

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Beltran, Barkley, Carrillo, Cook, McCloskey, Nunes, Popovich, Thompson, Todd, Uota

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 5:31 pm.

WORK SESSION

2.1. Dinuba Economic Development Committee

City Manager Todd said staff has been trying to identify the EDCs roll now that there is no longer a City Redevelopment Agency. Todd said that for last two months he and Assistant City Manager Anderson have worked closely with the EDC members to identify with their vision of the reconstruction of the committee.

Dan Meinert, EDC Chair, was present and recapped the committee's background. The EDC was created in 1987 by a resolution of City Council and subsequently as of January 2012, the EDC does not technically exist as an agency because of the abolishment of Redevelopment Agencies.

In the past the EDC has been important to economic development efforts and was instrumental in attracting large businesses. The EDC has been heavily involved in trying to figure out how to re-form the EDC. Meinert said the group agreed the committee should have goals and adopting a resolution to re-form the committee would be wise. The committee of 15 members is difficult to keep staffed. It has not been fully staffed for two years. The group feels that 9 is a good number for the re-formed committee, assuming the City Council agrees. The members would have staggered terms with a broad representation but involved with economic development activities. Meinert said the committee may have to be approved by ordinance instead of a resolution and added that the committee would be better as a commission. Meinert said he feels if it were a commission, the members would be more inclined to feel as though there is more merit to their existence as a body. Meinert proposed a draft resolution.

Council Member Smith said he would like to see business people appointed to the commission. He questioned the proposed number of members.

Meinert said the committee discussed 12 members but felt it would function best with 9.

Council Member Harness asked about plans the committee may have for the east side of the city.

Meinert said the commission could be instructed to work on a strategic plan for that area.

Council Member Smith asked what staff members would staff those commission meetings.

City Manager Todd said he and Anderson do so presently.

Discussion followed.

Todd said goal setting is key and further discussion about membership followed. Todd said the council could leave the current EDC as an ad hoc committee until an ordinance could be brought back and officially adopted.

The Council agreed to validate the existing committee for the short term as an ad hoc committee, refine an ordinance and bring back for the City Council's consideration and adoption.

Present at the meeting currently serving on the EDC were:

Trinidad Rodriguez, Proteus, Inc.
John Drew, retired - Kearney Ag Service
Robert Rocca, independent businessman
Albert Zendejas, C-Set
Ray Millard, retired
Paulie Romero, retired

City Manager Todd said we need to think about the east side and try to revitalize it. He added that it's important to get the ordinance and the committee members in place.

BREAK

Mayor Hinesly declared a break at 6:17 pm.

RECONVENE FROM BREAK

Mayor Hinesly convened the regular meeting at 6:30 pm.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by City Attorney McCloskey.

DINUBA HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASS

Mayor Hinesly introduced the Dinuba High School Leadership Class members that were present.

- Jaclyn Contreras
- Samuel Delgadillo

- Ivana-Beija Faria
- Chloe Quintana

Members not present were:

- Anessa Lopez
- Valerie Mercado

Mayor Hinesly asked the class to introduce themselves and their class project. The class members explained the project as “Pay it Forward” as random acts of kindness.

Some of the Random Acts of Kindness by the class have been:

- Purchase of Easter baskets for the less unfortunate and delivered them anonymously.
- Fund-raised and private contributions of \$650 were disbursed.
- Gave away gas cards; paid for groceries, awarded a Les Schwab Tires certificate, gave away free baked goods at a car wash.

The group was asked how it’s changed their lives and they responded:

- Class members said they’ve adopted it into their own lives and are still paying it forward on their own.
- The projects are both large and small and average about ten per week.

Mayor Hinesly said she was impressed by the group and what they’ve done.

Council Member Harness thanked them and said that times are tough and there are many opportunities for random acts of kindness.

Council Member Gonzalez and Smith conveyed the same thoughts

EXCUSE MAYOR HINESLY TO ATTEND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Mayor Hinesly left the dais at 6:43 pm to address graduates at the Alternative Education commencement.

Vice Mayor Morales presided over the meeting while Mayor Hinesly attended Alternative Education commencement exercises.

Vice Mayor Morales thanked the students and presented each with a City tumbler.

NEW EMPLOYEES & PROMOTIONS

7.1. Community Services

Director Carrillo introduced Danelle Zavala recently promoted to sports coordinator in Community Services.

7.2. Public Works

Director Beltran introduced Michael Martinez recently hired as a part time custodian.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8.1. Kasey Oliver - Street Closure Request for Block Party, June 29, 2013

Kasey Oliver and Kelly Martin were present to request a street right of way closure in order to hold a block party and invited their Council Member to attend.

It was motioned by Council Member Gonzalez, second by Council Member Harness, to approve the request for street closure as proposed.

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

8.2. Unscheduled

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 9.1. City Council Budget Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2013
- 9.2. City Council Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2013
- 9.3. Notice of Completion
 - a. Dinuba Recreation and Activities Center Demolition
 - b. Hayes Avenue Improvements
- 9.4. Avenue 416/El Monte Way Widening Project Rights-of-Way and Property Acquisition Certificates of Acceptance
- 9.5. College of Sequoias Student Summer Transit Pass Program TCAG Agreement Amendment 4
- 9.6. Set Hearing – General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, Application 2013-02, June 11, 2013
- 9.7. Updated Target Employment Areas for the Sequoia Valley Enterprise Zone, Resolution No 2013-08

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

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

WARRANT REGISTER

10.1. Approval –Warrant Register, May 17, 24, 2013

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith, to approve the warrant register as presented.

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

MAYOR’S MINUTE

11.3. Information Sharing

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

12.1. Request for Appointment to City Committees / Commissions

- a. Historic Preservation Commission
 - Myles Chute
 - Roy Orosco
- b. Police Advisory Commission
 - Roy Orosco

City Manager Todd presented the request for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission by Myles Chute and Roy Orosco.

Orosco was present, Chute was not.

Roy Orosco , 1806 Asa Gray Way, said he’s applied to both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Police Advisory Commission. Orosco stated he prefers to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Member Harness commented that there are so many vacancies on several commissions and we have two people applying for the same one. He asked if there is a way to appoint both to the Historic Preservation Commission.

City Manager Todd said the Council could appoint one as an alternate.

The Council asked Orosco why he wants to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission and he said he understands how research is conducted because he is a history major. He told a story about a helicopter he researched.

Council Member Harness motioned to appoint Orosco to the Historic Preservation Commission, the motion died for lack of a second.

Council Member Smith said Myles Chute worked in the city for many years and he is dedicated to history. Gonzalez agreed with Smith about Chute.

Orosco said Myles Chute has the benefit of being born first.

Council discussion followed.

Orosco said he hasn't been doing things as long as Myles Chute nor is he of the same age but he said when he joined the American Legion, he was told "they need younger blood to carry on the history." He said the lasting legacy he's personally contributed is the logo at Dinuba High School and he said he wants to continue the legacy. He said if people his age don't carry the legacy it would die.

Vice Mayor Morales tabled the item until Mayor Hinesly's return to the meeting.

12.2. Resignation from Police Advisory Commission - Peter McManus

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith, to accept the resignation of Commissioner Peter McManus as presented.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Morales, Gonzalez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hinesly

12.3. Information Sharing

Council Member Smith said he attended the Memorial Day service at the cemetery and the retirement party for Rolando Marroquin.

Council Member Harness said he attended the Historical Society anniversary; Marroquin's dinner event and the Memorial Day service.

Council Member Gonzalez said he attended Marroquin's dinner.

Vice Mayor Morales attended Marroquin's dinner and the Memorial Day service.

CITY ATTORNEY

13.1. Information Sharing

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES

14.1. Summer Night Lights Program

- Authorization for Exclusive Use of the Entertainment Plaza
- Authorization to Extend Transit Services

Events Coordinator Hurtado presented information in regard to the Summer Night Lights Program to the City Council. Hurtado requested authorization for exclusive use of the Entertainment Plaza and authorization to extend transit services for the event.

Director Carrillo said a story in the Visalia Times-Delta reported that Dinuba's event was the most attended out of all Tulare County participants.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith, to authorize participation in the event, exclusive use of the Entertainment Plaza and authorization to extend transit services for the event.

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

Mayor Hinesly returned to the meeting at 7:23 pm.

14.2. Authorization to Request Proposals for City Landscaping Services

Director Carrillo presented a report requesting authorization to formally solicit proposals for City Landscaping Services. Carrillo said the City for several years has contracted landscape services for parks, lighting & landscaping districts, open space, and the downtown area. Over the last couple of years, we have added several city sites requiring maintenance services, including the remainder of the Viscaya & Muirfield subdivisions. Services included in the contract are general mowing, edging, blowing, debris removal and light pruning of sites, open space, and landscaped areas. If the Council authorizes staff accordingly contract bids will be opened on June 20, 2013 at 2:00pm. A pre-bid conference and walk-through will be held on June 17, 2013.

Carrillo requested authorization to request proposals for the contract services of the Landscape Contract as proposed.

Council Member Harness said this is a big project and he asked if local contractors receive same preferences. Deputy City Manager Nunes responded, "yes they do."

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to authorize staff to formally request proposals for landscaping services as presented.

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

14.3. Information Sharing

Director Carrillo said the aquatics program will begin soon.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES

15.1. Information Sharing

None

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12.1. Request for Appointment to City Committees / Commissions

- a. Historic Preservation Commission
 - Myles Chute
 - Roy Orosco

City Manager Todd reiterated the prior discussion for Mayor Hinesly who was absent during that discussion about the appointment to City Committees and Commissions.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Vice Mayor Morales to appoint Orosco to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

- b. Police Advisory Commission
 - Roy Orosco

Vice Mayor Morales asked Orosco if he is appointed to both commissions will he have time to serve on each.

Orosco said he has the time to serve on both commissions.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to appoint Orosco to the Police Advisory Commission.

AYES: Harness, Morales, Gonzalez

NOES: Smith, Hinesly

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

FINANCE SERVICES

16.1. Information Sharing

Finance Director Cook reported that a letter was unexpectedly received from the Department of Finance instructing that the City of Dinuba needs to remit to them \$1.1 million dollars. After reviewing it, staff notified them that there are issues with the request. Deputy City Manager Nunes and Finance Director Cook went to Sacramento along with the City's lobbyist to meet with DOF staff. Cook reported that the meeting went well and staff feels positive about the results. The major contentions of the discussion were a math problem and the RCR project. Cook reported that staff will keep the Council apprised of the results of the meeting.

FIRE SERVICE

17.1. Information Sharing

Chief Thompson said fire personnel responded last Monday to a structure fire. He showed some pictures of the fire. Chief Thompson said one of the Council's goal is to hire a fire inspector. Public Works may have found a way to fund a part-time person for the position. Chief Thompson said the building had some fire safety issues.

Director Beltran reiterated Thompson's comments about safety issues on North Alta. She commented that the City was not involved when those buildings were built and she added, there have been other code enforcement issues in the past in the area. Staff will bring back the discussion at a later date.

Chief Thompson said there was plenty of water to handle the fire and the department was assisted by .

Todd talked about the necessity for fire prevention but need resources to be effective. Will bring this back sooner than anticipated to get approval for position.

Chief Thompson reported there was also a structure fire on Magnolia Way on Sunday. Upon arriving at the scene it was fully involved but fortunately upon the chief's arrival the fire was in the out buildings that caught fire and not the house. No one was hurt or displaced as a result.

Chief Thompson reported that the Firefighters participated in the Fill the Boot last weekend and the goal was exceeded; they raised \$6700 for MDA.

Council Member Smith talked asked questions about the structure fire and asked if all the crews have been exposed to firefighting.

Chief Thompson said two of the three crews have been exposed.

CITY MANAGER

18.1. HOME Funding - Application Requests

Assistant City Manager Anderson reported that there are two applicants this year vying for HOME funding.

Davis Slajchert, of Willow Partners was here last year and presented a request for HOME funding participation for a 77-unit project but the application was not approved. Slajchert was present and said Willow Partners will propose once again the Council's support of their application for the project.

Council discussion followed.

Anderson reported that both applicants, Willow Partners and Chelsea Investment Group will be present at the next Council meeting to request the Council's consideration to support their projects.

BREAK

Mayor Hinesly declared a break at 8:17 pm.

RECONVENE

Mayor Hinesly reconvened the meeting at 8:26 pm.

18.2. Dr. Kuldip Thusu - Lease Purchase Proposal - Dinuba Vocational Center

Dr. Thusu was present along with several others in support of his lease purchase proposal of the Dinuba Vocational Center.

Dr. Thusu shared history of what has occurred since he proposed buying the property. In all, 16 supporters spoke to the doctor's dedication to the community and the value of the proposed educational center.

Mayor Hinesly complimented the group and the doctor and said the Council will take all they heard and apply it to the final decision.

Council Member Smith asked for clarification, if the doctor had offered \$1.4 million on April 9, 2013 for the facility. Dr. Thusu replied yes.

BREAK

Mayor Hinesly declared a break at 9:37 pm.

RECONVENE FROM BREAK

Mayor Hinesly reconvened the meeting at 9:41 pm.

18.3. Meet and Confer (Closed Session action as warranted)

A closed session item.

18.4. Information Sharing

Director Carrillo said staff wants to partner with the Chamber of Commerce and Dinuba Woman's Club for the Art in the Park event next year. He explained that staff feels after experiencing this year's event it can be done more effectively for the community in conjunction with the two organizations.

City Manager Todd reported the Employee barbeque was held on Friday where staff tasted the "award winning chili" prepared by IT and Records Manager James. Discussion followed.

City Manager Todd asked James to prepare the chili for the Council Members at the next Council meeting.

POLICE SERVICES

19.1. Authorization to Apply for COPS Grant

Chief Popovich presented a request for authorization to apply for the COPS grant. If awarded staff intends to use the grant to fund two allocated positions within the Police Department that are currently unfunded due to budget constraints. Chief Popovich reported that staff will also request a local match waiver for the local portion of funding during the application process.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Harness, to authorize staff to make application for the COPS Grant as presented.

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

ABSENT: None

19.2. Project Listen Update

Chief Popovich reported that the next and final Project Listen meeting will be held on June 13 at Dinuba Christian Church at 6:00 pm.

19.3. Information Sharing

Chief Popovich reported the lieutenant testing will wrap up June 17.

PUBLIC WORKS

20.1. LED Lighting Update

Director Beltran reported that at a previous City Council meeting, the City Council requested information regarding the City's streetlight program.

Beltran reported that there are approximately 1,200 streetlights; approximately 150 are City owned and maintained and the remainder / majority are owned and maintained by PG&E. In June 2011 PG&E converted to LED 65 of the City's streetlights through a California Energy Commission Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant. PG&E staff has confirmed that a request has been submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve an LED conversion program for all PG&E streetlights in the state. If approved, the recommendation will be to begin the conversion with cities that have converted their own streetlights to LED; Dinuba would be one of the recommended cities. If approved this could occur in 2014.

PG&E offers an LED Streetlight Turnkey Replacement Service program that can be used to convert the remaining city owned streetlights to LED and the cost would be paid through energy savings realized from the conversion. PG&E is currently preparing a proposal for the City to consider.

Beltran reported that streetlight issues should be reported to the Public Works Department and the report will be handled accordingly to be repaired by either PG & E or Public Works according to ownership.

20.2. Information Sharing

Director Beltran reported that the Dinuba Connection hours will be changed this week changing to the summer hour schedule.

Beltran reported that she received an e-mail message from TCAG Executive Director Smalley informing her that the TCTA Board approved the Measure R expenditure plan, which benefits Dinuba.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

21.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators: Meet and Confer

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 the City Council met in closed session with City Manager Todd, Deputy City Manager Nunes, Assistant City Manager Anderson and City Attorney McCloskey, to discuss labor negotiations.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hinesly reconvened the meeting to open session at 10:45 pm.

It was motioned by Council Member Gonzalez, second by Council Member Morales, to authorize staff to negotiate the Employee Association's proposal as discussed in closed session with an addition: to discontinue retiree health insurance for employees hired after June 30, 2013.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hinesly adjourned the meeting at 11:00 pm.

Janet C. Hinesly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk