

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Morales, Harness, Reynosa, Smith

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT Thusu

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

WORK SESSION (Cancelled)

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Director Beltran.

PRESENTATIONS

5.1. National Public Works Week, May 17-23, 2015, "Community Begins Here", Proclamation 2015-07

Interim City Manager Meinert read the proclamation and Mayor Morales signed it. The proclamation was presented to Public Works Director Beltran by Mayor Morales.

5.2. Dinuba Unified School District Promotion/Graduation Proclamations

a. Washington Intermediate School, May 26, 2015; Proclamation 2015-08

Mayor Morales read and signed the proclamation.

b. Alternative Education, May 27, 2015; Proclamation 2015-09

Mayor Morales signed the proclamation.

c. Dinuba High School, May 28, 2015; Proclamation 2015-10

Mayor Morales signed the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1. Unscheduled Items

Philip Castiglione presented information regarding his interest in the development of the Ridge Creek subdivision.

CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1. City Council Special Meeting Draft Minutes, April 27, 2015

7.2. City Council Meeting Draft Minutes, April 28, 2015

7.3. City Council Special Meeting Draft Minutes, May 7, 2015

7.4. Acceptance of Other Agency Meeting Minutes

7.5. Master Development Schedule

7.6. Set Hearing - Proposed 2015-2016 Budget, Gann Limit and Capital Investment Program, June 9, 2015

- 7.7. Claim For Consideration - Robert Kirkpatrick
- 7.8. Claim for Consideration – Martin Sanchez
- 7.9. Notice of Completion – Dinuba Transit Center

A motion was made by Council Member Smith to pull item 7.8. from the Consent Calendar and approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Harness. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Staff was directed to bring item 7.8. of the Consent Calendar to the May 26, 2015 City Council meeting for consideration.

WARRANT REGISTER

A motion was made by Smith to approve the Warrant Register, and seconded by Harness. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

MAYOR’S MINUTE

- 9.1. Information Sharing

Mayor Morales shared information of his attendance at the Cinco de Mayo parade and celebration at Rose Ann Vuich Park. He also shared information on the Korean visitors to Dinuba.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 10.1. Request for Excused Absence – Council Member Scott Harness, April 28, 2015

A motion was made by Smith to approve the Excused Absence for Councilmember Harness, and seconded by Reynosa. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- 10.2. Reminder – City Employee Spring Picnic, 11:30-1:30; May 22, 2015

Interim City Manager Meinert shared information about the annual event.

- 10.3. Reminder - Community Volunteers Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 pm; June 16, 2015

Meinert shared information about the upcoming event.

- 10.4. Information Sharing.

Council Member Reynosa shared information on her attendance at the Dinuba arts festival.

PUBLIC HEARING

11.1. Impact Fee Program

The presentation was made by Business Manager George Avila. Avila explained the purpose and guidelines for the use of impact fees.

Harness asked what the transportation impact fee would be. Avila explained how the transit fee is calculated. Harness asked how the funds received are used. Harness asked how our fees compare to neighboring cities. Avila explained that there has not been an example of a developer abandoning a project in Dinuba because of impact fees. He also explained a change to the calculation of single family homes.

Reynosa asked if it is known when the City of Visalia last updated their impact fees. Avila did not have the information available. Avila explained that the recommendation is to update the information every five years.

Mayor Morales opened a public hearing on the item to hear public comments at 7:10 pm.

Mike Lane (Executive Director Building Industry Association of Tulare and Kings County) 220 N. Santa Fe, Visalia shared information on constraints and limitations on affordable housing development. He also shared that a developer had voiced concerns regarding Dinuba's high impact fees and presented fees for comparative cities. He explained that with such high fees, it is difficult for families at the median income level to qualify for affordable housing. He also referenced to government code 65580 and encouraged the Council to discuss and address the City's housing element plan.

Smith asked Mr. Lane what his experience is on such items. He also shared growth and development data for Dinuba. He expressed concerns with the effects of the reduction of development impact fees.

Robert Cervantes spoke in support of lowering the impact fees.

The public hearing was closed at 7:24 pm.

Mayor Morales continued the hearing to the May 26, 2015 council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY

12.1. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel: Public Employee Appointment – City Manager

Direction was given to staff to contact and present a formal offer of employment to the City Manager candidate.

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

No action taken.

12.3. Information Sharing

None

CITY MANAGER

13.1. Mutual Aid Request, County-wide Emergency Household Water Tank Program

Meinert explained the details of the proposed County-wide Emergency Household Water Tank Program.

Andrew Lockman - Director of Emergency Services Tulare County provided more details on the item. He also shared data on the severity of the drought issue in the county. He also explained that this would be a short term solution to provide water to those in need until a more permanent solution could be put into place.

Meinert asked how many houses would be served with this program.

Mr. Lockman recommended the City serve as many homes as possible.

Smith asked if the County could put a well in Sultana.

Mr. Lockman explained that the County is not a water service provider but they have looked at installing a temporary well but it wasn't the best use of funds and there are regulations for developing a well.

Meinert explained that it can take up to three years to develop a municipal well.

Lockman explained that the City would ultimately name the terms and rate for its participation.

Smith asked if all of the water would be used for potable purposes.

Lockman explained that the use prohibits outdoor use.

Smith asked if there could be two tanks to service the area: potable and non-potable.

Lockman explained that non-potable water could not be used to irrigate plants that produce consumables.

Harness suggested public education be included with the plan.

A motion was made by Smith to direct staff to prepare information on the request, and seconded by Harness. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

13.2. Department of Finance Official Population Estimates

Meinert shared information on the item. Dinuba's population is ranked as the fastest growing city in Tulare County. Dinuba's current population is 23,966, a 1.55% change.

Smith asked if commercial growth data could be presented at a future meeting.

Cass Cook estimated the commercial growth at roughly 4%.

13.3. Information Sharing

No information.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES

14.1. Authorization to Bid – College Park Recreation Center, Gregory Park & Roosevelt Park Improvements

Dean Uota presented information on the item and requested Council authorize staff to initiate the bid process.

Harness asked if staffing requirement would be met per council goals.

Meinert explained that it will.

A motion was made by Harness to authorize staff to bid work associated with the College Park Recreation Center, Gregory Park & Roosevelt Park Improvements, and seconded by Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

14.2. El Monte Way Update

Engineer Uota presented updated information on the El Monte Way project.

Morales asked when the south side of the project would be completed.

Uota indicated he was unsure of the completion date but should have more info by the next Council meeting.

14.3. Information Sharing

Uota shared information on the installation of the Ave 424 (Nebraska) railroad crossing.

FINANCE SERVICES

15.1. Information Sharing

Finance Director Cass Cook shared Ridge Creek Golf Course budget information as requested by Council at the May 11, 2015 Budget Work Session.

Smith asked who would own the new proposed event center.

Cook explained the City would hold a lien on the property.

Morales asked what the square footage of the proposed event center would be.

Cook explained the project details.

Harness asked how the profits/losses are calculated.

Cook explained that if the restaurant wasn't in place, the golf course operations would be reporting a loss.

Harness asked about auditing procedures.

Cook explained how the auditing process works.

FIRE SERVICES

16.1. Information Sharing

Chief Thompson shared information on a minor collision accident last week while transporting a patient. There were no injuries and minimal damages to both vehicles. The patient was transferred to a backup ambulance and transported to Kaweah Delta hospital.

PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

17.1. Authorization to Purchase Playground Equipment for Gregory Park

Director Carrillo shared information on the item.

A motion was made by Smith to approve the purchase of new playground equipment for Gregory Park, and seconded by Harness. The motion was approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Reynosa, Smith
NOES: None
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17.2. Information Sharing

Carillo shared information on the Cinco de Mayo carnival ticket sales. Presale: \$47,280 On Site Sales: \$78K Total profit to LNTC \$48K. He also shared information on an injury incident with a child who fell out of a ride.

Smith asked how this year’s sales compare to previous years.

Carillo explained that the sales were very close to previous years.

POLICE SERVICES

18.1. Information Sharing

Popovich shared information on safety and police department related items with the Cinco de Mayo event.

Popovich also shared a photo of the Tulare County Special needs program participants wearing Dinuba PD sponsored shirts for their participation in the Special Olympics.

PUBLIC WORKS

19.1. Action of the Planning Commission, May 5, 2015

Public Works Director Blanca Beltran shared information on the Planning Commission action for two items.

19.2. Authorization to Apply - Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant

Director Beltran shared information on the item and requested Council authorize staff to apply for the ATP grant. Beltran indicated that the City applied and received the ATP grant in 2014 for phase I & II bike lanes project.

Smith asked why the grant doesn’t allow improvements on Hayes Avenue.

Beltran explained that the program does not cover construction and the Hayes Ave project requires construction in order to be improved.

A motion was made by Reynosa to authorize staff to apply for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant, and seconded by Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

19.3. Measure R Program Supplement (ATP) Class II & Class III Bike Lanes

Beltran shared information on the item and requested Council authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a program supplement for the ATP Class II & Class III Bike Lane Project.

A motion was made by Harness to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a Program Supplement for the ATP Class II & Class III Bike Lane Project, and seconded by Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

19.4. Authorization to Execute – Certificates and Assurances, Low Carbon Transit Operations Program – Resolution 2015-20

Beltran shared information on the item and requested Council adopt Resolution 2015-20.

A motion was made by Harness to adopt Resolution 2015-20, and seconded by Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

AYES: Morales, Harness, Reynosa, Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
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19.5. Information Sharing

Beltran shared information on an Alert TC call this evening regarding the flushing of Well #15. The call was to explain to residents the need to flush the well in order to pass testing, to minimize negative public perception.

Mike asked for information regarding the running of the CWMA.

BREAK

Mayor Morales declared a break at 8:52 pm.

The Council convened in closed session at 9:00 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

20.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT– CITY MANAGER

20.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION

The Council reconvened in open session at 10:23 pm and reported no action as a result of the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Emilio Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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