

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Payan, McKittrick, Morales, Smith, Wallace

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Beltran, Long, McCloskey, Nunes, Olvera,
Thompson, Todd, Uota

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

OFFICES OF CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

13.1 Letter of Intent

City Manager Todd read the Letter of Intent to Retire.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick; seconded by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the Letter of Intent as presented.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

WORK SESSION

The work session began at 6:22pm.

Tulare County General Plan Update

David P. Bryant, Tulare County Resource Management Agency Division Manager – Special Projects, reviewed handouts and presented the Tulare County General Plan Update to Council and staff. Discussion was held related to possible issues that may affect the City of Dinuba similar to the water issues encountered by Sultana which affected the water issue has had on the City of Dinuba. Steve Worthley, Tulare County Board of Supervisors, stated when looking at principles and ground, there are no issues that would affect the City of Dinuba, with the intent of keeping agriculture property and production. Discussion was held regarding policy wording. Mr. Worthley stated they will do their best to provide a compatibility to match.

BREAK

Mayor Wallace declared a break at 7:24pm.

RECONVENE FROM BREAK

Mayor Wallace reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:37pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Council Member McKittrick.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Director Beltran.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

- 6.1. James Olvera, 30 Years
- 6.2. Chad Thompson, 15 Years
- 6.3. Teresa Ramirez, 10 Years
- 6.4. Russell Son, 10 Years
- 6.5. Pete Padama, 5 Years

Mayor Wallace presented Chief Olvera and Chief Thompson with their employee service awards. City Council congratulated staff for their years of service.

Sergeant Son, Dispatcher Ramirez, and Officer Padama were not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 7.1. Unscheduled.

Juan Guerrero, 34637 Road 40, Visalia, CA, candidate for County Board of Supervisors District 4 introduced himself to the Council.

Art Romero, 1350 Brookdale Court, Brentwood, CA, is the new manager for J's Sports Bar. Mr. Romero invited everyone to attend the Tulare County Hispanic Chamber Mixer on Thursday at 6pm.

Dan Meinert, Dinuba, CA, informed staff of the EDC Meeting he attended, which included discussion on permit process and the need to do fast tracking. Election of officers was held. Dan Meinert was appointed as the new Chair. Paulie Romero was appointed Vice Chair. Mr. Meinert respectfully requests that both Gary and Jack are recognized for their years of service to the EDC.

Going back to the General Plan Update, Mr. Meinert stated that unless there is capacity at the waste water plant, annexation to the west will not happen. One way to get rid of water is through the golf course, which also has residential property value. He stated the City has done really great things over the past twenty years. Economic times put a strain on relationships. He asked that staff continue to do what is best for the community and continue to work together as a team.

Chris Turner, 41241 Road 70, Dinuba, CA, informed Council of her concerns associated with the General Plan Update. She asked that Council keep them in mind when incorporating county's ideas along with city's ideas in the 10-year plan.

Gene Chamberlin, 2354 Washington Avenue, Reedley, CA, invited the Council to a meet-and-greet being hosted at his home for Tim Thiesen, State Senate Candidate, District 16, on Wednesday at 5:30pm. A meet-and-greet is scheduled to take place in Wasco on June 4th.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.1. City Council Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2010
- 8.2. Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2010
- 8.3. Downtown Visibility Concerns, Set Hearing Date, June 8, 2010
- 8.4. Notice of Completion – Irrigation Line, Monte Vista/Sierra Way
- 8.5. Waste Water Reclamation Facility PG&E Easement
- 8.6. Amendment to the Local Miscellaneous CalPERS Members Contract to Provide Two Additional Years Service Credit for Additional Local Miscellaneous Employees, Resolution No 2010-26

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick; seconded by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

WARRANT REGISTER

- 9.1. Approval – City Council Warrant Register, May 14, 21, 2010
- 9.2. Approval – Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register, May 14, 21, 2010

It was moved by Vice Mayor Morales; seconded by Council Member McKittrick, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10. MAYOR’S / CHAIR’S MINUTE

- 10.1. Alternative Education Graduates, Proclamation No 2010-06, May 25, 2010

Council Member McKittrick attended the graduation to read the proclamation.

- 10.2. Washington Intermediate School Graduates, Proclamation No 2010-07, May 26, 2010

Mayor Wallace will be presenting the proclamation at the graduation. The graduation will take place at 6:30p.m. at the football stadium.

- 10.3. Dinuba High School Graduates, Proclamation No 2010-08, May 27, 2010

Mayor Wallace will read the proclamation on behalf of the City at 7pm on Thursday night. He encouraged the community to come out and support local students.

- 10.4. Information Sharing

Mayor Wallace attended the Open House for the building trade’s class at the high school. This is the fifth house built as a result of the program. Students have done a great job. Council was very supportive of the project five years ago. It is unknown if this will be the last house that is built, due to Redevelopment funds that have been taken away from the State.

Mayor Wallace encouraged everyone to attend the local graduations.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

- 11.1. Request for Excused Absence, Mark Wallace, City Council/RDA Meeting May 11, 2010

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick; seconded by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 11.2. Information Sharing

Council Member Smith stated staff is doing the best they can with what they have to work with. The questioning coming from Council is due to people wanting answers to the numbers. When things are good, things are not scrutinized. Times are tough and Council is going to have questions.

Council Member McKittrick attended the farmers market. He stated there were a couple more vendors. He hopes that the City of Dinuba gives the vendors a chance and encouraged all to go out and purchase their produce at the farmers market. There was an inquiry on additional advertising. Bob Raison stated he would advertise it in the Dinuba Sentinel. Flyers were sent out through the school district and are available at the Chamber.

PUBLIC HEARING

12.1. Viscaya I and II Lighting and Landscaping

A. Resolution Ordering The Formation Of Viscaya I & II, as a new Landscape and Lighting District and Levying the Proposed Assessment Beginning Fiscal Year 2010/2011, Resolution No 2010-24

George Avila provided Council with an overview of the need for a lighting and landscape district.

Mayor Wallace opened the public hearing.

Chris Turner, 41241 Road 70, Dinuba, CA, spoke with residents in that development who stated they had not received any notification.

Fiscal Analyst II George Avila stated ballots were mailed out to residents in that neighborhood early April. A public notice was also published in the Dinuba Sentinel as required.

Maria McElroy, 1195 Heather, Dinuba, CA, feels that in order to have proper representation, this item needs to wait. This would allow input from property owners who are the taxpayers. City Attorney stated only need to notice property owner, which may be the bank in this case.

Mayor Wallace closed the public hearing.

Discussion was held regarding issues brought forth during public hearing. In most cases, the developer is assessed the fees, which are then shown on the title. Every development in Dinuba has assessment districts. This is not the case being presented today due to bankruptcy. Therefore, the City is currently paying these fees, which is unfair to the community, thus Mayor Wallace stated it is fair to move forward with the assessment of fees.

Due to a request made by the public, Mayor Wallace reopened the public hearing.

Ronald Jones, Attorney, Hanford, CA, stated there are assessment inequities. He stated that when litigations with Dunmore and J.R.W. occurred, a \$100k contribution was made to come to an agreement. The ponding basin that Viscaya built was oversized. Viscaya received fee credit for oversizing the ponding basin. Now City wants to assess lots owned by Viscaya development. He feels the development should not be paying assessments on the entire ponding basin because it was going to benefit other land.

Mayor Wallace closed the public hearing.

Fiscal Analyst II Avila clarified that the apartment complex is not charging each unit the same amount as every single-family dwelling. He also stated that the majority of the ballots are in favor of the formation, with 213 ballots are in favor and 143 ballots are opposed.

Request

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick; seconded by Vice Mayor Morales, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-24 in the matter of ordering the formation of Viscaya I and II as a new Landscape and Lighting District and levying the proposed assessment beginning fiscal year 2010/2011.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

B. Resolution Certifying to the County Of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Certain Special Assessments on the Tax Roll, Resolution No 2010-25

It was moved by Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Council Member McKittrick, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-25 in the matter of certifying to the County of Tulare the validity of the legal process used to place certain special assessments on the tax roll.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

13.1. Letter of Intent

Item was moved and is listed under Closed Session Action.

13.2. Information Sharing

City Manager Todd announced the general membership meeting for League of South San Joaquin Valley, June 10th in Bakersfield. Council Member McKittrick, City Manager Todd and staff will be attending.

City Manager Todd provided an update from League of Cities. The leagues focus is the ballot measure for constitutional amendment.

FIRE SERVICES

14.1. Authorization to Apply for Fire Act Grant

Chief Thompson asked the council for permission to apply for the Fire Act Grant for the purchase of a mobile multi-trainer unit. The mobile multi-trainer unit would provide live, fair training instead of waiting for an abandoned structure to burn. Application is due by end of the week. City is required to make a 10% match.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, seconded by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the Fire Department's request to apply for the Fire Act Grant as presented.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Information Sharing

Dinuba Fire Association had another successful golf tournament. Approximately \$6000 was raised which will go towards the new grant/scholarship.

PUBLIC WORKS

15.1. Authorization to Apply for Safe Routes to School Grant (SR2S)

Director Beltran requested approval for staff to submit the Safe Routes to School Grant. She reviewed the specification of the grant. Reimbursement is 90% with a match of 10%. Deadline to apply is July 15.

Director Beltran also stated they would like to reapply for lighted crosswalks. An inquiry was made regarding Measure R funds. Discussion was held. If the City receives back RDA funds, monies will go back to the different funds where they came from to complete projects.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Morales and seconded by Council Member McKittrick, to authorize staff to submit an application for Safe Routes to Schools Program as presented.

AYES: McKittrick, Morales, Wallace, Smith, Payan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

15.2. Information Sharing

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

16.1. Information Sharing

Director Nunes will be attending the ice cream social at the Senior Center at 11:30am.

CITY ATTORNEY

17.1. Information Sharing

None.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

18.1. Information Sharing

Sign-ups for summer fun and aquatics are going well. Programs start June 7th. The baseball program is going very well.

DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES

19.1. Information Sharing

Dean updated Council on the improvement of CNG fueling station.

POLICE SERVICES

20.1 Information Sharing

None.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

21.1 Budget Overview

Director Nunes began the budget presentation with the budget overview.

A. Ridge Creek Golf Course

Director Nunes presented the proposed budget for the Ridge Creek Golf Course. She informed Council that \$200k came from RDA fund to use as beginning cash start-up. Director Nunes invited Joe Wasaki, General Manager, to review key successes. Discussion was held regarding budget expenditures and revenues shown. After discussion, Mayor Wallace informed staff that he and the Council are in support of the golf course, stating it is a great attraction. The golf course has brought people in from out of state, which also brings revenue to Dinuba through hotel rentals and purchases at local stores.

B. City Council

C. City Attorney

D. City Manager's Office

The Governance Budget (City Council, City Attorney, and City Manager's Office) overview was presented by Director Nunes.

Director Nunes also presented Council with the City Engineer budget overview. Council Member Smith inquired on prior expenses to Quad compared to what is currently being paid. Director Nunes stated expenses depend on projects.

E. Finance & Community Services

The Finance & Community Services budget overview was presented by Director Nunes. She informed staff of changes taking place due to reorganization of departments and staff reductions. Mayor Wallace and Council commended Sports Supervisor John Carrillo for his hard work and inquired on changes that will occur as result of personnel reduction.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Mark Wallace, Mayor / Chair

ATTEST:

Azalia Chavez-Long, Admin. Assistant / Secretary