

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 pm.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Chaplain Susee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1. Maria Conchas, Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot" Campaign

Renee Contreras was present to give the Council an update on the "Fill the Boot" Campaign. She sincerely thanked the Council and Chief Thompson and staff for their help with the campaign and the residents of Dinuba.

Gonzalez said it's a great organization.

4.2. Juana Maria Gloria, Request for Street Closure, 5:00-10:00 pm, June 22, 2014

Juana Maria Gloria was present with Ismael Sanchez to request authorization for a street closure to hold a celebration honoring Alcoholics Anonymous' anniversary on June 22 in Shopper's Alley downtown.

The City Council spoke favorably of the organization and annual celebrations.

It was motioned by Council Member Gonzalez, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the request for street closure as presented.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4.3. Unscheduled Items

Barbara Thiesen was present to say LNTC June 12 at RC; June 19 groundbreaking at RC; July 11 and 19 tractor supply ribbon cutting; July 3 fireworks celebration; this weekend will be the Dinuba Car Show. She shared t-shirts with each of them.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1. Approval of Minutes – City Council Meetings May 13; 27, 2014

- 5.2. Acceptance – Other Agency Minutes
 - a. Citizen's Oversight Committee, January 24, 2014
 - b. Dinuba Economic Development Commission, May 1, 2014
 - c. Planning Commission, May 6, 2014
- 5.3. Notice of Completion – Sportsplex Phase I
- 5.4. Set Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, June 24, 2014
- 5.5. Master Development Schedule

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

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

WARRANT REGISTER

- 6.1. Approval - May 30; June 6, 2014

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

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

MAYOR'S MINUTE

- 7.1. Flag Day Proclamation 2014-10

Mayor Hinesly read Proclamation 2014-10 into the record.

- 7.2. Motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" Council Chambers Display, Resolution No 2014-25

City Manager Nunes presented a request to adopt a resolution adopting the motto "In God We Trust" to be prominently displayed over the City background about Motto of in God we trust. She explained that Jacquie Sullivan, Bakersfield City Council Member has been asking all the cities in California to do the same. She has successfully gotten a few of the cities to adopt similar resolutions.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Smith, to adopt Resolution 2014-25 adopting the motto "In God We Trust" to be placed over the official City Seal display in the City Council Chambers.

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

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

7.3. Information Sharing

Mayor Hinesly reported that the American Legion presented Chris and Doug Dall with a US flag because theirs was recently stolen from their home.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Nunes said she and Anderson met with Professor Marn Cha today. He is associated with the Korean Historical Society and motivated to create a relationship between Dinuba and a Korean city.

Council discussion followed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

8.1. Request for Excused Absence – Council Member Mike Smith, May 27, 2014

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the request for excused absence by Council Member Smith.

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

8.2. Information Sharing

Council Member Gonzalez said he received a call about traffic speed in front of the golf course in the construction zone.

City Manager Nunes said there is presently police enforcement in the construction zone.

PUBLIC HEARING

9.1. Proposed 2014-2015 Budget and Capital Investment Program, Resolution 2014-20

Finance Director Cook presented the budget and CIP information. Staff would like to include basic cost of living assumptions for the next fiscal year. He said it will affect several funds because it is police and fire. That is one change from what was shared in April. He reported that there are adjustments for insurance fund and he added that the operating reserve will actually be exceeded. Cook went on to explain the revenues and expenditures.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing.

Bev Keel-Worrell, 1080 Lincoln, asked if the debt service for the vocational center is listed in the report.

Discussion followed in regard to the budget.

City Manager Nunes explained that the numbers showing in the projected budget for the vocational center include litigation costs. She went on to explain what the numbers mean.

Robert Cervantes, 1365 West Kelly Drive, commented on the proposed budget.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Harness to approve the proposed 2014-2015 budget and Capital Investment Program by adopting Resolution 2014-20 as presented.

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

9.2. Proposed 2014-2015 Gann Limit, Resolution 2014-21

Finance Director Cook presented the proposed 2014-2015 Gann Limit for the Council's consideration. He requested that the City Council adopt Resolution No 2014-21 as presented.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing but no public comments were presented so she closed the hearing.

Cook requested that the City Council adopt Resolution 2014-21 approving the Dinuba Annual Appropriation Limit based on the California Per Capita Income and the City's population growth.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to adopt Resolution 2014-21 approving the Dinuba Annual Appropriation Limit based on the California Per Capita Income and the City's population growth.

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

9.3. Authorization to Levy Assessments on Landscape and Lighting Districts, Resolution 2014-24

Finance Director Cook presented information in regard to the levying of assessments on landscape and lighting districts.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing.

Robert Cervantes objected to the proposed lighting and landscaping assessments.

Mayor Hinesly closed the public hearing.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Harness to adopt Resolution No 2014-24 to levy Special Assessments and certify the validity of the process for placing them on the FY 2014-15 Secured Tax Roll.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9.4. Designation of Historic Resource – Downtown Clock, Resolution No 2014-23

Planning Tech Carrillo presented a report requesting that the City Council consider designating the downtown clock as an historic resource. The project is located in front of 117 East Tulare Street.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing.

Bev Worrell, 1080 Lincoln, this is a good idea.

Nancy Hoyt said she recently visited her brother and she told him of the proposed historic designation. Hoyt said her brother recalled the old clock which came from the old mall before it was demolished. Discussion followed in regard to the clock which came from the old mall in downtown Fresno in the 1960's.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to adopt Resolution 2014-23 designating the downtown clock as an historic resource as presented.

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

CITY ATTORNEY

10.1. Closed Session Action – Conference with Legal Counsel: Labor Negotiations

No action was taken.

10.2. Information Sharing

None

CITY MANAGER

11.1. Consideration of Offer to Purchase Dinuba Vocational Center

City Manager Nunes said there has been much discussion about this item and she recommended the Council reject the offer from the Dinuba Unified School District to purchase the vocational center.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Nunes said we have a commitment to EDA and we mean to make that commitment.

Council comments followed.

Mayor Hinesly said the school district and the city have different views on the building. Mayor Hinesly said now is the time to get programs for head of household individuals. Many people are afraid of losing their jobs and people need vocational training.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Gonzalez to reject the offer from the Dinuba Unified School District to purchase the vocational center; and, not to sell the Vocational Center.

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

Bev Worrell asked for clarification of the vote and the Mayor replied that the vocational center will not be sold to the school district and, the vocational center is not for sale to anyone.

11.2. Information Sharing

City Manager Nunes shared that the SSJVD meeting for Thursday night was cancelled. She shared that the next Good Morning Dinuba meeting will be held tomorrow at the Memorial Building. She advised that anyone attending may bring their unwanted US flags to be properly disposed of to the meeting.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES

12.1. Action of the Planning Commission, June 3, 2014

City Engineer Uota shared a summarized action of the Planning Commission at the meeting of June 3, 2014.

Council Member Gonzalez stepped off the dais at 8:54 pm and returned at 8:56 pm.

12.2. Information Sharing

Engineer Uota shared that there was a partnering workshop held about three weeks ago and since then communication between our staff and the contractor has improved.

Uota shared an update on the AT&T utilities in the Avenue 416 construction zone. Speed control monitors have been installed in the construction zone and some message boards to warn incoming traffic about the lower speed limits.

Council Member Harness had previously asked for an update on the crossing on Nebraska Avenue but Uota shared he has not heard from the PUC who has committed to get the project done.

FINANCE SERVICES

13.1. Information Sharing

None

FIRE SERVICES

14.1. Information Sharing

None

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

15.1. Authorization to Apply - Homeland Security Grant

Director Carrillo presented information about the Homeland Security Grant. The community center is currently used for an emergency shelter. He explained that the Sportsplex will soon be used for the same purpose. If successful, the grant will be used to purchase a backup generator.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Smith, to authorize staff to apply for a Homeland Security Grant as specified.

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

15.2. Information Sharing

Carrillo shared the following information:

Yesterday was the first day of aquatics program; both sessions are filled to capacity.
Summer Fun in the Park program began yesterday.
Summer Night Lights will begin June 20 along with the Farmers Market.

POLICE SERVICES

16.1. Authorization to Apply – 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Chief Popovich requested authorization to apply for the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant, also known as the JAG grant. The grant, if successful, will assist the department in purchasing items such as equipment, training and technical assistance amongst other things. The department, if successful will receive \$14,044 in grant funding as a result.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to authorize staff to continue in the application process for the JAG grant.

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

16.2. Authorization to Apply – COPS Hiring Grant

Chief Popovich requested authorization to apply for the 2014 COPS Hiring Program Grant. If successful, the grant will assist the department in hiring and / or rehiring law enforcement officers to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

The grant, if successful, will fund two allocated positions within the police department currently unfunded due to budget constraints. Staff will also apply for a grant match waiver.

It was motioned by Council Member Gonzalez, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to authorize staff to apply for the 2014 COPS grant.

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

16.3. Authorization to Apply – Homeland Security Grant

Chief Popovich requested authorization to apply for the 2014 State Homeland Security Grant through the Tulare County Office of Emergency Services. Each year the Department of Homeland Security provides each state with grant funding to be distributed to public safety agencies throughout the state to help improve response capabilities and preparedness. The department has applied and been successful in obtaining emergency equipment related to response capabilities and preparedness.

Popovich said the department would like to utilize grant funding the purchase dual band mobile radios for investigations affording the detectives constant communications with allied agencies in different counties within the state.

It was motioned by Council Member Gonzalez, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to authorize staff to apply for the 2014 Homeland Security Grant as proposed.

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

16.4. Information Sharing

Chief Popovich reported that press releases were sent out this week reporting that a shooting and attempted kidnapping case which occurred on May 30 was solved.

PUBLIC WORKS

17.1. Authorization to Adopt the City of Dinuba Title VI Program, Resolution No 2014-22

Business Manager Avila was present to request authorization to adopt a resolution requiring the City of Dinuba Title VI Program. Avila explained the City's DART transit system is considered a rural or non-urbanized operation making it eligible for participation in the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5311 grant program. As such it is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. All recipients of FTA funding are required to submit a document describing how they comply with the mandates of Title VI. Previously recipients were allowed to function under the umbrella of the program established by CalTrans. The program must be submitted to the state DOT by June 30, 2014 and no grant funds will be awarded or released until the Title VI Programs has been reviewed and approved by CalTrans.

The City engaged TCAG for the preparation of the subject program. The objectives of the Program are:

1. Ensure that the level and quality of public transportation service is provided in a nondiscriminatory manner;
2. Promote full and fair participation in public transportation decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin;
3. Ensure meaningful access to transit-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency.

The program, if adopted by the City Council, will be valid for three years.

There was no expenses incurred for the preparation of the document; however, there may be a financial impact if the City does not adopt the plan by June 30. Transit operations would be greatly impacted without FTA Section 5311 funding.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Harness, to adopt the Title VI Program as presented.

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

17.2. Information Sharing

Director Beltran shared that staff sent out business license renewals on June 1; second notices will go out September 1.

Mayor Hinesly asked if anyone has used the cooling centers. Staff reported that three people have utilized the centers.

Mayor Hinesly reported that she has had concerned citizens contact her about neighbors' excessive water usage. She informed them that they should call Public Works and they will send out staff to educate residents on water conservation.

Discussion followed.

BREAK

Mayor Hinesly declared a break at 9:25 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

18.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of Section 54957.6:

Agency designated representatives: City Manager Nunes and City Attorney
McCloskey

Employee organization(s): Fire Association
Police Association

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 pm.

Janet C. Hinesly

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk