda.

9. Introduce and Waive First Reading of Ordinance No. 857 (Informal Bidding Procedures – Emergency Work Amendment)
10. Adopt Resolution No. 4137 Revising the Non-Safety Emergency Medical Services (NSEMS) Pay Scale

11. Adopt Resolution No. 4138 Approving and Reestablishing the Transparency and Accountability Committees Act

Councilman Hedgecock pulled Item No. 5.11 for discussion.

Councilman Hedgecock suggested that we start with few committees to make sure the staffing of resident volunteers is adequate before bringing all the committees back. Councilman Hedgecock suggested we start with committees for Public Safety, Animal Control and Water.

Mayor Horn suggested that the item be table along with Item No. 6.1 and bring both items back for discussion at the next meeting.

12. Adopt Resolution No. 4140 Approving an Option to Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Coalinga and Self-Help Enterprises, Inc. for the Sale of Successor Agency Property (APN 071-162-16ST)
13. Waive the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 852 Establishing Regulations for the Permitting of Mobile Food Trucks in the City of Coalinga
14. Public Works, Utilities & Community Development Quarterly Report for Oct-Dec 2022
15. Notice of Completion for Polk Street Rehabilitation Phase II
16. Council Authorization to Install (7) Additional Solar Lights at the Wastewater Treatment Plant Under an Existing Contract with Rehak General Engineering

*Motion by Vosburg, Second by Ramirez to **Approve** Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.7 and 5.9, 5.10 and 5.12 through 5.16. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote. (Item No. 5.11 – **Tabled** until the next meeting on February 16, 2023)*

*Item No. 5.8 was **Pulled** during Changes to the Agenda.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding the Appointment of Council Members to Serve on Committees Established by the Transparency and Accountability Act and to Direct Staff to Post Notices to Inform the Public of the Vacancies to be Filled by Members of the Community
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

*Item No. 6.1 was **Tabled** along with Item No. 5.11 and will be brought back for discussion at the next meeting scheduled for February 16, 2023.*

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action related to the 2022/2023 Water Year and Water Conservation Efforts including Revising the Current Water Restrictions
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

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

3. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action Directing Staff to Initiate a Zoning Text Amendment Establishing Distance Requirements for Smoke Shops from Sensitive Uses
Sean Brewer, Assistant City Manager

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

Consensus of the Council is to bring back a draft ordinance with changes to the distance requirements for sensitive uses with currently established business not being affected.

4. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding the Adoption of Resolution No. 4139 Approving the Public Censure of Councilman Adkisson
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

*This item was **Pulled** during Changes to the Agenda.*

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

City Manager Marissa Trejo announced the following:

- Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 9:00am - monthly Chief's Breakfast at Café 101;
- Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - meeting with Fresno County regarding the status of the old K-Mart property;
- Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – start of the World Ag Expo, the City will be represented at the event to try to attract industrial employers to locate to Coalinga;
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – Animal Control Workshop will be held at City Hall Council Chambers at 5:00pm;
- Thursday, February 16, 2023 – Water Workshop will be held at City Hall Council Chambers at 4:00pm;
- Thursday, February 16, 2023 – City Council meeting will be held at City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00pm;
- Information will be forthcoming on an upcoming event that the Police and Fire Departments are coordinating to raise money for the family of Selma Police Officer, Gonzalo Carrasco, who was killed in the line of duty.

Council Member's Announcements:

Councilman Adkisson spoke about his residency.

Councilman Vosburg announced the Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

Mary Jones suggested that anyone who has any concerns that they would like addressed should attend the monthly Chief's Breakfast.

Councilman Ramirez hopes that the Council can work together and urged community members to reach out to any councilmember with any questions/concerns they may be having. We work for the City, not just our individual districts.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Horn announced that the Women's Club is hosting a Fathers-Daughters Dance on February 11, 2023 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Tickets are currently on sale for \$25 which includes a father/daughter and tickets for additional kids are \$5.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez requested a Future Agenda Item to recognize the Coalinga cheer teams.

Councilman Vosburg requested a Future Agenda Item on the distance a hotel can be located to residents and schools. Mayor Horn requested that Cottage Homes be included in the discussion.

9. CLOSED SESSION

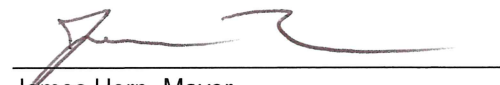
1. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – Government Code Section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. PROPERTY: 620 Sunset Street (APN: 072-093-01; 072-093-02; and 072-093-03), located in the City of Coalinga. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager Marissa Trejo and City Attorney Mario Zamora. NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Baker Laurie Lynette Trustee. UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment
2. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – Government Code Section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. PROPERTY: 163 E. Elm Avenue (APN: 072-131-06; 072-131-07; and 072-131-08), located in the City of Coalinga. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager Marissa Trejo and City Attorney Mario Zamora. NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Baker Laurie Lynette Trustee. UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of Litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(c): 1 Case
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Government Code 54957.6. CITY NEGOTIATORS: City Manager, Marissa Trejo and City Attorney, Mario Zamora. EMPLOYEE (ORGANIZATION): General Employees

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

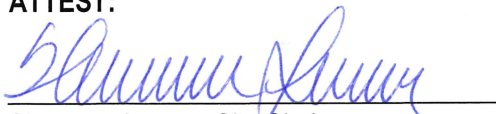
None.

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:37 PM

APPROVED:


James Horn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

March 2, 2023

Date

Coalinga City Councilman,

I am a Concerned citizen of District 1. As we all know Adam Atkinson [AA] has been and still is a concern to people who "actually" live in District 1

He sold his home in District 1 on 3/30/2022 and entered in a Lease Agreement with Robin Scott at 712 Monterey on 7/20/2022. Where was he living from March to July 2022 ?? Could it have been 153 E Cedar, ?? This is the address the Coalinga Police responded to, to do a wellness check, when he failed to show up at the Jan 5th 2022 Council Meeting.

We ALL are aware that AA failed to turn in his "Valid" Residency Proof, until Jan 11, 2023. And I would question the "Validity".

In Life there are Rules and Consequences. This pertains to sports, driving, Laws, and Politics. Unfortunately some people believe that rules and consequences don't apply to them. Those people sometimes learn the hardway, the rules do apply to them.

I would like to see the current Coalinga City Council Be the Council that Stands Up and does something to Stop, this type of activity!!
And not be the Council that rolls over and folds, under pressure.

Make our current City Council, Be Honest and Strong. To make our City a Better Place to Reside.

Dave Canada
542 N Princeton Ave
Coalinga CA
District 1

From: [Greg Cody](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Citizens comment
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 4:27:42 PM

Councilman Adam Adkisson has violated the rules countless times, beginning approximately three weeks from the time councilwoman Stoltz got him a vacant seat on council which afterwards turned out to be the worst mistake in her entire life.

When she tried to get him to follow the rules, he showed his true colors by saying "I'm my own fucking man now, and will do whatever I want!" (No good deeds go unpunished)

That is when she chose to remove herself from him.

I also cut him off like a bad set of bangs when I saw his true colors. He couldn't leave it at that, and just like a typical narcissist good night stand the rejection and being stood up to. He launched a full-blown attack upon her and myself. He prompted his war pigs to support him 24 seven these attacks lasted for more than two years. All of which was discredited and an epic failure.

The war pigs, I speak of are better known as the peanut gallery. Many of them are his former enemies he has bullied into submission. For the most part, they are unemployed wayward Misfits. Ramsey described Adam and his war pigs as bullies just like school kids and told them they need to stop and get a grip.

Adam has described the people in Coalinga to be the most easiest to manipulate that he has ever seen.

Not only has he been successful with doing that with his war pigs he has done the same with city council.

Like a broken record, he always play the victim. In doing so he projects his bad behavior on to others using the same words and accusations, for instance "personal vendetta" "attacking" "abusing power" etc.

The city would be overwhelmed with his bad behavior, and turn a blind eye to it, hoping that he would eventually stop. Only later to realize it was a bad mistake.

Moving forward, Councilman Ramsey warned him about his countless violations. He disregarded his warning and continued. When Ramsey attempted to censor him Adam used the same Defense and attacked Ramsey to the point he became so confused and speechless. The other councilmen trembled in fear wanting no part of Adam's wrath. Afterwards, Ramsey told a investigator that he had attempted to censor Adam and Adam, publicly insulted, ashamed, and embarrassed him. Ramsey said from that point on he has had to be extremely careful with Adam not to set him off.

Adam is the epitome of a juvenile delinquent. When they are not disciplined, they turn out to be a very shitty adult.

The city have witnessed countless violations by Adam, and are aware of his alcohol and drug abuse.

Adams family has at times described him to be psychotic. They described him to be even worse when he is abusing alcohol and drugs while not taking his psych meds.

Countless citizens are aware of this, but do not speak because they are sure they will be retaliated against by both Adam and his war pigs.

Adam has destroyed the integrity of city council, not only from his countless violations and bad behavior but also because counsel has failed to hold him accountable.

Adam feeds off of conflict just as a juvenile delinquent does for negative attention. He describes himself to be very courageous and is a self-proclaimed Viking warrior. He dresses in costumes portraying himself as such and post them on social media.

Again, delusional and childish.

He has attacked council members, and city Council as a whole. He has publicly insulted CPD and it's officers.

While doing so at a public function City officials said the reason they didn't stop him is because they knew it would get worse.

He has leaked close session information numerous times, including a murder investigation in which he publicly discussed at a function, because he deemed the person eligible to have the information.

He attacks provoke and challenges people over social media. That includes myself until he was face-to-face with me in person. He claimed that I emotionally traumatized him, and made him in fear of his life. He abused his position by using the city attorney to plead for a order of protection. This cost the taxpaying citizens in the excess of \$20,000.

He also felt it would silence me from speaking in regard to his continuous bad behavior, and for defending some of his victims. When he thought that failed, he had a attorney write me a ridiculous, absurd, threatening email demanding that I publicly, apologize and retract the (truthful) things I had said about him. It gave me a time limit or I would have a case, filed in court against me. It was absolutely ridiculous, and I refused to lie, as I was being demanded to.

I feel that the walls have been closing in on Adam as a result of his bad behavior and crimes. I feel that his mental illness is fueled by his alcohol and drug abuse.

I feel that he has become desponded and a danger to city officials, and the citizens. He has recently sent messages alluding to commit suicide. Police records will show this is not the first time he has made these accusations when he couldn't get his way.

Despite his false accusations that I control city council I am only reminding counsel of just a portion of what they already know.

It's up to counsel to disregard the repercussions and fears. It's up to counsel whether or not, they finally do their due diligence and hold him accountable.

In closing, I would like to add that everyone knows the real reason why it was so difficult for him to submit his residency requirements by the legally described time.

Regards, Greg Cody

From: Jode Keasler
To: Information
Subject: Tonight's city Council meeting
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 2:58:53 PM

Dear City Council:

I wanted to write regarding the censure of Adam Adkisson which is on the agenda for tonight's meeting. As I understand it this is all because Mr. Adkisson is accused of turning in late paperwork. I just want to say that Mr. Adkisson is the ONLY councilman (besides mine – Vosburg) who EVER tells the community what is going on and works for us! WHY are you going to try to censure one of the only people really working for the citizens no matter what district they are in! He is not my councilman but has always been willing to answer my questions and help when needed. This is a ridiculous witch hunt that will once again put us in the news for something that sounds like High School, NO, Middle School drama and bullying type behavior! This is not a smart way to spend people's time and tax dollars!

I have a suggestion from an outsider looking in, maybe the City can put together some team building exercises to help them learn to get along and stop these ridiculous accusations. ENOUGH ALREADY!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jode & Rick Keasler

Jode Keasler

Coordinator

Peer Self-Advocacy (PSA) Unit

(she, her, hers) (What is this?)

Disability Rights California

California's protection and advocacy system

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From: [Vanessa Huttenlocker](#)
To: [Information](#)
Subject: Counsel meeting for tonight
Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023 4:47:12 PM

Hello,

My name is Vanessa Huttenlocker, and I reside in District 1. I wish I could be there tonight to voice my displeasure in person, but my family and I have been ill.

Mayor Horn's agenda item to censure councilman Adkisson seemed like a helft penalty for simply turning paperwork in late. Adding penalties after the fact and prior to the meeting is obviously personal and vengeful. Whether you like him or not, having Councilman Adkisson on City Council has been an asset to Coalinga. He worked hard to get us more water, to get grants for the water, and to keep the citizens informed. I think someone is intimidated by his efforts, capabilities, and victories. We are all human, and none of us are perfect and without fault. We forget things. Sometimes, those things are important but not on a scale of being publicly admonished and persecuted. I also think this continuous harassment of Councilman Adkisson feels somehow familiar, and I hope that Horn isn't lowering himself to carry out a previous councilwoman's agenda to publicly humiliate, harass, ruin and blackball Councilman Adkisson bc that in itself could result in a costly recall of district 2 representative. Mr. Adkisson never uses the funding from city for his ventures to Sacramento. He always uses his own money from his pocket. His hard earned money. These people picking on Adam really need to stop this nonsense already! He is the most productive counselor on counsel. You are making a big mistake censoring him. When he has done so much for our community. I would like to know what Mayor Horn has done for this community to even deserve being a mayor right now? All i have seen our of Horn since he became counsel; another Tanya counsel. When are these high school game of nonsense going to end? Are you for this town all in? If so lets get to business. If you are not for this town to help our community. Get out of here now already! All you are doing is hurting our town and yourself. Grow up!

Sincerely,
Vanessa Huttenlocker