

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anderson, Beltran, Carrillo, Cook, James, McCloskey, Meinert, Popovich, Thompson, Uota

**WORK SESSION** - City Council

1.1. El Monte Way Widening Project, Phase II - Roundabouts

The work session was called to order at 5:32 pm.

City Engineer Uota gave a brief history and description of the project and highlighted the benefits of roundabouts. Uota explained that there are available TCAG monies available to help fund roundabout projects.

Juann Ramos with Dokken Engineering presented the PowerPoint Presentation on roundabouts. Mr. Ramos explained the terminology, functionality, and benefits of roundabouts. He explained that roundabouts are more efficient, safer, more cost effective, and better for the environment than traditional intersections.

Mayor Morales asked if there were any questions.

Meinert explained that there would likely be additional savings locally because we would be using federal money rather than local.

Mr. Ramos confirmed this.

Council Member Thusu asked how roundabouts would affect traffic congestion.

Mr. Ramos explained that congestion issues would be improved through the addition of roundabouts. He also explained that pacing and using splitter islands are key to maintaining a steady flow of traffic. He reiterated that the design of the roundabout was critical to its performance.

Vice Mayor Harness asked if there have been any complaints or feedback from other communities as it pertains to the response times of emergency vehicles.

Mr. Ramos explained that the response from other communities has been positive. He recommended that any designs include an apron to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Vice Mayor Harness asked how the addition of roundabouts would keep the areas discussed to three lanes as opposed to five.

Mr. Ramos explained that roundabouts limit stacking and the need for the additional lanes.

Council Member Smith shared concerns with current traffic patterns.

Mr. Ramos explained that the presented plan would also accommodate future growth.

Mayor Morales asked if there were any further questions.

There were no comments.

The work session adjourned at 6:28 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Pastor Jim Sussee.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Dr. Hernandez

**PRESENTATIONS**

5.1. 2015-2016 Cinco de Mayo Queen and Princess Candidates

Debbie Rojas introduced the 2015 Cinco De Mayor contestants and invited Council and staff to the pageant on April 25. She also thanked the City and John Carrillo for their support.

The Queen and Princess Cinco de Mayo pageant contestants introduced themselves.

Mayor Morales thanks the contestants and volunteers for coming and presented each of them with City of Dinuba pins.

5.2 Sunrise Rotary Spring Walk - Additional Request for Sportsplex Passes and Surplus Sporting Equipment

Fernando Munoz presented information on the Sunrise Rotary Spring Walk and requested sponsorship of the event.

Interim City Manager Meinert offered clarification on the request.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness to approve the Sunrise Rotary Spring Walk sponsorship, and seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

- AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

6.1. Unscheduled Items

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 7.1. Approval - City Council Meeting, March 24, 2015
- 7.2. Approval – City Council and Dinuba Unified School District Work Session Meeting, March 26, 2015
- 7.3. Acceptance – Other Agency Minutes
- 7.4. Citizens Oversight Committee Draft Agenda, April 17, 2015
- 7.5. General Plan Amendment, Title 17, Ordinance 2015-01, Second Reading, Waive Reading in Full
- 7.6. Approval - 2015/2016 Senior Meal Program Agreement between the City of Dinuba and the Dinuba Unified School District
- 7.7. Non-Custody Intake Program
- 7.8. Master Development Schedule

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness to approve the Consent Calendar, and seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**WARRANT REGISTER**

8.1. Warrant Register – March 27; April 3, 10, 2015

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

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**MAYOR’S MINUTE**

9.1. April 2015 Safe Digging Month, Proclamation 2015-03

A motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve the Proclamation, and seconded by Council Member Reynosa. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.2. Eumsong County, Chungcheongbuk-do, Republic of Korea

Assistant City Manager Anderson shared information on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu to approve the proclamation 2015-04, and seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.3. Information Sharing

Mayor Morales shared information on his attendance at the Spring Fling and Tulare County Big Brothers Big Sisters event.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

10.1. Request for Excused Absence

- a. Council Member Maribel Reynosa, March 24; March 26, 2015
- b. Council Member Mike Smith, March 24, 2015

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness to approve the request for excused absence for Reynosa and Smith as presented, and seconded by Council Member Thusu. The motion was approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

## 10.2. Adoption of 2015-2018 City Council Goals

Interim City Manager Meinert asked the City Council to review the goals as presented in the Council Agenda Packet. He explained that Council had the option to recategorize or amend the goals at this time. He offered suggestions for reordering. He asked the Council for their thoughts on the list as presented.

Vice Mayor Harness suggested the capital project planning be moved to the bottom and the second fire station and street improvements be moved toward the top.

Meinert explained that the items could be reordered and suggested options for reordering the capital projects. He recommended that the fiscal health of the community be made a priority with the rest of the items following.

Vice Mayor Harness asked for clarification on the prioritization.

Mayor Morales shared that he preferred Meinert's goal ordering suggestion.

Council Member Smith shared that although goals are important, changes throughout the year make them difficult to achieve.

Meinert explained that it is important to list them to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

Council Member Reynosa suggested that numbering be removed completely and assume all goals have equal priority.

Council Member Thusu agreed that all of the goals are important but also liked the idea of ranking in each category.

Meinert asked if they should be reordered for the sake of the agenda item.

It was agreed that they be reordered for the agenda prior to adoption.

Meinert review the changes to be made to the item prior to adoption.

The items were ordered: 1, 5, 2, 4, 3 but no numbering to be included on the goals board in the Council Chambers.

The motion was made by Smith to adopt the Reordered 2015-2018 City Council Goals, seconded by Council Member Thusu and approved unanimously.

AYES:	Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

## 10.3. Letter of Support – SB 5 (Vidak) Repeal of Hidden Gas Tax

Interim City Manager Meinert explained that Senator Vidak has requested a letter of support for his SB 5.

The motion was made by Council Member Smith to issue a letter of support for SB 5 (Vidak) Repeal of Hidden Gas Tax, seconded by Vice Mayor Harness and approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

10.4. Reminder – Pulling for a Cure, April 18, 2015; Entertainment Plaza, 10:00-2:00 pm

Meinert shared information on the event and requested Council attend the event.

10.5. Reminder – Veterans Memorial Wall Arrival, April 19, 2015

Meinert shared information on the Veterans Memorial Wall arrival and requested Council attend the event.

10.6. Reminder – Baseball / Softball Opening Day Ceremony, Roosevelt Park; April 25, 2015, 10:00 am

10.7. Reminder – ACS Relay for Life Event, Dinuba High School, April 25, 2015

10.8. Reminder – Spring Cleanup Event, Avenue 406; April 25, 2015, 7:00 am-3:00 pm

Meinert shared information on items 10.6. through 10.8.

Director Beltran elaborated on the Spring Clean-up event and the requirements and guidelines of participation.

10.9. Reminder - League of California Cities Meetings

- a. General Membership and Legislative Reception, Visalia Convention Center; April 16, Reception 5:30 pm / Meeting 6:30 pm;
- b. 2015 Legislative Action Day, April 29, 2015, Sacramento CA
- c. Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum, June 24-26, 2015; Monterey CA

Interim City Manager Meinert shared information about the upcoming League meetings.

10.10. Reminder – Budget and CIP Hearings May 11-12, 2015

Meinert shared information on the item.

10.11. Information Sharing

Council Member Thusu shared information about a blood drive that he attended. He also shared information on the April 11 Alta Family Health event, as well as a visit by five visitors from India who visited Dinuba City Hall and other sites around the City. He made a request to attend the May 11-12 Council meetings via Skype as he will be out of town.

Council Member Smith shared information regarding his participation in the Spring Fling event.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

11.1. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Fees, Charge and Fines, Resolution 2015-19

Fiscal Analyst Solis presented information on the item and recommended that Council conduct a public hearing for the resolution.

Council Member Thusu asked for clarification on an item pertaining to noise pollution.

Finance Director Cook explained that the information has a typo that will be corrected.

Vice Mayor Harness asked if the number of fines per year is public information.

Attorney McCloskey indicated the information was available via a Public Records Request.

Mayor Morales opened the hearing.

Robert Cervantes asked for a copy of the impact fees. Clarification was given by staff. Cervantes asked for a copy of the information.

Cook explained that the information is available in the Council packet and the information was given to Mr. Cervantes.

Meinert explained that the relative impact of the increases were very minor.

Cook explained that there were no increases to anything dealing with utilities.

Cervantes suggested that the increases be tabled until public notice could be posted.

Council Member Smith explained that the information had already been posted.

No other comments were brought forward.

The hearing was closed.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to adopt Resolution 2015-19.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**CITY ATTORNEY**

12.1. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel: Public Employment, City Manager

No action.

12.2. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation, City of Dinuba v. Thusu

No action.

12.3. Information Sharing

None

**CITY MANAGER**

13.1. Dinuba High School Alternative Sites – Feedback to Dinuba Unified School Board

Interim City Manager Meinert spoke to the item and reviewed information from the joint work session in March. He explained that staff has looked at the options that were presented at the joint meeting and will prepare an opinion

letter to be sent to the School District. He further explained some of the challenges and concerns with the various proposed DUSD school site plans.

Dr. Joe Hernandez stated a point of clarification indicating that the Dinuba Vocational Center was not an option for leasing due to DSA standards.

### 13.2. Information Sharing

None

## **ENGINEERING & PLANNING SERVICES**

### 14.1. Authorization to Initiate Formation Proceedings for Proposed Landscape and Lighting Assessment District – Parkside Village Units 2 & 3, Resolution Number 2015-18

Engineer Uota shared information on the item. He explained the necessity to form a lighting and landscaping district. He also explained how Prop 218 has affected the process of creating such districts. He explained that the cost for the election proceedings would be covered by the district once formed.

Council Member Thusu asked if the assessment is only for the district or the entire City.

Engineer Uota explained that they would be only for the presented district.

The motion was made by Council Member Smith to initiate formation Proceedings for Proposed Landscape and Lighting Assessment District – Parkside Village Units 2 & 3 and approve Resolution 2015-18, the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harness and approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

### 14.2. El Monte Way Widening Project Update

Engineer Uota presented information on the El Monte Way Widening Project. He explained that work on the western end of the project has begun.

### 14.3. Information Sharing

Engineer Uota reported that the police department facility expansion project is nearing completion.

Mayor Morales asked if there would be more public information available on the road widening project.

Engineer Uota explained that there were several resources for information on the project.

Vice Mayor Harness asked if there was any update on the project schedule.

Uota explained that the contractor has promised to produce a revised schedule update in the very near future.

Council Member Thusu complimented staff and contractors on the quick resurfacing of Road 72.

Planning Commissioner Conklin requested that the Planning Commission also receive the Avenue 416 widening project update that the City Council receives biweekly.

Discussion followed in regard to providing the Planning Commission with the update information provided to the City Council.

Interim City Manager Meinert indicated the information could be provided to the Planning Commission.

**FINANCE SERVICES**

15.1. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Schedule Update

Finance Director Cook presented updated information on the item. He explained that the City Manager would present the Budget Message at the April 28 Council meeting. He also shared information on budget meetings which would be taking place on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (if necessary). He also shed information on budget meetings in June.

15.2. Information Sharing

Finance Director Cook shared information on the new citywide software management system.

**FIRE SERVICES**

16.1. Information Sharing

None

**PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

17.1. Information Sharing

Director Carrillo shared information on the April 25 opening day event. He also shared information on the upcoming Cinco de Mayo festival.

**POLICE SERVICES**

18.1. Police Department Facility Expansion - Request for Allocation of Funds for Furnishings

Chief Popovich presented information on the item.

The motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness to approve the Police Department Facility Expansion - Request for Allocation of Funds for Furnishings, the motion was seconded by Council Member Thusu and approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

18.2. Information Sharing

Chief Popovich shared information on the safety preparations for Cinco de Mayo.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

19.1. Planning Commission Action, April 7, 2015

Director Beltran reported on the Planning Commission action.

19.2. LCTOP Grant Funds Exchange for City of Visalia LTF Funds

Director Beltran shared information on the item and requested authorization.

Council Member Thusu asked if there as an agreement in place with the City of Visalia.

Director Beltran indicated there was.

Council Member Thusu asked how the route was selected.

Director Beltran explained that it is developed by the City of Visalia.

The motion was made by Council Member Reynosa to authorize staff to submit a letter of intent to CalTrans for Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Grant Funds Exchange for City of Visalia LTF Funds, the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harness and approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Thusu, Reynosa, Smith  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

19.3. Governor’s Executive Order – Drought Emergency Update

Director Beltran shared information on the item.

Council Member Smith asked for the average consumption numbers.

Director Beltran reported that the average for 2012-2013 in January, the average residential usage was 14 cf/day. In July the same customers in the same year is 30cf/day. In 2014, these numbers increased slightly. In 2014-2015, they went down to 11 in January, and 26 in July.

19.4. Information Sharing

Director Beltran shared information on the Tualre County landfill mattress disposal charges.

Meinert shared that the City anticipated a future request to assist Monson/Sultana with their water services. He will present more information as it becomes available.

**CLOSED SESSION**

20.1. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel: Public Employment, City Manager

The Council went into closed session at 8:32 pm and reconvened in open session at 10:08 pm.

20.2. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation, City of Dinuba v. Thusu

Council Member Thusu was not present at the discussion.

The Council went into closed session at 10:10 pm and reconvened in open session at 10:47 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 pm.

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Emilio Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Daniel James, IT & Records Manager for  
Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk