

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez

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

WORK SESSION

Mayor Smith opened the work session at 5:37 pm.

1.1. CWMA Budget

Director Beltran presented the CWMA Budget presentation for the City Council. She reviewed what the CWMA does for Dinuba and the dues of the Administrator. Beltran requested that the Council review and consider the information and provide the sitting board member with instruction on how to vote at the November 17 CWMA meeting with regard to proposed member dues calculations.

Beltran shared that some of the positives of being a part of the CWMA reflects the agency's individual diversion efforts; serves incentive increase recycling efforts; and provides reduced member dues.

Beltran shared that some of the negatives are that it provides increased member dues effective fiscal year 2012/13; and a reduction in member dues may result in need to increase revenues to fund the required program.

Council discussion followed.

Art Pena, who was present in the audience, was asked by the Council if he could provide numbers as to the services his company provides for Dinuba. He responded he would try to provide information in a couple weeks. He said there is much of which his facility is not in control.

City Manager Todd said we may never get to the real answers as the county may not keep those types of records. If one looks in the county's budget, there is a question that should be asked of Pena; what we have to be able to do is continue meeting obligations for diversion set by the state. Our contract with Pena's says they will meet those diversion rates. The question to Pena should be all things kept equal, can you (Pena's Disposal) do those without the programs. If he says yes, what happens to the tipping fee? He feels it's the primary issue. If Pena says they can meet it but may have to implement a 3-can system, which means changing costs, then we don't need the CWMA but if everyone pulls out of the CWMA and they come back with higher tipping rates, it's shooting ourselves in the foot.

Council discussion followed.

Pena cited ways to get "there" but it would cost. He recommended staying with the CWMA for at least one more year. Pena said that the Air Board is hammering down on all facilities.

City Manager Todd said we need to get the County's numbers.

Mayor Smith said he trusts the County less today than ever.

Council discussion followed.

City Manager Todd said rather than the board talking about some of the other issues, the County could be a lot better off. It would be interesting to know the residual. Todd said the County is likely making money off those tipping fees.

Pena said he too has tried to get information from county with no luck. The C & D program, he is not entirely sure why the County is subsidizing the program.

City manager Todd said if you're really trying to manage the system properly it should be based off tonnage. Population doesn't help you figure out what's going on.

Council discussion followed.

Council Member Hinesly was instructed by the City Council to vote for the tonnage method.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 pm.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Council Member Harness.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Gonzalez.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

5.1. Romelia Castillo

Mayor Smith presented Romelia Castillo with a certificate of appreciation for her efforts to bring the Traveling Veterans Memorial Wall to the surrounding communities. Others present were parade Grand Marshal Marquez and Fernie Cuevas.

A representative of the Cutler-Orosi Chamber of Commerce presented the Council and the police department with certificates of appreciation.

Chapter 643 of the Vietnam Veterans and the American Legion and Central Valley Vietnam Veterans also presented the Council with a certificate of appreciation.

The City Council thanked the organizations for their efforts in bringing the Memorial Wall to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1. Alta Family Health Clinic Community Event - Request for Street Closure, December 16, 2011

Thatcher Wong of the Alta Family Health Clinic was present to request authorization for a street closure on December 16, 2011 to hold a charitable community event as in years past.

City Manager Todd said the closure configuration will be the same as last year.

Council discussion followed.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Hinesly, second by Council Member Morales, to authorize the street closure as presented.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6.2. City of Dinuba Christmas Parade - Request for Street Closure, December 3, 2011

Director Nunes requested authorization for a street closure in order to hold the annual Christmas Parade on December 3, 2011.

Council discussion followed.

It was motioned by Council Member Morales, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to authorize the street closure as presented.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.3. Boy Scouts of America, Erica Morales

Erica Morales was present to give an update on the recent efforts to review the Boy Scouts troop in Dinuba. She reported that there are currently enrolled 15 youth from 5 elementary schools. There will be a meeting November 15 at Dinuba Memorial Building.

Present at the meeting was Peter McManus, a charter partner for the pack and troop, who reported that the organization is working hard and trying to get the program underway. He said the troop needs volunteers to help get it going.

Ms. Morales said flyers were distributed to youth at their schools and she is hopeful that it will be up and running prior to Thanksgiving. Several phone calls have been received and several members want to transfer to Dinuba from other units. The organization is looking to have all positions filled by the November 15 meeting. They expect to have cubs and scouts.

6.4. Dan Meinert, Dinuba EDC – Business Incentives for Save-Mart Building

Dinuba EDC Chair Meinert presented incentives for leasing the Save-Mart building. He reported the subject was discussed extensively at the EDC meeting. Save-mart currently leases the space but is not motivated to sublease the property. Save-mart has asked for programs or incentives to fill the space but none are available.

He requested that the Council consider:

1. Permit and inspection fee waivers and fast-tracking (5-10 day turn-around)
2. Rebates (currently empty space is not doing anything)

Meinert asked the Council to review and consider the information. He said the eastern commercial zone is hurting right now.

Mayor Smith asked who is asking for incentives.

Meinert said the owner of the business has asked for incentives. The EDC has talked about it for some time and thought it would be a good idea. The lease is scheduled until sometime in 2016.

Council discussion followed.

The Council asked that this item be brought back at a later date once staff has had time to consider some options for the council's consideration.

BREAK

Mayor / Chair Smith declared a break at 7:25 pm.

RECONVENE FROM BREAK

Mayor / Chair Smith reconvened the meeting at 7:39 pm.

6.5. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Status Report and Future Challenges

- Healthy Air Living Outreach Campaign

Arnauld Marjolin and Mike Carrera of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District presented some of the challenges faced by the valley concerning air pollution.

Marjolin shared some key points in the presentation:

Core values of valley air district
Physical environment creates a low tolerance for pollutant emissions
Implemented successful clean air strategies
San Joaquin valley population increase and emissions decreases
County air progress
Sources of air pollution
Federal mandates and sanctions
Innovative and transformative measures need to address air quality challenge
Grant funding increase
Public outreach programs

Council Member Morales asked what the air board could do to change out commercial lawnmowers.

Marjolin said those wishing to exchange conventional lawn mowers should contact the air board.

Council Member Morales said commercial trucks driving through the valley from other states cause much pollution.

Marjolin agreed and said trucks are a problem.

Council discussion followed.

6.6. Unscheduled

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1. City Council / Redevelopment Agency Joint Meeting, October 25, 2011
- 7.2. Acceptance – Other Agency Meeting Minutes
 - a. Dinuba Economic Development Committee, October 6, 2011
 - b. Citizens Oversight Committee, July 29, 2011
 - c. Historic Preservation Commission, September 12, 2011
 - d. Parks and Community Services Commission, September 20, 2011
 - e. Planning Commission, September 6, 2011
 - f. Police Advisory Commission, October 4, 2011
- 7.3. Parks and Community Services Draft Agenda, November 15, 2011
- 7.4. Master Development Schedule
- 7.5. Rescinding Resolution No 2008-59 Correcting a Clerical Error, Resolution No 2011-47
- 7.6. Ave 416/El Monte Way Widening Project-ROW Certificates of Acceptance
- 7.7. Set Hearing – Dinuba Transit Center / Chelsea Senior Apartments Project PG&E Rule 20A Application, November 22, 2011
- 7.8. Set Hearing –Acceptance of the Final Report for the close-out of the City’s CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance Grant (09-PTAE-6307), November 22, 2011

It was motioned by Council / Board Member Morales, second by Vice Mayor Hinesly, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

WARRANT REGISTER

- 8.1. Approval – City Council, October 28, November 4, 2011
- 8.2. Approval – Redevelopment Agency, October 28, November 4, 2011

It was motioned by Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Hinesly, second by Council / Board Member Morales, to approve the warrant register as presented.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MAYOR’S / CHAIR’S MINUTE

- 9.1. Information Sharing

None

COUNCIL /AGENCY COMMENTS

- 10.1. Senior Housing Project Name Selection

Assistant City Manager Anderson reported that the Council directed staff to seek proposed names from the senior community in finding a name for the Senior Housing Project. Anderson explained that if the one of the suggested names were selected, the winner will receive a gift certificate for dinner at a local restaurant.

The names submitted for consideration were:

- Children at Play
- Dinuba’s Golden Retreat
- Emperor’s Gardens
- Mariced Manor
- Harmony Enlightening Apartments
- Quail Hamlet
- Golden Community Apartments
- Mariposa Meadows

The Council considered the submitted names and entertained other proposed names amongst the council members.

- Mountain View
- Mountain View Place
- Emperor Estates
- Emperor Apartments

Council discussion followed.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Hinesly, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to select the name Emperor Estates.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 10.2. Appointment to San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Valley-wide Special City Selection Committee

City Manager Todd presented information in regard to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Valley-wide Special City Selection Committee. He explained that currently our city does

not have a primary committee member appointed but Council Member Morales is the alternate member. City Manager Todd requested that the City Council consider and appoint a primary committee member to the Valley-wide Special City Selection Committee.

The Council considered the recommendation and discussed the duties of the committee appointment.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Hinesly, second by Council Member Gonzalez to appoint Mayor Smith as Dinuba's primary appointee to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Valley-wide Special City Selection Committee.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10.3. Solar Plant Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, December 6, 2011; 10:00 a.m.

City Manager Todd reminded the Council that the Solar Plant Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the wastewater treatment facility will be held on December 6.

10.4. Reminder – Chelsea Housing Development Event, November 10, 2011, Bakersfield

City Manager Todd invited the Council to attend the Chelsea Housing Development Event on November 10 along with staff.

10.5. Reminder – Neighborhood Meeting, November 10, 2011

Council Member Harness will hold a neighborhood meeting for District 3 and update the residents on what the EDC is doing in regard to the Save Mart shopping center among other things happening in the district.

10.6. Reminder – Madrigals & Dinuba Service Clubs Harvest Fundraiser Dinner, November 11, 2011

10.7. Information Sharing

None

CITY ATTORNEY

11.1. Information Sharing

None

CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12.1. Information Sharing

City Manager Todd shared information in regard to the earlier proposal by the Dinuba EDC. Todd said one thought that came to him from that discussion is the possibility of making the incentives specific to any building that's been empty for 24 months. That will focus on bringing opportunities to everyone and be seen by the community as bringing jobs, filling empty buildings and offering tax incentives.

Mayor Smith he would like to see it tied to a reduced lease rate.

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

13.1. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 First Quarter Financial Reports

Budget Manager Cook shared the financial reports for the first quarter of fiscal year 2011-2012 with the Council and requested that the Council consider the reports and authorize staff to file them as presented.

It was motioned by Council / Board Member Morales, second by Council / Board Member Gonzalez to file the reports as presented.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

13.2. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Amendments

Budget Manager Cook presented the budget amendments to the City Council / Board for consideration. Cook requested that the Council review the amendments and approve them.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Hinesly, second by Council / Board Member Harness, to approve the FY 2011-2012 budget amendments as presented.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

13.3. Request Co-sponsorship – Anniversary Re-enactment of Korean Independence Parade, March 3, 2012

Director Nunes shared staff was contacted by the Central California Korean Delegation who requested assistance with a commemorative parade similar to one that was held 100 years ago by Dinuba's Korean community. Nunes requested that the Council consider cosponsoring the event.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Hinesly, second by Council Member Harness, to cosponsor the parade event.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

13.4. Information Sharing

Director Nunes shared that the Christmas parade and tree lighting will be held on December 3. This year the event will be held at the Entertainment Plaza on a newly planted tree. Nunes reported that there will be a picket fence around the tree to protect it and she invited City Council to ride on fire truck with Santa in the parade.

Vice Mayor Hinesly asked what happened to the plans to have an ice skating rink for the holidays.

Staff said they would look into the matter.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

14.1. Information Sharing

Engineer Uota shared that the public works warehouse construction is underway. The El Monte Way widening project is progressing well with about six property owners left to negotiate with for property.

The town ditch piping project for Adventist Healthcare is going before the Alta Irrigation District Board on Thursday.

Uota shared that it looks as though Perko's will reopen sometime in December instead of November as previously reported.

FIRE SERVICES

15.1. Authorization to Surplus Used and Out-of-Date Equipment

Chief Thompson requested authorization to surplus retired equipment. He explained that the items are still usable in non-safety applications and therefore of no use for firefighting operations.

Council discussion followed as to who might benefit from the use of the items and the Council directed Thompson to check with sister cities.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Hinesly, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to authorize staff to surplus the equipment.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

15.2. Authorization to Allocate Two (2) Full-time (temporary) Positions

Chief Thompson presented a request to hire two full-time/temporary positions for the fire department. Thompson explained that this request is a result of a temporary loss of four employees over the next year and a half (two through active military duty and two through family medical leave). The department currently has five positions not occupied due to various reasons. This means that there will be a shortage of nine positions in the department.

Thompson explained that staff is requesting the allocation of two new full-time, temporary positions funding them for 18 months funded benefits of the current fiscal year. the remainder of the positions will be staffed with paid call firefighters.

Council discussion followed.

It was motioned by Council Member Morales, second by Vice Mayor Hinesly, to authorize the allocation of two full-time/temporary firefighter positions and authorize the appropriation of an additional \$60,000 for the final six months of the current fiscal year.

AYES: Harness, Hinesly, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

15.3. Information Sharing

None

POLICE SERVICES

16.1. Information Sharing

Chief Olvera shared an update of information about the Police Survey which is ongoing. Chief Olvera shared he attended the Chief's Association meeting last week.

PUBLIC WORKS

17.1. Action of the Planning Commission, November 1, 2011

Director Beltran shared the action of the Planning Commission at the meeting of November 1, 2011.

17.2. Information Sharing

None

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

18.1. Personnel Matters

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the City Council met in closed session with City Attorney McCloskey to discuss personnel matters.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor / Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.

Mike Smith, Mayor / Chair

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley
Deputy City Clerk / Secretary