



DINUBA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 9, 2016

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Reynosa, Smith, Thusu, Vice Mayor Harness, Mayor Morales

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Aguirre, Anderson, Barkley, Carrillo, Cook, James, Jenner, Patlan, Popovich, Thompson

1. OPENING CEREMONIES – 6:30 pm

1.1. Welcome & Call to Order – Mayor

Mayor Morales called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

1.2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Chaplain Sussee.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The flag salute was led by Council Member Thusu.

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.

City Manager Patlan requested that Item 5 be moved up in the agenda order before item 3. The Mayor agreed and moved the items accordingly.

5. NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

5.1. Daniel Cruz Barragan, Maintenance Worker Assistant (BB)

5.2. Rosamber Ambriz, Fire-fighter (CT)

5.3. Jose Aguayo, Full-time Police Officer (DP)

5.4. Nick Carnahan, Full-time Police Officer (DP)

Daniel Cruz Barragan, Maintenance Worker Assistant and Rosamber Ambriz, Fire-fighter were present at the meeting and were welcomed by the Council.

Jose Aguayo, Full-time Police Officer and Nick Carnahan, Full-time Police Officer were both present at the meeting. They were welcomed by the Council and had their police badges pinned on them.

Mayor Morales administered the oath to Firefighter Ambriz, and Police Officers Aguayo and Carnahan.

BREAK

Mayor Morales declared a break at 6:45 pm.

RECONVENE FROM BREAK

The meeting reconvened at 6:56 pm.

3. PRESENTATION(S) / CEREMONIAL MATTERS

3.1. Law Enforcement Day Camp Presentation (Sgt. Bissett)

Sgt. Bissett was present to share information about the recent Law Enforcement Day Camp.

3.2. 2015-16 Leadership Northern Tulare County Cinco de Mayo Report

Josefina Trevino and Ramon Rivera were present to share the 2016 Cinco de Mayo Income & Expense Report.

3.3. Recognition of Leadership Northern Tulare County Committee for Park Improvements Donation (JC)

Director Carrillo presented the Leadership Northern Tulare County Steering Committee Members with a plaque recognizing the donations made by LNTC toward Rose Ann Vuich Park improvements. The donations amounted to over \$10,000. Carrillo noted that the plaque will be placed at Vuich Park honoring LNTC's contributions.

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.

Sandy Sills invited the Mayor and Council to the monthly Good Morning Dinuba meeting to be held at Circle K tomorrow morning.

6. 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.

6.1. **SUBJECT:** Animal Shelter Services Agreement with the City of Visalia (DP)

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve the Animal Shelter Services Agreement between the City of Dinuba and the City of Visalia.

6.2. **SUBJECT:** Response to Grand Jury Report – “Are We Ready for El Nino”

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve the response to 2015-2016 Tulare County Grand Jury Report regarding Tulare County’s Preparedness for El Niño.

6.3. **SUBJECT:** Authorization to Purchase 6 New Patrol Vehicles

RECOMMENDATION: Council to authorize the purchase of six (6) new Police Vehicles from Folsom Lake Ford in the amount of \$192,285.54.

6.4. **SUBJECT:** Master Development Schedule

RECOMMENDATION: For information purposes only.

6.5. **SUBJECT:** Proclamation No. 2016-05 – Railroad Safety Month

RECOMMENDATION: Council Proclaim September 2016 as Railroad Safety Month.

6.6. **SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2016-49 Authorizing Submittal of Alternative Vehicle Grant Application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (JC)

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Resolution No. 2016-49 authorizing staff to submit an application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) for grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase eight (8) new alternative fuel vehicles.

6.7. **SUBJECT:** Bi-weekly Update of West El Monte Way Widening Project

RECOMMENDATION: For information purposes only.

6.8. **SUBJECT:** Dinuba Chamber of Commerce Co-sponsorship of the Annual Raisin Festival at Rose Ann Vuich Park, September 21-25, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve a request by the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce to co-sponsor the annual Raisin Festival event scheduled to take place at Rose Ann Vuich Park on September 21-25, 2016.

6.9. **SUBJECT:** Latino Health Awareness Celebration

RECOMMENDATION: For information purposes only.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness, second by Council Member Thusu to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

7. WARRANT REGISTER

7.1. **SUBJECT**: Approval of Warrants for July 29 and August 5, 2016 (CC)

RECOMMENDATION: Council to review and approve warrants as presented.

Motion was made by Council Member Smith second by Council Member Reynosa, to approve the warrant register as presented.

AYES: Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8.1. **SUBJECT**: Local Government Internship Program (LB)

RECOMMENDATION: Council receive information concerning the Local Government Internship Program and direct staff accordingly. Barkley presented the report. No Council action was necessary.

Deputy City Clerk Barkley presented information to the City Council in regard to the new Local Government Internship Program. The Program was budgeted in the City's budget at \$10,000. Staff expects to hire up to six interns throughout the City. The program is intended to educate college students on City government practices and perhaps prepare them for a future in local government.

8.2. **SUBJECT**: Award of Bid – East El Monte Planning Study, Retail Recruitment Plan (JA)

RECOMMENDATION: Council to award the "East El Monte Planning Study, Retail Recruitment Plan" Project to the Retail Coach in the amount of \$43,000.

Assistant City Manager Anderson presented the information regarding the East El Monte Planning Study. She noted that the City received a protest from Stephen Wahlstrom, Wahlstrom & Associates in regard to the consultant selection.

Council Member Thusu asked if there is any way Wahlstrom could "put the brakes" on the project by protesting the award of bid.

City Manager Patlan said he doesn't see it. He said the state has told staff to resolve it locally and it is a low bid. Patlan said it is very straight forward.

Motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to award the East El Monte Planning Study, Retail Recruitment Plan" Project to the Retail Coach in the amount of \$43,000.

AYES: Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

We have reps from the community, the chamber and commissions so Harness wants to work with chamber, staff to come up with another tool within legal parameters for the recruiting agency to put together incentives for the east side.

Council Member Thusu said he wants to learn parameters of public funds how far can we go and what we can do.

Vice Mayor Harness said he wants to include housing.

8.3. SUBJECT: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California Donation Request (RR)

RECOMMENDATION: Council approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California to fund the cost of transportation for the Dinuba High School Bigs Program.

Ramirez request approval to donate \$1K to Bigs Program.

Council Member Smith asked why this request did not go to Pro-Youth.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness, second by Council Member Thusu to authorize the \$1000 payment from General Fund but directed that Pro-Youth take action on these items in the future.

AYES: Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

8.4. SUBJECT: Vacancies on Economic Development Commission (JA)

RECOMMENDATION: Council to receive update on vacancies on the Economic Development Commission and direct staff accordingly.

Assistant City Manager Anderson reported that there is a vacancy on the EDC which brings it to three vacancies on the Commission.

8.5. SUBJECT: Award of Construction Contract –Hayes Avenue Reconstruction Project (JAg)

RECOMMENDATION: Council award the Construction Contract to AJ Excavation Inc. for the Hayes Avenue Reconstruction Project in the total bid amount of \$192,638.90.

Associate Engineer Aguirre presented the request to award the Construction Contract to AJ Excavation Inc. for the Hayes Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to award the Construction Contract to AJ Excavation, Inc. for the Hayes Avenue Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$192,638.90.

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9. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1. Items from Mayor.

Mayor Morales indicated he attended the National Night Out event.

9.2. Items from Council Members.

Council Members Thusu, Reynosa and Smith said they too attended the National Night Out event and Council Member Reynosa said she attended the Youth Law Enforcement Day Camp luncheon.

9.3. Reminder – City Council Meeting of August 23, 2016 Cancelled

Deputy City Clerk Barkley reminded the Council that the August 23 Council meeting was cancelled.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

10.1. Items from City Manager.

City Manager Patlan reported that he attended the School District's back to school welcome address; the National Night Out event and the Youth Law Enforcement Day Camp luncheon.

11. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

11.1. Items from Staff.

None reported.

The City Council went into closed session at 8:06 pm.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: Two (2) Cases.

No action was taken.

12.2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a), Agency Designated Representative(s): Luis Patlan, City Manager and Cass Cook, Finance Director; Employee Group: Dinuba City Employees Association

No action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Emilio Morales, Mayor

Attest:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk
City of Dinuba, California