

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Harness, Smith, Hinesly  
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Gonzalez, Morales  
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Barkley, Beltran, Cook, Carrillo, James, McCloskey, Nunes, Popovich,  
Thompson, Uota

#### WORK SESSION

The work session began at 6:01 pm.

##### 1.1. Transit Development Plan

Jennie Miller, TCAG Associate Regional Planner presented information about the Transit Plan.

She said the focus of the work session is to get direction in regard to the Transit Development Act Fare Box Recovery ratio issues and options. Miller said DART is not meeting its 10% fare box recovery ration mandate. System growth has occurred without fare growth and operating costs are increasing.

Miller shared methods to increase fare box ration include: reduce services; increase fares; supplement fare revenues with Measure R and /or City General Fund money.

Miller asked the Council what they think about the proposed fare box scenarios.

Council Member Smith said if it were up to him he would not increase the Jolly Trolley fare but he would increase the fixed route fare.

Discussion followed.

Director Blanca said if you add a quarter to the fixed route it will gain \$10,000 and the shortfall is \$14,000.

Smith said if we fall short the transit system saves us some money in shopping carts and there are likely lots of benefits even if we have to subsidize.

City Manager Nunes asked the Council if they want to subsidize the fares through the General Fund or through Measure R.

Discussion followed.

Miller said the Council may want to consider adding another trolley bus to not lose ridership.

Council Member Smith said there is great value in the trolley.

Public Works Director Beltran shared that an additional trolley would lower the fare box number and a larger route would have to be subsidized.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Nunes said if we brought the fixed route up to \$1 and subsidize the other routes we will be right in the ballpark.

Discussion followed.

Miller said the next step will be to finalize the service plan; finalize the capital/financial plan; draft a plan to the City Council on August 26; the final plan to TCAG board on September 15.

The work session concluded.

**1.2. Short-haul Rail Update**

This item was postponed for lack of time.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

**INVOCATION**

Chaplain Garcia led the invocation.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Chaplain Garcia led the flag salute.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1. Major Division Youth Softball / Baseball Team Winners**

Danelle Zavala, Sports Coordinator, introduced the Running Rebels girls softball team.

Coaches Andrew Moreno and Nick Villalobos were present.

The City Council congratulated the young players.

Zavala introduced the Athletics boys team.

Coach Pompa introduced the team.

Zavala thanked the players and parents for the season. She recognized one of the sponsors Sal Romero with Valley Labor Service who was present at the meeting.

City Manager Nunes thanked Zavala and her staff for their work with the Sports Programs.

**5.2. Paul Olson, California Drivers Alliance**

- a. Alliance Endorsement
- b. Resolution 2014-37

Paul Olson, California Drivers Alliance, was present to make a presentation in regard to proposed legislation scheduled to become effective January 1, 2015, which will make transportation fuels fall under Cap and Trade legislation. Olson said it's been phased in over time and most California residents are unaware that it will result in a huge hidden tax. It also results in \$.40 to \$.50 cents more per gallon. Olson reported that it will hit us disproportionately hard. Olson said a bipartisan coalition is gathering to persuade Governor Brown and the Air

Resources Board to get the legislation postponed. Assembly Member Perrea authored AB 69 to postpone the legislation. Olson said the legislation will export wealth out of the valley right in to the bay area.

Mayor Hinesly said if it's passed it could be devastating to us.

Olson said yes it could be a ripple effect loss. Olson requested that the Council consider adoption of a resolution and authorize the alliance endorsement to oppose the legislation.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith, to adopt 2014-37 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Alliance Endorsement.

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

**NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS**

6.1. Public Works – Luz Torres

Director Beltran introduced Luz Torres who was recently promoted from a cashier to a Accounting Technician I at the Transit Center.

The City Council congratulated Torres on the promotion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

7.1. Unscheduled Items

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.1. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, July 8, 2014
- 8.2. Acceptance – Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2014
- 8.3. Set Hearing – Adoption of Transit Development Plan 2014-2019, August 26, 2014
- 8.4. Zone Text Amendments, Ordinance No 2014-04, Second Reading, Waive Reading in Full
- 8.5. Rezone and General Plan Amendment, Ordinance 2014-05, Second Reading, Waive Reading in Full
- 8.6. Ratification of Downtown Tulare and M Street Parking Modification, Resolution 2014-36
- 8.7. Claim for Consideration - Harjeet Kaur

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

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

**WARRANT REGISTER**

9.1. Warrant Register – July 11, 18, 2014

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

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

**MAYOR’S MINUTE**

10.1. Information Sharing

Mayor Hinesly said she attended the LOCC Board meeting and said important training is coming up in which she hopes to participate. Historically there has been a lot of conversation with the gas tax and the issue with the cap and trade. She said she hopes Sacramento listens to our concerns. She said she was unaware of Perea’s bill regarding the proposed gas tax.

Mayor Hinesly attended the Rancho Vista Homes grand opening and said she was impressed.

She also attended the Tractor Supply soft opening, then later, the official opening. Mayor Hinesly said she is officially announcing that she will not run for office in November. She explained it was her original plan and she is sticking with the plan. She thanked city staff for the work they do to keep the city going.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

11.1. Request for Excused Absence

- a. Council Member Aldo Gonzalez, July 8, 2014

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Harness, to excuse the absence of Council Member Gonzalez on July 8, 2014.

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

- b. Council Member Scott Harness, July 8, 2014

It was motioned by Mayor Hinesly, second by Council Member Smith, to excuse the absence of Council Member Harness on July 8, 2014.

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

11.2. Reminder – Color Fun Run Event, 10:00 am; August 2, 2014

Mayor Hinesly conveyed her enthusiasm about the Color Fun Run event.

Hurtado shared information about the event.

11.3. Information Sharing

Council Member Smith said he attended the Tractor Supply soft opening.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

12.1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Final Grantee Performance Report, Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Program Income Waiver (Public Facility Rehabilitation Project)

Business Manager Avila requested the Council hold a public hearing in regard to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Final Grantee Performance Report which is a summary of activities concerning CDBG expenditures. The report provides information as to who benefitted from the CDBG program which is federal money.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing.

Ruth Padilla, 620 West Northway, Dinuba, said she has a problem how the City notices the public of hearings. Many people don't get the paper and don't know how to read. Padilla said the problem she found is that she doesn't feel the low to middle income residents are properly notified of the public hearings. She said no one attended.

City Manager Nunes informed Padilla that hearings are posted in the local newspaper, on the website and at times when warranted, through U.S. mail. She added that the City notifies residents of public hearings according to the law.

Business Manager Avila said Padilla is referring to two different things. Avila said the one item she referred to was a meeting held at the Public Works facility to apply for new funding. The hearing was properly advertised in the paper and the public hearing was held here before the Council and still no one showed up.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Harness to approve the report, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Final Grantee Performance Report, Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Program Income Waiver.

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

12.2. Street Vacation/Abandonment, Application 2014-09 - Portions of "O" Street and Fresno Street, Resolution 2014-35

Planning Tech Cristobal presented a request to hold a public hearing and adopt Resolution 2014-35, authorizing the abandonment of portions of "O" Street and Fresno Street. The applicant, the City of Dinuba, requested this action is intended to correct the official right-of-way. No physical changes are required as a result of this proposal as they were completed when the justice facility was constructed. The Planning Commission has heard and approved the proposal and the City Engineer will prepare and record Quit Claim deeds affecting the proposal to remove any City interests.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing.

No comments were brought forward.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Harness, to adopt Resolution 2014-35 approving the abandonment of Application of 2014-09.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gonzalez, Morales

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

### **13.1. Information Sharing**

City Attorney McCloskey thanked Mayor Hinesly for her leadership on the City Council.

## **CITY MANAGER**

### **14.1. Information Sharing**

City Manager Nunes said Romelia Castillo and Ruth Padilla informed her that they are raising funds for the Veterans Wall and they've been very successful.

Padilla said she and Council Member Morales are planning a motorcycle run to raise money for the Veterans Wall. The fundraising event will be held August 23. Padilla said the event will raise funds by charging a "per rider" fee and she said she believes the fee may be \$15 per person.

City Manager Nunes thanked Padilla and Council Member Morales for their efforts.

Mayor Hinesly said in regard to an earlier discussion in the meeting that not everyone reads the newspaper and not everyone sees the public notices there.

Mayor Hinesly said she liked the first Citywide newsletter recently mailed to residents.

## **ENGINEERING & PLANNING SERVICES**

### **15.1. Authorization to Bid – CNG Fueling Facility Phase II Improvements Project**

City Engineer Uota shared the information in regard to the CNG Fueling Facility Phase II Improvements Project and said this is a request that the Council authorize staff to bid the CNG Fueling Facility Phase II Improvements Project. In 2009 funding to expand Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facilities was appropriated by the legislature. The City applied for and received TCAG assisted and facilitated supplemental Federal Congestion Management and Air Quality funding in the amount of \$381,000. Funding in the amount of \$779,200 is included in the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Program, Bus and Bus Related Equipment and Facilities Allocations. The City of Dinuba, as a rural transit provider, is unable to directly access these funds in the 5309 program. The City of Visalia, as an urban transit provider, has the ability to access the funds (5309 and CMAQ) and was recommended, by Caltrans staff, to provide grant management assistance to access the City's funds. The City of Visalia has provided similar

grant management assistance to the City of Exeter. The City of Visalia City Council authorized the MOU to provide grant management assistance at its meeting of July 18, 2011. The Engineer's Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Costs is \$1,280,000.00

Council Member Smith asked what percentage of the CNG facility is used by the City.

Director Beltran said the transit system is using it and the City pays for the fuel. She approximated 40% of the use. The school district and the County, County TCAT, the City's Transit system, private CNG vehicles and once in a while Kings County will use it when theirs is down.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith, to authorize staff to bid the CNG Fueling Facility Phase II Improvements Project.

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

#### 15.2. Information Sharing

Engineer Uota shared that the relocation of the Traver Canal continues to be under way.

Discussion followed.

### **FINANCE SERVICES**

#### 16.1. Information Sharing

None

### **FIRE SERVICES**

#### 17.1. Information Sharing

None

### **BREAK**

Mayor Hinesly declared a break at 7:45 pm.

### **RECONVENE FROM BREAK**

Mayor Hinesly reconvened the meeting at 7:53 pm.

### **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### 18.1. Hot August Night Event, Request for Street Closure, August 15, 2014

Events Coordinator Hurtado reported that the annual Hot August Night event is planned for August 15, 2014 in the downtown Entertainment Center. In addition Hurtado requested closure of East Kern Street to East Ventura Street during the event.

Discussion in regard to the downtown Farmers Market followed.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Harness, to approve the request for street closure in conjunction with the Hot August Night Event.

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

18.2. Information Sharing

Hurtado reported that the Lisa Project was planned to come to Dinuba but the studios that produce the event have gone dark for a few months. They would like to bring it to Dinuba next March instead.

The City Council agreed it would be a good idea to bring it in March.

Hurtado announced that the last Summer Night Light and Farmers Market events will be held this Friday evening.

**POLICE SERVICES**

19.1. Information Sharing

Chief Popovich announced that the newly decaled police vehicle is parked outside for the Council to see.

Chief Popovich said staff will be providing security at the Memorial Building this weekend for the biking event being held there.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

20.1. Authorization to Apply - California State Department of Housing and Community Development Drought Housing Rental Subsidies (DHRS) Program Funding, Resolution 2014-38

Business Manager Avila presented a request for authorization to apply for the California State Department of Housing and Community Development Drought Housing Rental Subsidies (DHRS) Program Funding. on March 1, 2014 Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 104 approving the allocation of \$687 million dollars for drought relief. The funding allocation includes \$21 million dollars in housing assistance for those affected by the drought. The funding is intended to assist people who are having a hard time making their rental payment because of the drought's effect on their income. The City of Dinuba submitted an application for funding on June 20, 2014 and received an award letter in the amount of \$200,000 on June 30, 2014. On or about July 22, 2014 HCD plans to release a Notice of Funding Availability for DHRS Program funds.

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith to adopt Resolution 2014-38 authorizing staff to submit an application to HCD for funding under the Drought Housing Rental Subsidies Program to supplement administrative costs of a State Drought Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program and authorize the City Manager to sign related documents.

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

20.2. Information Sharing

Director Beltran talked about the new waste container program.

Beltran shared that staff has made arrangements for the tour bus that makes daily trips to the casino up north stop at the transit center. It arrives in Dinuba every day around 3:00 pm.

Beltran reported that utility payments are now being accepted at the Transit Center for the convenience of residents.

Beltran reported that last Tuesday the State Water Board approved the mandate for water conservation. Beltran said she understands it will be effective August 1. She said the discussion of water conservation will come back to the Council at the August 26th meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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Janet C. Hinesly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk