



City Council Regular Meeting

March 14, 2017
MINUTES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reynosa, Launer, Harness, Thusu, Morales

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alaniz, Beltran, Hurtado, James, Jenner, Launer, Patlan, Popovich, Thomspou

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Harness called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1.2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The flag salute was led by Vice Mayor Thusu.

2. AGENDA CHANGES OR DELETIONS

To better accommodate members of the public or convenience in the order of presentation, items on the agenda may not be presented or acted upon in the order listed. Additions to Agenda may be added only pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8.

None

3. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

This portion of the meeting is reserved for any person who would like to address the Council on any item that is not on the agenda. Please be advised that State law does not allow the City Council to discuss or take any action on any issue not on the agenda. The City Council may direct staff to follow up on such item(s). Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes. If there is any person wishing to address the City Council at this time please approach the podium and state your name and nature of the request.

None

4. NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

4.1. Margarita Moreno, Administrative Services Director (LP)

Administrative Services Director, Margarita Moreno was introduced to City Council by City Manager, Luis Patlan.

4.2. Christian Ramos - Full Time Firefighter/ EMT (CT)

Firefighter/EMT, Christian Ramos was introduced to the City Council as a new employee by Chief Thompson.

Mayor Harness administered the oath of office to Firefighter/EMT Ramos, Ramos' girlfriend pinned the badge on his uniform.

Mayor Harness declared a brief break at 6:46 pm.

Mayor Harness reconvened the meeting at 6:53 pm.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, a member of the audience or a Council Member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and it will be considered separately.

5.1. SUBJECT

Letter of Support for SB 661 (Fuller) (LP)

RECOMMENDATION

Council by motion support Senate Bill 661 (Fuller) and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support on behalf of the City of Dinuba to amend and extend the State's New Employment Credit (NEC) hiring incentive.

5.2. SUBJECT

City Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2017 (LB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council review and approve proposed meeting minutes.

5.3. SUBJECT

Leadership Class of Northern Tulare County Request for Co-sponsorship of the Annual Cinco de Mayo Event, May 4-7, 2017 (LB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve co-sponsorship of the Cinco de Mayo event at Rose Ann Vuich Park, May 4-7, 2017 and the parade in the downtown, May 6, 2017, hosted by the Leadership Class of Northern Tulare County.

5.4. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2017-07 Courthouse and Police Station Ownership (CS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2017-07 approving agreements transferring all real property interests of the Courthouse and Police Station property to the City of Dinuba.

5.5. SUBJECT

Award Contract for Biosolid Removal to Liberty Composting, Inc. (BB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to award contract to Liberty Composting Inc. for the removal of biosolids at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.

5.6. SUBJECT

Free Transit Rides on Earth Day, April 22, 2017 (BB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve free transit rides on the Dinuba Area Regional Transit (DART) fixed routes for Earth Day on April 22, 2017.

5.7. SUBJECT

Action of Planning Commission – Meeting of March 7, 2017 (BB)

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information purposes only. No action is required.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Thusu, second by Council Member Morales, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Ayes: Harness, Launer, Morales, Reynosa, Thusu

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. SUBJECT

Approval of Warrant Register March 3; 10, 2017 (CS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve warrants as presented.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Thusu, second by Council Member Morales, to approve the Warrant Register as presented.

Ayes: Harness, Launer, Morales, Reynosa, Thusu

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. SUBJECT

**Dinuba Chamber of Commerce Request for Gold Sponsorship 2017
Dinuba Business Expo on March 23, 2017 (LB)**

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve a request to sponsor the second annual Dinuba Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on March 23, 2017 in the amount of \$500.

Human Resources Manager Alaniz presented a request for the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce to the City Council to approve a sponsorship for the Business Expo.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, second by Council Member Morales, to approve the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce request for Gold Sponsorship 2017 Dinuba Business Expo on March 23, 2017.

Ayes: Harness, Launer, Morales, Reynosa, Thusu

7.2. SUBJECT

Participation in PG&E On-Bill Lighting Conversion Financing (BB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve participation in PG&E's On-Bill Financing Program to convert the existing lighting at the Fire Department and in the Downtown to LED lighting and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the On-Bill Financing Loan Agreement.

Director Beltran said the approximate total cost of this program would be \$214,000. The annual saving from this program would be used to pay back the loan, loan would be paid off in six years.

Director Beltran requested Council to approve participation and authorized the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Thusu, second by Council Member Launer, to approve participation in PG&E On-line Financing Program to convert the existing lighting at the Fire Department and in the Downtown to LED lighting and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the On-Bill Financing Loan Agreement.

Ayes: Harness, Launer, Morales, Reynosa, Thusu

7.3. SUBJECT

Reconsideration of Resolution No. 2017-01 Approving Issuance of TEFRA Bonds in the amount of \$6.5 Million for the Sierra Village Apartment Project on East Davis Drive and North Crawford Avenue (LP)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to consider a request by Council Member Launer to add the TEFRA Bond Issuance of \$6.5 million for the Sierra Village Apartment Project to the March 28, 2017 agenda for reconsideration.

Council Member Launer in the last council meeting requested to add this item to the next agenda for reconsideration.

The Resolution 2017-06 approving issuance of the TEFRA Bonds for the Sierra Village Apartment will be placed on the March 28, 2017 agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Thusu, second by Council Member Morales, to reconsider a request by Council Member Launer to add the TEFRA Bond Issuance of \$6.5 million for the Sierra Village Apartment Project on East Davis Drive and North Crawford Avenue.

Ayes: Harness, Launer, Morales, Reynosa, Thusu

7.4. SUBJECT

Acceptance of Donation from Alta Healthcare District (CT)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept donation from the Alta Healthcare District in the amount of \$156,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign any related documents.

Chief Thompson presented a donation from Alta Healthcare District of \$156,031.92 to purchase a new ambulance and supporting equipment.

Chief Thompson requested Council to accept the donation.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Thusu, second by Council Member Morales, to accept donation from Alta Healthcare District in the amount of \$156,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign any related documents.

Ayes: Harness, Launer, Morales, Reynosa, Thusu

7.5. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2017-06 Nominating Kuldip Thusu for Appointment to the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (LB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-06 nominating Vice Mayor Kuldip Thusu for appointment to the District Governing Board of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District representing small cities in Tulare County.

Human Resources Manager presented Resolution No. 2017-06 nominating Vice Mayor Kuldip Thusu for appointment to the District

A motion was made by Council Member Morales, second by Council Member Launer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06 Nominating Kuldip Thusu for appointment to the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

Ayes: Harness, Launer, Morales, Reynosa, Thusu

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Harness thanked staff and said he only had one concern. He reported that people

were going through the trash at Edward's alley. He wanted to get information from staff and review the ordinance to see how this issue could be reduced. He also states that this has become a daily thing and the calls keep on coming in.

Mayor Harness also reported that he enjoyed a Women's Club event yesterday, was able to be a server. The Women's Club raised \$1,600 for the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society and it was a great event.

Vice Mayor reported he attended the League of Cities meeting and met with Assemblymember Mathis field representative Thiesen.

Council Member Morales reported he met with Thiesen on projects that are important to Dinuba, great meeting. He thanked Assemblymember Mathis and Thiesen for communicating with the City.

Council Member Launer thanked the City Manager for putting out the message for Public Works to put up the fence at Griggs. The residents are very grateful and feel the city is recognizing them as part of the city.

Council Member Reynosa had nothing to report.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

9.1. City Council Goal Setting Work Shop, March 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM, Dinuba Transit Center, 180 West Merced Street, Dinuba (LP)

City Manger Patlan reminded the Council of the Goal Setting Workshop scheduled at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Transit Center.

City Manager Patlan said Daniel James and himself will be attending the California Association of Local Economic Development Conference next week from March 21st through March 23rd.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Harness adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:12 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (LP)

Pursuant to GC 54956.8, Purchase of Real Property

Property: 260 South L Street, Dinuba

Agency Negotiator: Luis Patlan, City Manager and Carlos Sanchez, Interim Finance Director

Negotiating Parties: City of Dinuba and Armen Majarian

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

No action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.