

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Barkley, Beltran, McCloskey, Nunes,
Olvera, Thompson, Todd, Uota

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Council Member McKittrick led the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Elect Scott Harness led the flag salute.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Trisha Whitfield – 10 Years

Mayor Wallace presented Whitfield with an award for ten years of service. The Council Members congratulated Whitfield for her years of service to the community.

NEW EMPLOYEE

5.1. Alvaro Gonzalez, Public Works

Director Beltran introduced Alvaro Gonzalez, newly hired in the Public Works Department as Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Certified Level 1 Operator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1. Carl Mares – Para los Niños Toy Giveaway, Request for Street Closure, December 18, 2010

Joe Bueno, representing the organization hosting the toy giveaway event, was present to request authorization to utilize the Entertainment Plaza for the annual event. He requested that the fees be waived for use of the facility.

Director Nunes said the City could cosponsor the event and waive the fees for the event.

Council discussion followed.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor Morales to approve the request to cosponsor the event and to waive the event.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6.2. Dinuba Chamber of Commerce, Request for Street Closure(s), Farmers Market

Sandy Sills, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, requested authorization to hold Farmers Market events beginning November 20, 2010. She explained the event and the purpose which is to bring people to the downtown area.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the request for street closure(s) to hold the Farmers Market events as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.3. Unscheduled

Executive Director Sills thanked Mayor Wallace and Council Member McKittrick for being gracious when the Chamber has tried to support the downtown area.

Sills explained the Bulb outs are being decorated downtown and three of them by city departments. She added that all the bulb outs are being decorated this year.

Sills shared that the Chamber will begin something new called “Good Morning Dinuba.” It’s a two-minute commercial featuring businesses with the idea to get businesses to get to know about each other.

Council Member McKittrick offered thanks to Sills for the Mixer recently held at the Sentinel.

Joel Ramirez, resident at 285 West El Monte Way, who will be affected by the street widening project said he hopes to come to a resolution with the City on the property and move forward with the close of escrow of another home. He thanked the Council for their time.

Council discussion followed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1. City Council / Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2010
- 7.2. Claim for Consideration – Maria Reyes
- 7.3. Set Hearing Date - Annual Review of Development Impact Fee Revenues and Expenses for FY 2009-10, December 14, 2010

It was moved by Council / Board Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Morales to approve the consent calendar as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

WARRANT REGISTER

- 8.1. Approval – City Council Warrant Register, November 12, 19, 2010
- 8.2. Approval – Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register, November 12, 19, 2010

It was moved by Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Morales, second by Council / Board Member McKittrick, to approve the warrant register as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MAYOR’S / CHAIR’S MINUTE

- 9.1. Dianne Church, Retirement from EDA - Certificate of Appreciation

Mayor Wallace read into the record a certificate of appreciation for Dianne Church to be presented to her upon her retirement from the Federal Economic Development Administration.

9.2. Information Sharing

Mayor Wallace congratulated the Dinuba High School water polo team for making it to the valley championships. Mayor Wallace said Mr. Himden, a school teacher, recently passed away and he was memorialized earlier in the day at JFK Elementary.

Mayor Wallace shared that new Council Members will be installed at our December Council meeting. Mayor Wallace congratulated all the candidates.

COUNCIL / AGENCY / AUTHORITY COMMENTS

10.1. Request for Excused Absence - Mark Wallace, November 9, 2010

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor Morales to approve absence.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10.2. 2010 Water and Wastewater System Refunding Revenue Bonds

- A. City Council Resolution No 2010-56
- B. Dinuba Financing Authority Resolution No 2010-02

City Manager / Executive Director Todd said this action will help the City save \$8,000 to \$12,000 dollars on a series of bonds used for the waste water treatment facility and transportation bonds. With that he introduced Marshall Linn, Urban Futures, Inc.

Marshall Linn, Urban Futures Inc., first congratulated and commended Council / Board Members Wallace, Payan and McKittrick for having served Dinuba as Council Members.

Linn said that Urban Futures Inc serves several cities throughout California and in his opinion, Dinuba is one of the five best cities in California.

He shared the City can only grow and become better if it has a strong City Council and he said he believes that we have one of the best City Managers in the state. He challenged the new Council to continue the work.

Linn said we have a chance to save some money; in 1998 the City issued certificates of participation at a decent level of 5 to 5.25 percent. Urban Futures Inc's job is to analyze the bond issues to save money. \$3.2 million of the term bond is due to expire and Bank of America has agreed to save the City \$12,000 per year until 2018 by a lowering the interest rate.

Mayor / Chair Wallace asked if the fee is included in the bond. Linn said it is included.

It was moved by Council / Board Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Morales to adopt City Council Resolution No 2010-56 and Dinuba Financing Authority Resolution No 2010-02 as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mayor Wallace commended Linn for all he's done while working with the City. He expressed that he will miss working with Linn.

Council Member McKittrick expressed the same sentiments.

10.3. Korean Consulate Video “Thanking America”

City Manager Todd shared that Council Member McKittrick and he had the pleasure of meeting with the Korean task group for the unveiling of the Korean monument in Reedley a couple weeks ago. In the course of that event, they talked about the relationship between Korea and Dinuba and Reedley and there were interesting stories between the groups. They would like to form a sister city relationship.

10.4. Korean Sister City

Council Member McKittrick would like to be the ambassador to the Korean delegation and sister city partnership.

Council discussion followed.

This item was tabled to be discussed at a subsequent Council meeting after the new Council is seated.

10.5. Cancellation of City Council Meeting, December 28, 2010

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor Morales to approve.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10.6. Information Sharing

None

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

11.1. Information Sharing

None

CITY ATTORNEY

- 12.1. Avenue 416 Real Property Acquisition
A. Perez (E & L Holdings), 6954 Avenue 416
B. Ramirez, 285 West El Monte Way

12.2. Information Sharing

City Attorney McCloskey said it was his pleasure to serve with outgoing Council Members and added that he always enjoyed their support.

CITY ENGINEER

13.1. Information Sharing

Engineer Uota thanked outgoing the Council Members for their support.

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

14.1. Information Sharing

Director Nunes shared that tomorrow is a furlough day and City Hall and Public Works are closed Thursday and Friday for the holidays. She shared that December 22 is a furlough day too and City offices will be closed December 23 and 24. Nunes shared that the Christmas Parade will be held on

December 4 followed by the Community Christmas Tree Lighting at Vuich Park. Nunes said that her department, Finance and Community Services will have a float in the parade. The Christmas tree has been strung with new lights and it will be well lit for the lighting ceremony.

Director Nunes shared that the Senior Citizen luncheon is on December 18.

FIRE SERVICES

15.1. Information Sharing

Chief Thompson shared information about the fire that destroyed Perko's building and said nobody was hurt.

Council discussion followed.

POLICE SERVICES

16.1. Information Sharing

Chief Olvera shared that beginning Thanksgiving evening the police department will be providing extra patrol on Black Friday.

PUBLIC WORKS

17.1. Clarify Definition of the "modest housing" Requirement for the CDBG, HOME and CalHOME Homebuyer Programs

Fiscal Analyst Avila shared information in regard to the City's Home Buyer Program and said no action from the Council is required.

17.2. Information Sharing

Director Beltran shared that on December 7 there will be an item on Porterville's agenda to take action to withdraw from the CWMA. Beltran explained why Porterville is considering withdrawal from the CWMA, one of their council members is having a difficult time recognizing the value of the program. The City of Visalia has indicated they are not willing to pay additional fees with the loss of Porterville. It could impact us also if the CWMA disbands, we would have to go to our contractor to meet the diversion, putting programs in place and that is not currently written into the disposal contract. At this point, we don't know if the City of Porterville will change its mind or not.

Council Member Smith asked if the City of Porterville's Council changed drastically with the election.

Beltran said she is not sure of the dynamic driving the questions.

Council discussion followed.

The Council adjourned to closed session at 7:55 pm.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

18.1. Avenue 416 Real Property Acquisition

A. Perez (E & L Holdings), 6954 Avenue 416

The Council directed staff to set a hearing for December 14, 2010 to entertain a Resolution of Necessity.

B. Ramirez, 285 West El Monte Way

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Wallace, Mayor / Chair

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk / Secretary