

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Barkley, Beltran, Cook, Hurtado, McCloskey, Patlan, Popovich, Thompson, Uota

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome & Call to Order – Mayor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the three Department of Conservation workers that were killed while traveling to a Dinuba work site on their second day of work.

He noted the three individuals were Justin Vanmeter, age 21; Rhonda Shackelford, age 20; and, Serena Guadarrama, age 18.

1.2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Chaplain Sussee.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Thusu led the flag salute.

2. AGENDA CHANGES OR DELETIONS

To better accommodate members of the public or convenience in the order of presentation, items on the agenda may not be presented or acted upon in the order listed. Additions to Agenda may be added only pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8.

None.

3. PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

3.1. Tulare County EDC Update, Paul Saldana

Paul Saldana, Executive Director of the Tulare County EDC, was present to give the Council an update about the activity Tulare County EDC has been conducting. He talked about the Certified Sites Program and noted it's the only such program in the state of California. Saldana gave a summary of activities and the work program.

Mayor Morales asked Saldana what type of manufacturing companies have been looking at Dinuba.

Saldana responded the companies looking have been electric vehicle, plastics manufacturing and similar types, and dairy-related.

Council Member Thusu asked what Dinuba can do to bring the businesses here and asked has the Tulare County EDC ever worked with EB5 programs.

Saldana said that in the past the EDC has asked at the times Dinuba has not been successful in attracting a business why we weren't selected and he said he was told it was more for business strategic reasons that they chose not to come here.

Saldana responded, yes, the EDC has worked with EB5 programs.

4. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

This portion of the meeting is reserved for any person who would like to address the Council on any item that is not on the agenda. Please be advised that State law does not allow the City Council to discuss or take any action on any issue not on the agenda. The City Council may direct staff to follow up on such item(s). Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes. If there is any person wishing to address the City Council at this time please approach the podium and state your name and nature of the request.

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, a member of the audience or a Council Member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and it will be considered separately.

5.1. **SUBJECT**: Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016 (LB)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council to review draft minutes and adopt as final.

5.2. **SUBJECT**: Master Development Schedule (DU)

RECOMMENDATION: Information item only.

5.3. **SUBJECT**: Bi-weekly update of West El Monte Widening Project (DU)

RECOMMENDATION: Information item only.

5.4. **SUBJECT**: Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from City Commissions(s): Historic Preservation Commission, December 14, 2015; Parks & Community Services & Pro-Youth Commission, November 17, 2015; and Planning Commission, December 1, 2015;

RECOMMENDATION: Council to accept adopted Commission minutes.

5.5. **SUBJECT**: Accept Planning Commission Action, December 1, 2015 (BB)

RECOMMENDATION: Council to accept Planning Commission action, February 2, 2016.

5.6. **SUBJECT**: Authorization to Purchase one (1) new Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator (CT)

RECOMMENDATION: Council authorizes the Fire Department to purchase one (1) new cardiac/defibrillator from Physiocontrol in the amount of \$34,264.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Warrants for January 29; February 5, 2016 (CC)

RECOMMENDATION: Council to review and approve warrants as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to approve the warrant register as presented.

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. **SUBJECT:** Travel Policy for City Council, Resolution No. 2016-07 (JA)

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Resolution No. 2016-07 approving the City Council Travel Policy No. 2016-01.

Assistant City Manager Anderson presented the item. This item is a result of Council direction in October 2015. The proposed policy is specific to the City Council. She noted there is already a travel policy in place for city employees.

Discussion followed in regard to the proposed policy for Council Members.

Council Member Reynosa asked that language be included regarding repayment of conference costs at a pro-rated cost should a Council Member choose not to remain for that portion of the conference which was prepaid by the City.

Discussion followed in regard to reimbursement for lodging, travel expenses and training when Council Members choose not to stay for the entire conference. It was noted that the council would be the deciding body for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to adopt Resolution 2016-07 approving the City Council Travel Policy 2016-01 with proposed changes.

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

7.2. **SUBJECT:** Resolution 2016-09 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) (BB)

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Resolution 2016-09 granting release of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds allocated to the City of

Dinuba to the City of Visalia in exchange for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) in the amount of \$23,214 and authorizing the Public Works director or designee to execute the agreement.

Director Beltran presented the item to the Council in regard to the granting release of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds allocated to the City of Dinuba to the City of Visalia. Beltran requested the City Council adopt Resolution 2016-09 authorizing the execution of the agreement in the amount of \$23,214.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to adopt Resolution 2016-09.

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

7.3. SUBJECT: 26th Annual Dinuba Criterium Bicycle Race, February 15, 2016 (BB)

RECOMMENDATION: Council receive information on Velo Promo 26th Annual Dinuba Criterium Bicycle Race in Dinuba on February 15, 2016.

Public Works Director Beltran advised the Council that the 26th annual criterium race will once again be held in Dinuba. The request has been reviewed and approved by Traffic Safety Committee and is the same event as has been for the past years. Beltran noted there have been no issues in the past resulting from the race.

7.4. SUBJECT: Institutional Turf Replacement Program (SH)

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve participation in the Department of Water Resources Turf Replacement Program for water conservation landscaping at City Hall, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments.

Sports Coordinator Hurtado presented information to the Council in regard to the Department of Water Resources Turf Replacement Program for water conservation concerning city facility grounds. She explained that there will be conservation efforts in landscaping performed at City Hall, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. She requested that the Council authorize participation in the program although it has recently begun with the paseo at Lincoln and McKinley.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to approve the participation in the Department of Water Resources Turf Replacement Program for water conservation landscaping at City Hall, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments.

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

7.5. **SUBJECT:** Award of Contract to Rainbow Roofing for Reroof of the Community Center (DU)

RECOMMENDATION: Council award contract to Rainbow Roofing for Reroof of the Community Center in the amount of \$42,720.

Sports Coordinator Hurtado presented information to the Council in regard to the proposed reroof project at the Community Center. She noted that the reroof does not include an estimate for removal of asbestos in the amount of \$14,280 which would be a separate company handling that part of the project. Hurtado recommended Rainbow Roofing be awarded the bid for the reroof of the Community Services facility.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness, second by Council Member Thusu, to award the reroof bid to Rainbow Roofing in the amount of \$42,720.

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

8. **MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS**

8.1. Items from Mayor.

Mayor Morales reminded everyone that the seniors will host their annual Valentine's Day luncheon this Friday at the Dinuba Senior Center.

8.2. Items from Council.

Vice Mayor Harness noted a future discussion item: lighting at Nebraska Park. He also noted that there seems to be a real problem with stray dogs and cats. He requested we reach out to the county for a solution to the problem and he said he would like to see a policy in this regard.

Council Member Thusu said he would like a letter of support in regard to "Nutrition on the Go!" which distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, baby food, and juice beverages to families seeking food assistance. Thusu said he wants to see the program come to Dinuba but needs the city to be in agreement.

Council Member Thusu shared information regarding proposed Ballot Measures that were discussed at a recent Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee meeting.

Vice Mayor Harness asked where Alta Clinic and City of Dinuba fit in with the current food give away at the Transit Center.

Council Member Thusu said he provides employee volunteers to give food away at the monthly food distribution at the Dinuba Transit Center.

9. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

9.1. Items from Staff.

None.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:33 pm.

10. CLOSED SESSION

10.1. Liability Claim

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95; Claimant: Koleon Verreras; Agency Claimed Against: City of Dinuba.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, second by Council Member Thusu, to reject the claim.

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

10.2. Liability Claim

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95; Claimant: Pacific Bell/AT&T; Agency Claimed Against: City of Dinuba.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, second by Council Member Thusu, to reject the claim.

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

10.3. Liability Claim

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95; Claimant: Heather and Tina Joslin; Agency Claimed Against: City of Dinuba.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, second by Council Member Thusu, to reject the claim.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Emilio Morales, Mayor

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk