

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Gonzalez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Barkley, Beltran, Nunes, Popovich, Thompson, Todd

WORK SESSION

1.1. Ted Smalley, TCAG Executive Director - Expenditure Plan Amendment No 3 Workshop

Ted Smalley TCAG Executive Director was present with some of his staff, Deputy Director Ben Kimball and Fiscal Manager Leslie Davis

Smalley shared the expenditure plan amendment elements with the City Council:

- Measure R Summary
- Local Program 35%
- Transit/Bike/Environmental Program 14%
- Transit/Bike/Environmental Funding Outlook
- Regional Program 50%
- Amendments to the Expenditure Plan
- Schedule for Amendment Three Consideration
- Agency Requests Summary –n Transit/Bike/Environmental Program
- Bike/Pedestrian Summary
- Agency Requests Summary Regional Program

Public Works Director Beltran spoke to the measure R Transit / Bike Category Expansion Projects which included:

- Transit Expansion – Dinuba Connection – Dinuba/Reedley Route
- Bike Projects – No Bike Projects have been implemented
- Support for Transit / Bike / Pedestrian Programs
- Recent Transit Expansion Projects
- Efforts for Bike / Pedestrian Projects
- Future Transit and Bike / Pedestrian Projects
- Expenditure Plan Amendment Request
- Annual \$75,000 allocation for Transit Expansion in Dinuba
- Staff requests \$450,000 be allocated (\$18,750 annual allocation) as a line item in the Measure R budget for the City of Dinuba for bike/pedestrian projects
- Dinuba staff challenged TCAG staff to make it work

Executive Director Smalley said the City of Visalia is the only City who has asked for a competitive funding program but Smalley said he accepts the challenge as requested by staff. Smalley said the program was not completely expended but some money was left for future projects.

Henry Rios, DUSD Transportation Director, concurred with what Director Beltran shared and said he is in favor of the transit improvements.

Dan Meinert, 868 Sequoia Drive, said the proposed Amendment 3 to the expenditure plan is a good step for clean air projects; there is plenty of revenue projected and it should be supported by TCAG. He encouraged TCAG to approve the request made by city staff.

Meinert said a grant system for project funding as proposed by the City of Visalia would make the process a hardship for smaller communities. If agencies choose not to use the funds then the funds may be returned to a competitive process. Measure R is here because of what occurred in the county in recent years. It's been a good thing for the county with millions of dollars being put to use for the surrounding areas. It's only fitting that this part of the county should receive some of the funds as Best Buy and Walmart are huge contributors to Measure R funds.

Steve Worthley, Supervisor District 4, when Measure R was proposed, it was a quick action. Cities like Visalia were project ready for the Measure R monies while smaller communities like Dinuba were not prepared because they were absorbed with other road projects like the widening of Avenue 416.

David Nave, MV Transportation, 1215 West Evergreen, Visalia, said MV began the Dinuba transit system with one bus route and it's since grown to four. He talked about serving the senior citizen population and the students. He said he feels we are on the right track and, he feels competing for the money will take away funding for the smaller communities.

Rosa and Ashley Jaime, 1288 Nutcracker Avenue, and Sandy Sills, 210 No L Street, spoke in favor of bicycle lanes.

Mayor Hinesly adjourned the work session at 6:27 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:53 pm.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Sussee.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was also led by Chaplain Sussee.

NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTION

5.1. Public Works

Public Works Director Beltran introduced two newly hired employees to the City Council; Joe Chavarria, custodian and Eric Jump, mechanic.

The City Council welcomed the new employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1. Expenditure Plan Amendment No 3
No comments from the public were brought forward.

6.2. Community Input on Police Chief Selection Process

City Manager Todd said this item is on the agenda and will remain on future agendas until the hiring of the new police chief. It's an opportunity for the public to give their input on the selection of the police chief.

6.3. Unscheduled

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1. City Council Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2013
- 7.2. City Council Special Meeting Minutes, January 22; February 12, 2013
A request for consideration and approval of draft minutes dated February 12, 2013
- 7.3. Set Hearing – Final Grantee Performance Report for the City's 2009-STBG-6448 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), March 12, 2013
A request to the City Council to set a hearing in regard to a CDBG Grant
- 7.4. Notice of Completion – Emperor Estates Offsite Improvements
A request for Authorization to file a notice for offsite completed improvements
- 7.5. Quit Claim Deeds - Street Vacation (abandonment) of a Portion of "L" Street and "M" Street, Application No. 2012-14

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

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

WARRANT REGISTER

8.1. Approval –Warrant Register, February 15, 22, 2013

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

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

MAYOR'S MINUTE

9.1. Information Sharing

Mayor Hinesly said she attended the Division League of Cities meeting last Thursday and the focus and conversation of the presentation was about realignment; and, the impact on county jails.

Mayor Hinesly announced the fire engine pull is scheduled for March 9.

She said that Port of Subs is promoting a specific fundraiser to benefit Relay for Life that can be used on March 16 and 17 compliments of Glen and Mardell Surabian.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

10.1. Reminder - Grand Opening Emperor Estates Senior Housing Complex, March 6, 2013; 11:30 am

Assistant City Manager Anderson shared information with the City Council about the grand opening of the Emperor Estates Senior Housing Complex on March 6, 2013.

10.2. Information Sharing

Council Member Harness shared he was ill and was unable to attend the League Division meeting.

Council Member Smith shared he will be unable to attend the Emperor Estates grand opening.

Vice Mayor Morales and Council Member Smith commended staff for the League Division meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

11.2. Palm Drive Striping Plan

Public Works Director Beltran requested that the City Council give the public an opportunity a chance to comment on the striping plan for Palm Drive which was developed by Four Creeks. The proposed plan includes diagonal and parallel spaces in the middle of the street. Beltran reported the City Council has the authority to decide how the parking plan is laid out.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing but there being no comments from the public, closed it.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the Palm Drive Striping Plan as presented.

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

CITY ATTORNEY

12.1. Information Sharing

None

CITY MANAGER

13.1. Police Chief Selection Process

City Manager Todd reported that the Police Chief recently retired and its staff's intent to hire a new police chief soon. Recruitment began in January and ended February 15. There were 16 responses which will be screened for basic requirements; once preliminary screening is completed, the successful candidates will move further along in the process. Todd said the public is urged to make comments in regard to characteristics they would like to see in a police chief. Todd explained the process and said it's expected to be completed in May.

13.2. Meet and Confer

This item was conducted in closed session

13.3. Information Sharing

City Manager Todd briefly reported about the League Division meeting.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES

14.1. Authorization to Request Proposals for Avenue 416 Construction Manager

Director Beltran reported that the item is a request for authorization to request proposals for the Avenue 416 Construction Manager position. Bid advertisements are expected to be done in April and construction should begin in June. A full time project manager is needed for the project because of the scale which involves dealing with businesses, residents and contractors. The contract would be covered by Measure R funding so there is no fiscal impact to the City.

City Manager Todd said the firm will be one that normally handles this type of service.

Mayor Hinesly said she met with business owners who will be impacted by the West El Monte business owners. Mayor Hinesly said she would like to direct the manager to build relationships with them even prior to breaking ground on the project.

Council Member Smith said as a result of a recent discussion about Road 80 and Avenue 416 traffic control he hopes they use a certified traffic manager.

Building Official Hartley said it will be written into the contract.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to authorize staff to request proposals for the Avenue 416 Construction Manager position.

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

14.2. Information Sharing

None

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

15.1. FY 2012-13 Mid-year Financial Report

Finance Manager Cook presented the Mid-year Financial Report and requested that the City Council consider and accept it as presented.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith to accept the FY 2012-2013 Mid-year Financial Report.

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

15.2. Information Sharing

Director Nunes shared the following information with the City Council:

The Dinuba Recreation and Activity Center (DRAC) design is finished and will be advertised for bid on February 28. The bid opening should be held mid to end of March and the project is expected to be completed by October or November.

Director Nunes said staff has been working with Robert Newby from the County on the purchase of the former courthouse building and a building tour is scheduled for Friday at 8:30 am.

Construction has begun on the softball field at K/C Vista Park.

Staff has been working with the Department of Finance in regard to the audited report.

Departments are preparing their budgets and due at the end of the week.

Nunes shared she spoke to the Republican Women's Club and she shared the Council goals with the group.

FIRE SERVICES

16.1. Information Sharing

Chief Thompson reported the Firefighters Association will support the Children's Hospital Kids Day fundraiser on March 5 by selling newspapers at El Monte Way/Alta intersection.

POLICE SERVICES

17.1. Project Listen Meeting, Dinuba Memorial Building, February 28, 2013; 6:00 pm

Chief Popovich reported that the meeting notice is a reminder of the upcoming public meeting.

17.2. Information Sharing

Chief Popovich said the Neighborhood Watch meeting was held tonight at the Christian Church and he reported on two more upcoming meetings.

He added the police volunteers will also participate in the Kids Day fundraiser.

PUBLIC WORKS

18.1. Request Authorization to Apply for the 2013 CalHOME Grant, Resolution No 2013-04

Business Manager Avila presented a request for authorization to apply for the 2013 CalHOME Grant.

Avila requested authorization to contract with Self-Help Enterprises for a fee not to exceed \$20,000. There is no grant administration built into the grant for CalHOME grant application.

Director Beltran pointed out that the expense for administration costs would only be on the occasion that we are awarded the grant and would be over a three year period.

Mayor Hinesly asked how many years staff has applied for the grant. Avila responded the last time was in 2011 and we were not successful.

It was motioned by Council Member Morales, second by Council Member Smith, to approve the authorization to apply for the 2013 CalHOME Grant and adopt Resolution No 2013-04.

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

18.2. Information Sharing

Director Beltran said the spring cleanup will be held on April 27 this year.
The Wastewater Supervisor is retiring and management is looking to backfill the position.

Mayor Hinesly asked the availability of Pena's Disposal for document shredding and what the cost might be; Beltran said she will look into it.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

19.1. Meet and Confer

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council met in closed session with City Manager Todd to discuss Meet and Confer.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Janet C Hinesly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk