

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Harness, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Smith

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Sgt. Irriarte.

NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTION

4.1. Finance and Community Services

Director Nunes introduced Gary Turner, landscape maintenance worker newly hired in Community Services.

4.2. Fire Services

Chief Thompson introduced newly hired paid-call firefighters, Anthony Casso, Joseph Garcia, Alfredo Medina, Freddie Santos, Remy Pipkin, and Jerry Mora.

4.3. Public Works

Director Beltran introduced Denis Richardson newly hired mechanic in Public Works.

The City Council welcomed the new employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hinesly thanked Supervisor Worthley for his participation in the Pulling for the Cure Tricycle Race and presented him with a mock proclamation and picture of the event. Supervisor Worthley thanked the City Council for the tongue in cheek recognition and said he enjoyed participating in the event.

5.4. Steve Worthley, Tulare County Supervisor

Supervisor Worthley stated that Dinuba will receive the landfill's 50% discounted rate during participation in the spring cleanup event.

The City Council conveyed their approval and gratitude for Worthley's help in attaining the former court house.

5.1. Roy Cotton, ADHS 50th Anniversary Dinner, May 26, 2013; 2:00 pm

Cotton was present to announce the Alta District Historic Society will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in May and he invited the council and staff to the event.

5.2. Mark Carrion – Youth Baseball Concerns

Carrion was present to bring forward concerns in regard to the youth sports program. He said the rookie league players want use of the scoreboard during their games. He conveyed that parents and coaches are also in agreement.

Director Nunes said Carrion is a City Parks Commissioner and the Commission has conducted a survey and, out of those families that took the survey, 54 responses were returned. The results were split evenly. The Commission discussed the survey and as a result recommended using the scoreboard for the last 4 games of the season. Once those games have been evaluated the Commission recommends conducting a second survey on the 4 games to see how the group feels about using the scoreboard. There is a concern that if scoring is used too soon, the young players will burn out at an early age and not want to participate in the sport as a result. Nunes reported that most of the coaches want to try it and some of the parents want to as well. She referred to the staff report that she said she would present later in the agenda.

Mayor Hinesly asked if there is additional expense and Nunes said yes, \$1100 for the season.

Carrion said using the scoreboard will help the players as they move on to the next level in the program.

5.3. Esther Petlachi, Candidate for Assembly Member, District 26

Ms. Petlachi announced her candidacy for Assembly Member of the 26th District. She stated a couple of her platforms are stimulating and building stronger education and creating a stronger workforce.

The City Council thanked Petlachi for her interest in representing the 26th District.

5.5. Unscheduled
None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6.1. City Council Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2013
- 6.2. Claim for Consideration – Ruth Sanchez
- 6.3. Street Closure Request - Suspend Relay for Life Banner Across Alta Avenue, April 1-14, 2013
- 6.4. Set Hearing - Adjustments to Fees, Charges and Fines, April 23, 2013
- 6.5. Notice of Completion - WWRF Headworks Roof Replacement
- 6.6. Certificates of Acceptance - Avenue 416/El Monte Way Right-of-Way and Property Acquisition, APN 012-320-001; 002; 003

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

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

WARRANT REGISTER

7.1. Approval –Warrant Register, March 15, 22, 2013

It was motioned by Council Member Gonzalez, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the warrant register as presented.

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

MAYOR'S MINUTE

8.1. Relay for Life Proclamation 2013-01

Mayor Hinesly presented the proclamation to Relay for Life co-chair Deann Stailey.

8.2. Information Sharing

Mayor Hinesly said she attended the Spring Fling and it was a larger turn out than past participation.

Director Nunes said that over 500 families took pictures at the Spring Fling this year.

Mayor Hinesly said the fire engine pull successful and raised over \$4,000. Mayor Hinesly reported the date for next year's event has been set for April 5, 2014 and new categories have been added for next year's event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

9.1. Information Sharing

Council Member Harness said he enjoyed the Spring Fling and was glad to help the Mayor at the event.

Council Member Gonzalez said he attended the Relay for Life fundraiser Chili Cook-off and enjoyed the event which raised \$12,000 for the annual Relay event. He mentioned that city employee Daniel James won the competition.

CITY ATTORNEY

10.1. Information Sharing

None

CITY MANAGER

11.1. Information Sharing

The City Council appointed Council Member Smith to present a plaque to the Reedley City Council at their meeting on April 9 and will be accompanied by city staff.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES

12.1. El Monte Way/Hayes Avenue Lighted Crosswalk Systems Project – Rescind and Award to Hobbs Construction, Inc.

Director Beltran shared the information in regard to the El Monte Way/Hayes Avenue Lighted Crosswalk Systems Project as Engineer Uota was absent. Beltan requested that the City Council reconsider the bids received for the subject Lighted Crosswalk Project, rescind the previous award to RDA Construction and award the construction contract to Hobbs Construction the second lowest responsive bidder.

She reported that staff received bids in October for the project and subsequently awarded it to RDA Construction. Staff has been trying to get a signed contract from RDA Construction to no avail. Beltran requested the award of bid be rescinded and the project be awarded to Hobbs Construction.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to rescind the previously awarded contract to RDA Construction and to award the project contract to Hobbs Construction Inc.

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

Council Member Harness said Hayes Avenue looks very nice since its improvement.

12.2. Information Sharing

None

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

13.1. Youth Softball Scorekeeping Proposal

Director Nunes said the item is to adjust what is currently done within the Rookie Division in regard to scorekeeping. She explained the request. She reported the fiscal impact is \$1,140 for the next full season which is 80 games.

Council Member Harness said he supports the coaches on the proposal. Vice Mayor Morales agreed with Council Member Harness as did Council Member Gonzalez.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Harness to implement scorekeeping in the last four games of the 2013 season as proposed.

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

13.2. CalPERS Update

Director Nunes said that the CalPers Board met on March 19 and as a result recommended to shorten the smoothing period of gains and losses down from 15 years to 5 years. It would mean that in years where there is much loss/gain, the loss/gains would be realized sooner. This would also mean we would realize rate increases; 10% in safety and 8% in miscellaneous employees.

CalPers will come back and increase mortality rates on participants, they feel people will be living longer and it would mean increases in their rates. Nunes reported that we are looking at large increases. She referred to our sustainability plan and the proposed increases and said it would mean \$550,000 to \$600,000 per year hit to the general fund. Nunes said she will be placing it in the forecast as it has not been in the forecast in the past.

Council discussion followed.

13.3. Information Sharing

The Spring Fling was a successful event and Nunes thanked those who attended and helped with the event. The after school program participants went to the movies. The Senior Center had their annual potato and soup bar fundraiser and, the annual spaghetti feed will be held April 13.

FIRE SERVICES

14.1. Information Sharing

None

POLICE SERVICES

15.1. Information Sharing

Sgt. Irriarte reported that on March 6 there was a robbery at a local bank and on March 19 a suspect was arrested.

The council thanked the police staff and the community for efforts leading to the capture of the suspected bank robber.

PUBLIC WORKS

16.1. 25th Annual Spring Clean-up Event, April 27, 2013

Director Beltran requested the annual clean-up event be considered for approval. This year an added feature will be offered in the form of paper shredding. Beltran mentioned that Supervisor Worthley addressed the 1/2 price tipping fee; the other change is the household hazardous waste event that the county has each year will occur at the county fire station, also on April 20.

It was requested that the Council authorize the event for April 27 and for staff to execute the agreement.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to authorize the annual Spring Clean-up event and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with The Gas Company.

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

16.2. Authorization - "Ride the Transit for Free Day," April 4, 2013

Director Beltran said this is a request for authorization for Dinuba to participate in the ride for free event. Director Beltran said this would be on the fixed route only and won't include the dial-a-ride.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to authorize the "Ride the Transit for Free Day" as specified.

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

Mayor Hinesly asked Beltran to share comments delivered at the public hearing for transit unmet needs.

Director Beltran said for the first time in 10 years she's been attending the public hearings, the comments were for the most part expressed as "thank you's."

Discussion followed.

16.3. Public Works Expansion Needs Discussion

Beltran said this is a request for Council to authorize staff to explore possibilities for expansion of the public works site. She explained the current situation vs. the ideal situation. Beltran said Acquire additional property and there is property located behind the current public works site.

Authorize staff to continue to explore possibilities.

Council Member Morales said it only makes sense to acquire the property as we are near capacity.

Director Beltran said she along with staff toured the south edge of the property and it seems that it would be a natural progression.

Council Member Harness asked why we don't use currently use city owned property for the cleanup site.

City Manager Todd said the site was chosen because of its hard surface and location and it's been used for many years.

16.4. Information Sharing

Director Beltran shared that concerns that were expressed at the last City Council meeting by Mark Carrion. Since then, she, Police Chief Popovich, Frank Rios and two other fellows from the school district along with Ismael Hernandez, all met at the area described by Carrion. She said the configuration was examined and they came up with some changes to improve the situation.

City Manager Todd referred to a press release received by the Finance Department and Director Nunes said that the Finance Department received the distinguished budget award and that only 1,328 cities in the United States received the award. She said the City's budget met all the qualifications for the award and she said this is the second time being awarded this honor. Nunes said it was her staff that deserves congratulations.

The Council conveyed their congratulations and asked Nunes to convey them to her staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Janet C. Hinesly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk