

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA April 3, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

Council Members Present: Vosburg, Horn, Ramierz, Schindler, Hedgecock

Others Present: Interim City Manager Sean Brewer, City Attorney Mario Zamora, Police Commander Sean Young, Financial Services Director Mai Vang (arrived late), City Treasurer Dawn Kahikina, Fire Chief Greg DuPuis, Administrative Analyst Mercedes Garcia (via Zoom) and City Clerk Shannon Jensen

Council Members Absent: None

Others Absent: None

Changes to the Agenda: Interim City Manager Sean Brewer announced the following Changes to the Agenda:

None

*Motion by Horn, Second by Schindler to Approve the Agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2025. Motion **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Councilmember Ramirez requested a moment of silence for his nephew, Charlie Benitez, who passed away shortly after his 25th birthday.

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation from the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation to the Coalinga Fire Department as the Prevention Community Partner of the Year

Katrina Arthur, Operations Manager for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, presented the Coalinga Fire Department with the "Prevention Community Partner of the Year" award.

2. City Department Updates

Fire Chief Greg DuPuis provided a brief update for the Fire Department.

Chief of Police Jose Garza provided a brief update on the Police Department.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individual(s) spoke under Citizen Comments:

None

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

Edward Post

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve MINUTES – March 6, 2025
2. Approve MINUTES – March 20, 2025
3. Check Register: 2/01/2025 – 2/28/2025
4. Direct Staff to Propose Updates to City Regulations for Enhanced Property Maintenance Standards
5. Informational Only: Transient Occupancy Tax Quarter Ending September 30, 2024

Councilman Hedgecock pulled Item No. 5.5 for discussion.

Councilman Hedgecock expressed concern over hotels not paying their taxes.

Interim City Manager provided a brief overview of the item, stating that staff is looking into how to address the issue and ensuring there are proper procedures in place to make sure the businesses are properly reporting their tax information.

6. Informational Only: Measure J Quarter Ending September 30, 2024
7. Informational Only: Proposed Electronic Sign Street View

Mayor Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.7 for discussion.

Interim City Manager Sean Brewer provided a brief overview of the item.

8. Approve Request of Fire Wood Donation from Avenal State Prison
9. Approve Purchase Order from Emergency Vehicle Group (EVG) to Remount Fire Department Ambulance
10. Adopt Resolution No. 4258 Amending the Firefighter Reserve Job Description
11. Approve Proposal from Koff & Associates, an Executive Recruiting Firm, for City Manager Recruitment

Item No. 5.11 was pulled for discussion at the request of Tawnya Stevens.

Mrs. Stevens expressed opposition to the expenses related to recruitment.

City Attorney Mario Zamora provided a brief overview of the recruiting process and the benefits of contracting with a firm who specializes in City Manager recruitment.

12. Authorize Purchase of Kubota Tractor to Maintain City Owned Lots, Medians and Airport

Mayor Vosburg pulled Item No. 5.12 for discussion.

Interim City Manager Sean Brewer provided a brief overview of the item.

*Motion by Horn, Second by Hedgecock to Approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5.1 through 5.12. **Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Discussion
Mai Vang, Financial Services Director & Sean Brewer, Interim City Manager

Financial Services Director Mai Vang and Interim City Manager Sean Brewer provided an overview of the FY 2025-26 Budget.

Consensus of the City Council is for Staff to work with the City Council on identifying a date for a Special Budget Workshop.

2. Discussion, Direction and Potential Action regarding Increasing Presence of the Coalinga Fire Department at the Coalinga Airport – Future Agenda Item (Hedgecock and Schindler)
Sean Brewer, Interim City Manager

Consensus of the City Council is for Staff to prepare a report outlining various options for the placement of an additional fire station.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager's Announcements:

Interim City Manager Sean Brewer announced the next City Council meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025.

Council Member's Announcements:

Councilman Ramirez announced that Coalinga Huron Recreation and Parks District (CHRPD) will be holding their annual Rainbow Walk in honor of Autism Awareness Month on Saturday, April 5th, 2025 from 1pm to 3pm.

Councilman Ramirez also announced that his family would be holding a Car Wash Fundraiser benefiting the Benitez family on Saturday, April 5th from 8am to 2pm.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Vosburg provided a brief overview of his attendance at a recent California Cities committee meeting.

Mayor Vosburg reminded the community of the CHRPD's Rainbow Walk for Autism Awareness Month taking place on Saturday between 1pm and 3pm.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro-Tem Horn requested a Future Agenda Item to have a Stop Sign placed at Hawthorne and 6th Street.

Mayor Pro-Tem Horn requested a Future Agenda Item regarding cost savings of outsources a mechanic versus doing it in-house. Interim City Manager Sean Brewer stated that they are currently working on those numbers for inclusion in the budget.

Mayor Vosburg requested staff to circulate information on tinted windows to the public.

Mayor Vosburg requested a Future Agenda Item regarding the costs associated with training additional Police Officers on how to use Visible Light Transmission (VLT) meters.

Mayor Vosburg requested a Future Agenda Item related to the status of the Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project.

9. CLOSED SESSION

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEMENT – Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager
2. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS – Government Code Section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. PROPERTY: APN: 071-152-04S located in the City of Coalinga. CITY NEGOTIATORS: Interim City Manager Sean Brewer; and City Attorney Mario Zamora. NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Larry L. Baker and Laurie L. Baker. UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and Terms of Payment

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:25 PM

APPROVED:

Nathan Vosburg

Nathan Vosburg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Jensen

Shannon Jensen, City Clerk

May 5, 2025

Date