

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Barkley, Beltran, Doyle, McCloskey, Nunes,
Popovich, , Todd, Uota

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Robert Garcia.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Member Harness.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

4.1. Pastors Bill and Cheryl Nicolay

Mayor Hinesly read into the record the certificate of appreciation for Pastors Bill and Cheryl recognizing their diligent community spirit and involvement. The Nicolays were not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1. 2012-13 LNTC Class Request Event Co-sponsorship and Exclusive Use of Vuich Park, May 3-5, 2013; and, Request for Street Closure for Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade, May 4, 2013

Adriana Baza was present with the other LNTC Class Members to request the City's co-sponsorship and exclusive use of Vuich Park on May 3-5 to hold the annual Cinco de Mayo event. A request was also made for street closure during the annual Cinco de Mayo Parade on May 4 in the downtown area.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the request to co-sponsor the Cinco de Mayo event and to authorize the street closure during the annual parade as presented.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5.2. St. Catherine's Catholic Church Stations of the Cross Procession – Request for Street Closure March 29, 2013

Carolina Hurtado and Marcos Nieto were present to request a modified street closure of Villa Avenue on March 29 to hold the Stations of the Cross procession.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to authorize the street closure request as presented.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5.3. Community Input on Police Chief Selection

Officer Jim Garcia, President of the Dinuba Police Officers Association and some of the Association Board Members were present. Garcia said the city has gone through huge changes recently due to the Council and staff's hard work. Garcia said the leaders of the Police Department are the heart of the community. Garcia said the POA will support the City Council and the City Manager and he said the new chief should work for the youth of the community and boost pride in the police officers. Garcia said he looks forward as POA President to working with the Chief of Police. Lastly he stated that he wants the Chief to be the face of the Police Department.

5.4. Unscheduled Items

Chris Launer said he was present representing the Dinuba ACS Relay for Life Committee and he requested authorization to suspend the Relay for Life Banner over Alta Avenue in April as in the past.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Todd said since the item is not on the agenda, the matter cannot be voted upon but the Council can direct Launer to work with staff in the matter. Todd said the item will come back to the Council at the March 26 meeting for official action.

Mark Carrion, 697 Lily, said he will bring youth baseball concerns to the March 26 Council meeting for discussion but tonight he wanted to discuss the school bus stop on Lily where he said, traffic is a problem along Lily near Alice Park in the morning hours. Parents are dropping children off for the bus and are parked along the area where they wait for the bus. He described safety issues and requested the curbs be painted for no parking during school bus loading hours.

Discussion followed.

It was decided that key members from staff should meet with Carrion at the site to see what hazards are posed. Chief Popovich said he will direct staff to get the speed trailer placed in the area.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6.1. City Council Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2013
- 6.2. Other Agency Minutes
 - a. Citizens Oversight Committee, October 26, 2012
 - b. Historic Preservation Commission, January 28, 2013
 - c. Planning Commission, February 5, 2013
 - d. Police Advisory Commission, February 5, 2013
- 6.3. Community Services & Dinuba Pro-Youth Commission Draft Agenda, March 19, 2013
- 6.4. Master Development Schedule

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

WARRANT REGISTER

- 7.1. Approval –Warrant Register, March 1, 8, 2013

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

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MAYOR'S MINUTE

- 8.1. City of Reedley Centennial Anniversary

Mayor Hinesly read into the record, a plaque from Dinuba's City Council to Reedley City Council that will be presented to them in honor of their City's Centennial anniversary. Mayor Hinesly read the plaque into the record.

Discussion followed.

8.2. Information Sharing

Mayor Hinesly shared the Dinuba Woman's Club hosted the VIP Waiter event which helps raise funds to donate to the annual Dinuba Relay for Life event.

She also reported that she attended the Cal Ripkin opening day ceremony and Council Member Smith also attended.

Mayor Hinesly reported that the annual Fire Engine Pull for the Cure was a successful event.

She announced that the Good Morning Dinuba monthly meeting will be held tomorrow at the Fire Department.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

9.1. Request for Excused Absence February 26, 2013 – Council Member Gonzalez

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to approve the request for excused absence by Council Member Gonzalez.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

9.2. Information Sharing

Council Member Harness reported he attended: Pull for the Cure; Cutler-Orosi Lions Club golf tourney at Ridge Creek; grand opening of Emperor Estates.

Council Member Gonzalez said he attended the Pull for the Cure event.

Council Member Smith said in addition to the Cal Ripkin opening day ceremony he attended the Ribbon Cutting for Emperor Estates.

Vice Mayor Morales said he too attended the Pull for the Cure event.

PUBLIC HEARING

10.1. Final Grantee Performance Report for the City's 2009-STBG-6448 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Karen Saucedo, Self-Help Enterprises, gave the Final Grantee Performance Report.

Council Member Harness asked if any of the grant administration money was utilized and Saucedo said yes but the set aside money has not been.

Mayor Hinesly opened the public hearing and closed it with no public comments brought forward.

Saucedo requested the City Council accept the report as presented.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Harness, to accept the report as presented.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

CITY ATTORNEY

11.1. Pending Litigation - Kemper Sports Management

This item was discussed in closed session.

11.2. Information Sharing

None

CITY MANAGER

12.1. Information Sharing

We are in near the first round of interviews for the Police Chief, which is March 21. shortly after that interview the successful candidates will be scheduled and a dinner in April with the candidates, council, and key staff. The dinner was set for Monday, April 22 at 5:00 place TBD.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES

13.1. Information Sharing

Engineer Uota shared that at the CIP work session, there was concern brought to the Council's attention in regard to the railroad crossing at Nebraska. The citizen who brought the matter to the council's attention, was told that staff would draft letters to the key players. Uota shared that the crossing has a real accident history and that history alone qualified it for a special program. CalTrans has taken the lead in that.

Uota reported: The County will construct the advanced warning system and street lighting in the crossing area. It's planned to be a controlled intersection and the project was planned back in September 2011. The PUC prepared a report based on a field report of some months earlier. Construction was scheduled for between September 2012 and August 2013. Uota shared he could probably find out how advanced the project is at this time but it may not be necessary to write letters as previously planned at this point.

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

14.1. Information Sharing

Director Nunes said she attended the Emperor Estates Grand Opening and the Pulling For a Cure event.

Nunes reported that the Recreation Department is busy with upcoming events:
Spring Fling, March 23, 11:00 to 1:00 pm.
Baseball/softball opening day is April 27

Nunes reported that the Senior Center will have a soup and potato bar on Friday.

The DRAC project is soon to begin; the City's Budget planning has begun, the budget team will meet tomorrow and begin meeting with individual departments next week. Staff heard from the Department of Finance on the ROPS and expects final approval soon.

FIRE SERVICES

15.1. Information Sharing

Battalion Chief Doyle said he enjoyed the Pull for the Cure event. Doyle reported that the Fireman's Association took part in the Kid's Day fundraiser and as a result raised \$2600 for Children's Hospital.

POLICE SERVICES

16.1. Project Listen Update

Chief Popovich reported a community Project Listen meeting was held on February 28 but nobody from the public attended.

16.2. Information Sharing

PUBLIC WORKS

17.1. Action of the Planning Commission, March 5, 2013

Director Beltran presented the action taken by the Planning Commission at the meeting held on March 5, 2013.

17.2. Information Sharing

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

18.1. Pending Litigation – Kemper Sports Management

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the City Council met in closed session with the City Attorney to discuss pending litigation.

The City Council directed the City Attorney to take no action on the litigation and allow Kemper Sports Management to respond.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Janet C Hinesly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk