

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by City Manager Todd.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

4.1. Al Surabian Sr.

Mr. Surabian was not present.

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH TO ATTEND REEDLEY COUNCIL MEETING

City Manager Todd reported that the City of Reedley is celebrating her 100th anniversary and Council Member Smith and Assistant City Manager Anderson will go to the meeting representing the Dinuba City Council to present a plaque and to talk about a proposed joint meeting.

The City Council excused Council Member Smith to briefly attend the meeting for purposes described.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1. 2013/14 Cinco de Mayo Queen and Princess Contestants

Debbie Rojas was present with the current Cinco de Mayo Queen and Princess and this year's contestants. Their purpose was to introduce themselves to the Council and to invite them to the pageant. The contestants introduced themselves and the Mayor presented each contestant with a City lapel pin and City tumbler.

PRINCESS CONTESTANTS:

Mickayla Espinosa
Yesenia Chaidez
Mary Gonzalez

Aniceta Perez Huerta
Tabitha Pineda

QUEEN CONTESTANTS:

Angeles Avendano
Jessica Covarrubias
Valeria Hernandez

Vannessa Hernandez
Nataly Martinez
Miriam Mosqueda
Lupita Tapia

6.2. Pat Gabriel, Platinum Theater - Request for Street Closure for Fast & Furious Car Show, Ventura on M Street to South of Parking Lot Entrance, May 25, 2013

General Manager Pat Gabriel, Platinum Theaters, 250 South M Street, and college intern Crystal Chasten, were present to request authorization for the Street Closure to hold the Fast & Furious Car Show on May 25. Gabriel said the theater now has 3-D effects and digital conversion to the theater. Gabriel added that June 15 will mark the 10th anniversary for the theater. Gabriel thanked the community for supporting the theater and she said she is planning an event to celebrate the ten-year mark.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Harness to approve the street closure as requested.

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

6.3. Colby Wells, SoCal Gas Company

Colby Wells, Public Affairs Manager, SoCal Gas Company, presented an update for SoCal Gas regarding the San Joaquin Valley. He discussed the following:

Transmission System
Delivering Natural Gas
Gas Transmission and Systems Operations
Distribution
Principal Concerns
Transmission Incidents and Hazards
Potential Hazards
Leak Recognition and Response
How to Recognize a Pipeline Leak
Leak Detection Equipment

Methods for Controlling Escaping Gas
Damage Prevention
Dig Alert
Pipeline Markers
Inspection Methods
Weblinks

After a brief discussion the Council thanked Wells for the presentation.

6.4. Unscheduled

Al Serna, Youth for Christ, talked about a recent tragic accident where 4 lives were lost and reported that a candle light vigil is planned at Vuich Park on April 14 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Serna asked for the City Council's consideration to co-sponsorship the event as has been done in the past with similar incidents. Serna said several businesses and the community will be involved in the event.

The Council agreed to cosponsor the event by waiver of park fees.

Council Member Smith and Assistant City Manager Anderson returned at 7:25 pm. Smith reported that the presentation went well and the Reedley Council said they will encourage their staff work with our staff to schedule a joint meeting soon.

Chief Thompson reported that a vehicle vs. cyclist accident just occurred at El Monte and Palm.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1. City Council Meeting Minutes, March 26, 2013
 A request for consideration and approval of draft meeting minutes
- 7.2. Other Agency Minutes
 - a. Historic Preservation Commission, February 11, 2013
 - b. Planning Commission, March 5, 2013
- 7.3. Citizens Oversight Committee Draft Agenda, April 26, 2013
- 7.4. Master Development Schedule
 An up-to-date copy of the MDS listing current building projects

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

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

WARRANT REGISTER

8.1. Approval –Warrant Register, March 29; April 5, 2013

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

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

MAYOR'S MINUTE

9.1. Letter of Support for Home-basing F-35C Joint Strike Fighter, NAS Lemoore

City Manager Anderson presented the item saying this is a letter of support to select the home base for the F-35C Joint Strike Fighter at NAS Lemoore. City of Lemoore has asked the surrounding communities to support the home base idea. Anderson requested direction to prepare a letter of support from the Mayor.

It was motioned by Council Member Morales, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to authorize staff to prepare a letter of support as presented.

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

9.2. Information Sharing

Mayor Hinesly announced that the Good Morning Dinuba meeting will be held at Bank of Sierra; Mayor Hinesly said she attended the LAFCo meeting and it was reported that expenditures came in \$90,000 below budget and because of this the board voted to disperse \$50,000 amongst member agencies to

reduce dues. She reported it was a good meeting and she would like to have Supervisor Worthley to address the Council on ag land.

Mayor Hinesly announced the reminder that the Relay for Life event is this weekend.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

10.1. Request for Excused Absence – Mike Smith, March 26, 2013

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Harness, to excuse the absence of Council Member Smith at the March 26, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

10.2. Ratification of Public Employee Appointment

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

10.3. Legislative Reception and South San Joaquin Valley General Membership Meeting, April 18, 2013, Woodlake

City Manager reminded everyone that the next League Division meeting will be held in Woodlake on April 18.

10.4. Reminder – Special City Council Meeting, April 22, 2013

City Manager Todd said the meeting for the selection of police chief will be held on Monday, April 22.

10.5. Information Sharing

Council Member Harness reported that the LED lights on East and West Hollow Way have been requested by residents. Director Beltran was directed to check on the ownership and cost of the light changes.

Council Member Smith said he is looking forward to the Relay for Life event.

Discussion followed in regard to the bank foreclosed house on Northridge and abatement processes.

Council Member Morales said there are street lights on Buena Vista and Meadow Lane that are burned out. Director Beltran said it's better to obtain pole numbers and locations so they can be reported to PG&E.

CITY ATTORNEY

11.1. Information Sharing

None

CITY MANAGER

12.1. Rolando Marroquin Industrial Retirement, Resolution No 2013-05

Assistant City Manager Anderson presented a report in regard to Captain Marroquin who has requested an industrial retirement. Anderson requested that the Council consider and adopt a resolution making Marroquin's official retirement is May 20, 2013.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Smith, to adopt Resolution No 2013-05 authorizing the industrial retirement of Captain Marroquin.

AYES: Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales, Gonzalez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

12.2. Information Sharing

Assistant City Manager Anderson reported she attended a League of Cities Committee meeting last week at which Historic Preservation was discussed. The mayor of Pasadena shared with the policy committee Pasadena's preservation history. The group also discussed PERS.

City Manager Todd said there was a recent fire at the Wake house and said if there is a way to save the house, it should be done very soon. Todd reported that Joe Morgan is going to contact the owner of the building; he added, it would be unfortunate to lose the house.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES

13.1. Action of the Planning Commission, April 2, 2013

Engineer Uota shared the action of the Planning Commission meeting with the City Council.

Engineer Uota shared information from the policy committee meeting he attended last week.

13.2. Information Sharing

None

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

14.1. Dinuba Vocational Center, 199 North L Street, Dinuba - Lease Purchase Proposal

This item was discussed in closed session.

14.2. Information Sharing

Director Nunes said the Dinuba Recreation and Activities Center has a bid opening on Thursday. Staff's Budget Balancing meeting will occur all day on Friday. Nunes reported that Baseball opening day will be held on April 27 at 10:00 am.

FIRE SERVICES

15.1. Weed Abatement Update

Chief Thompson reported weed abatement season has begun and 93 lots have been identified to date.

15.2. Information Sharing

None

POLICE SERVICES

16.1. Information Sharing

Interim Chief Popovich reported staff has moved into the northwest city sector with Project Listen and the first meeting is scheduled for Monday April 29 at 6:00 pm.

Chief Popovich reported that one of the police canines got out of his kennel during the storm last night.

PUBLIC WORKS

17.1. Authorization to Bid 2013 Street Improvement Projects

Director Beltran reported that the citywide street repair was identified in 20015 as one of the Council's priority goals. In fiscal year 2007/08 Phases I and II the improvement project were completed. Phase III could not be completed but remained on the "to do" list. The Council in 2011/12 identified key capital investment projects as one of its goals, identifying various city streets in need of reconstruction. Beltran shared the Engineer's estimates and staff's recommendation for priority of street repair.

Kamm Avenue (west of Alta to City Limits)	\$ 348,000
Nebraska Avenue (Euclid to Alta)	\$ 264,000
El Monte Way (Perry to Nichols)	\$ 237,000
Kamm/Crawford Intersection	\$ 35,000
Sierra Way (west of Alta to Rd 72 south lane)	\$ 181,000
Kamm/College intersection	\$ 86,000
Sierra Way (west of Rd 70 to WWTF)	\$ 185,000
Rd 74	<u>\$ 172,000</u>
Total	\$1,508,000

The total estimated amount is \$1,508,000. Approximately \$1.1 million of local transportation funds can be allocated toward the 2013 street improvement projects. Staff requested that the Council prioritize the projects identified and authorize staff to initiate the design and formal bidding process for the project.

Council Member Gonzalez stepped down from the dais at 8:22 pm.

Council Member Gonzalez returned to the dais at 8:24 pm.

Council discussion followed.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Gonzalez, to approve staff's recommended priority of street repair.

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

17.2. Information Sharing

Director Beltran reported that coordinating the Spring Clean-up event was more challenging this year than in the past due to personnel changes within The Gas Company but Colby Wells has been instrumental with the situation.

BREAK

Mayor Hinesly approved a break at 8:27 pm.

RECONVENE FROM BREAK

Mayor Hinesly reconvened the meeting at 8:36 pm and the Council went into closed session for discussion.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

18.1. Public Employee Appointment

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957, the City council met in closed session with the City Manager to discuss Public Employee Appointment for City Manager Trainee.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Gonzalez to create the position of Deputy City Manager, salary range 201 and, to appoint Elizabeth Nunes to the position.

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

It was motioned by Council Member Gonzalez, second by Council Member Smith, to appoint John Carrillo to Acting in Capacity as Parks and Community Services Director effective April 10, 2013.

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

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to appoint Cass Cook to Acting in Capacity as Finance Director effective April 10, 2013.

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

It was motioned by Council Member Harness, second by Council Member Smith, to make the temporary billing clerk position a regular part-time position effective April 10, 2013.

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

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member Smith, to make the part-time sports coordinator position a full-time position effective April 10, 2013.

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

Mayor Hinesly explained that the Deputy City Manager would advance to the City Manager's position upon the retirement of the current City Manager Ed Todd. At that time her salary will be negotiated and a contract of employment will be executed. This action gives City Manager Todd time to work with Nunes to prepare her for the position. This is the City Council's choice for the position and it saves money for the position. The City Council supports someone coming from within the organization to the position.

Council Member Smith stated that Nunes can change her mind if she wishes to decline the position.

City Manager Todd stated changes on two acting positions would be made on a permanent basis after Nunes becomes permanent in her position. At that time, those acting positions would need to go through a recruitment process.

Mike Miyamoto, Dinuba Sentinel reporter asked about Jayne Anderson's position. City Manager Todd explained that Anderson is the Assistant City Manager and will continue in that position which oversees Human Resources, Information Technology and she is the official City Clerk. Nunes position is the Deputy City Manager which oversees the Assistant City Manager.

The City Council went into closed session once again to discuss the following.

18.2. Dinuba Vocational Center, 199 North L Street, Dinuba - Lease Purchase Proposal

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the City Council met in closed session with City Manager Todd to discuss the Lease Purchase Proposal for Dinuba Vocational Center located at 199 North L Street.

The City Council directed staff to continue negotiations in regard to the Dinuba Vocational Center Lease Purchase Proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hinesly adjourned the meeting at 10:39 pm.

Janet C. Hinesly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk