

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Anderson, Avila, Barkley, Carrillo, Cook, Meinert, James, Son,  
Thompson, Uota

#### WORK SESSION

Vice Mayor Harness called the work session to order at 5:34 pm.

Lee Armstrong, Der Manouel Insurance Group representative was present to talk about the City's health insurance plan with the City Council.

Vice Mayor Harness asked if there are options outside the City of Dinuba. Armstrong explained how insurance is shopped.

Council Member Thusu asked about deductibles and hospitalization costs.

Armstrong explained the plan's benefits concerning these.

Director Cook stated there are three "take-aways" from the presentation. One, it's a good plan, two, claims are up and, thirdly, more people are on the plan because of recent retirees, added dependents and the effects of the Affordable Care Act.

Vice Mayor Harness asked why the item is before the Council.

Interim City Manager Meinert said this is a presentation to let the Council know where we stand in regard to health insurance.

#### 1.2. Joe Wisocki, Ridge Creek Golf Course – Golf Course Update

Mayor Morales arrived at 5:48 pm.

Joe Wisocki presented information in regard to the Ridge Creek Golf Course's progress.

Vice Mayor Harness asked if he foresees keeping the restaurant open later as a possibility.

Wisocki responded that during summer the restaurant is open until 8 pm during the week and 9 pm on weekends.

Wisocki was asked if he foresees the planned event center being beneficial.

Discussion followed in regard to the planned event facility at the golf course. Wisocki said he foresees the event center will be a great benefit to serve the community.

Council Member Smith asked what type of housing development Wisocki envisions at the golf course.

Council Member Smith asked why the golf course is cutting back on watering if the water used for irrigation is recycled non-potable water.

Interim City Manager Meinert explained we still have to be good stewards of water. Discussion followed.

Mayor Morales asked if other areas are drinking recycled water and Meinert explained it is not allowed here but other areas of the state may do so.

The work session was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Chaplain Sussee.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Roy Ramirez.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### 5.1. Dinuba High School Valedictorians

- Lilliana Garcia
- Rebeka Gonzalez
- Stephanie Manzo

Mayor Morales presented certificates of recognition to the three valedictorians and the Council congratulated them for their academic achievements.

##### 5.2. Armondo Apodaca, Executive Director TKHCC – Golf Tournament Final Report

Armondo Apodaca, TKHCC, thanked the City of Dinuba for co-sponsoring the TKHCC golf tournament. There were 104 golfers in the tournament that came from throughout the county.

##### 5.3. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Project Benefit, Car & Bike Show –Request for Co-sponsorship

Ruth Padilla requested co-sponsorship for a benefit car show on July 12. She requested police security and use of the parking lot near the senior complex as well as use of the Jolly Trolley during the event.

Interim City Manager Meinert said the trolley may be used that day making a special stop at the memorial hall.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness, second by Council Member Thusu, to authorize co-sponsorship of the event.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### 6.1. Unscheduled items

Joe de Luna, founder of Motorcycle ministry, Unity Crew was present to request authorization to conduct a Christian outreach at a church near the old court house and use of the city park. He described it as a church in the park event on July 12, 2015.

Director Carrillo said he talked to de Luna about it last week. The event is 10 to 2 on a Sunday. There is no conflict with other events.

De Luna said there will be a PA system with a singer and a preacher bringing the Word of God at the event.

Interim City Manager Meinert said the item is not on the agenda but the Council could direct staff to work with de Luna.

Chris Launer thanked Council Members Harness, Reynosa and Smith for attending the Flag Day event earlier in the month. He stated that it's important for the Council to attend more community events than two Council meetings a month. He urged the City Council to continue attending important community events.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

#### **WARRANT REGISTER**

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

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

#### MAYOR'S MINUTE

Mayor Morales reported he attended the LOCC SSJVD meeting in Delano where the subject was the drought.

Interim City Manager Meinert said we have received several bills in regard to several issues.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

##### 10.1. League of California Cities Annual Conference, Designation of Voting Delegate(s) and Alternate(s)

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Thusu that Vice Mayor Harness be designated the voting delegate at the League's Annual Conference.

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

Council Member Thusu, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to designate Council Member Reynosa as the alternate voting delegate.

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

##### 10.2. League of California Cities south San Joaquin Valley Division August 2015 – August 2017 Executive Board Nominations

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to nominate Council Member Thusu as a candidate for the LOCC SSJVD Executive Board.

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

##### 10.3. Letter of Response – Tulare County Grand Jury Report; Transparency – Open Meeting Law

Interim City Manager Meinert reported that the City received the Grand Jury's 2015 report. Our response to the report is included the packet for the Council's information.

#### 10.4. Information Sharing

Vice Mayor Harness said he wants to review the City's noise ordinance again.

Vice Mayor Harness said there are businesses that are popping up with improper equipment to prepare food or prepare food outdoors. Some businesses follow rules while others are not.

Council Member Thusu said he drove through the Viscaya subdivision and observed staff capping sprinklers in the median. He said staff noted they wished they had more help. He said he wished to share that information with Council and staff.

Director Carrillo said we have been mandated by the state to eliminate turf irrigation in street medians. He said they can only irrigate the trees in that area and there are approximately 200 trees planted that will be irrigated by drip. He talked about other areas that will soon turn brown due to lack of irrigation. There are areas that are supposed to be watered but there are areas that will suffer. Carrillo said it puts a strain on staff and staff is doing the best they can to

Council Member Smith said he has a neighbor that continues to be loud every weekend so noise is a problem.

He said he attended Flag Day as his patriotic duty. Smith said he also attended the Memorial Wall benefit dinner and attended the CWMA meeting Thursday. Discussion at the meeting was whether or not the CWMA is still necessary.

Harness said he feels the same about Tulare County EDC. He commented that the way they handle the leads we can't do anything about them.

Meinert said the Tulare County EDC is how Ruiz, Patterson and Best Buy came to us and he added that Dinuba had many leads until the bottom fell out of the market.

Vice Mayor Harness said Tulare County is out of the EDC and Meinert replied they are thinking of rejoining.

Council Member Reynosa said she attended the LNTC graduation and noted that LNTC is recruiting for the next class. She said she attended the Farm Credit West ground-breaking ceremony and the Flag Day service.

Vice Mayor Morales said he attended the Community Volunteers dinner too and he commended Lt. Son for his work with the volunteers.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

11.1. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Resolution 2015-31

Sgt Robison was present to discuss the JAG grant. He requested that the Council hold the hearing to gather comments in regard to the grant. The grant will allow staff to purchase safety equipment for the department.

Mayor Morales opened the hearing.

Ruth Padilla stood and said she supports the grant.

No other comments from the public were brought forward.

Mayor Morales closed the hearing.

It was motioned by Vice Mayor Harness, second by Council Member Smith to adopt Resolution 2015-31.

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

11.2. Levying Special Assessments for Landscape and Lighting Districts and Certifying the validity of the Legal Process, Resolution 2015-30

Director Cook requested that the Council adopt Resolution 2015-30.

Mayor Morales opened the hearing but no comments were brought forward so he closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Harness, to adopt Resolution 2015-30.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

12.1. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation

No action was taken during closed session.

12.2. Information Sharing

None

**CITY MANAGER**

13.1. Compensation Study – Authorization to Update

Assistant City Manager Anderson said the Compensation Study is still in its draft form. At the time it was drafted negotiations with staff were still occurring. The City Associations are aware of the study. The

compensation will be brought back at a later time for the Council's consideration. Anderson requested the Council authorize staff to update the Study.

It was motioned by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Harness to authorize the update of the Compensation Study.

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

### 13.2. Information Sharing

Interim City Manager Meinert said staff sent a letter to Legislators Mathis and Vidak to oppose the RDA trailer bill.

Interim City Manager Meinert said he and Anderson will meet with City Manager Patlan to talk about business on Thursday.

## **ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES**

### 14.1. Authorization to Award Demolition Work for Police Department Parking Lot expansion Phase I

Engineer Uota requested that the City Council consider the bids received for the project and award the demolition work of the former Kleinsasser Building to the lowest responsive bidder, Bowen Engineering & Environmental. Uota reported there were three bids and Bowen Engineering & Environmental was the lowest responsive bidder. Uota requested the City Council award the bid to Bowen Engineering & Environmental.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness, second was made by Council Member Thusu, to award the bid to Bowen Engineering & Environmental for demolition work.

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

### 14.2. Update – El Monte Way Widening Project

Engineer Uota presented the El Monte Way Widening Project update.

### 14.3. Information Sharing

Engineer Uota said construction began at the Sonic Drive-in site where Sonic will build.

Uota recalled that in 2009 there was a movement to recognize water resources in California were limited. He referred to a water calculation ordinance for new subdivisions. The ordinance didn't apply unless there was a large lot in the front yard. The state has now taken into consideration the drought and the turn in the front yards in new subdivisions will look like the newly remodeled landscaping like that of Ruiz Foods. When the state revises the ordinances, it will also become the city's ordinance once again.

## **FINANCE SERVICES**

### 15.1. Information Sharing

Director Cook said we plan to go live with the utility billing software on July 1. We will have to pull the old system down in order to replace it with the new system. We will be without a system on Friday, July 17. In light of the conversion we will not be able to take payments that day.

Interim City Manager Meinert said it will not interfere with payroll, time cards or issuing building permits.

## **FIRE SERVICES**

### 16.1. Request for Proposals – Fire Station #2 Design

Chief Thompson requested that the Council authorize staff to request proposals from firms to design the City of Dinuba fire Station #2.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second was made by Council Member Reynosa, to authorize staff to request proposals as presented.

AYES: Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

### 16.2. Information Sharing

Chief Thompson reported there was a fire this week on North Alta Avenue. The fire was not as devastating and it was distinguished without incident.

Chief Thompson reported there was a request for mutual aid at the Corrin Fire, to which Firefighters Woods and Morgan were deployed. They returned safely.

Chief Thompson explained the process which currently funds \$150,000 per year. The IGT program could help us recover \$800,000 - \$1 million per year which is good news for the fire department.

Director Cook said it looks like it could be approximately \$700,000 and staff will return to council with the information within 30 days.

Chief Thompson said it's based off of a fee for service.

## **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### 17.1. Authorization to Purchase Lighting for Roosevelt Park from Sole Source Vendor

Director Carrillo presented information and requested authorization to purchase specialized lighting for Roosevelt Park from a sole source vendor, Musco Lighting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Harness, second by Council Member Reynosa, to authorize the purchase from Musco Lighting as presented.

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

### 17.2. Information Sharing

Director Carrillo reported on the Friday Night Lights event that occurred last Friday. He also reported on the Independence Day event that will be held at the Centennial Park this year. He reviewed the schedule of events with the Council.

Carrillo reported that the Sportsplex becomes very hot in high temperatures so staff is looking at installing exhaust fans in the roof to try to remove some of the heat.

Mayor Morales asked if there will be vendors at the Independence Day event and Carrillo responded there will be food vendors.

## **BREAK**

Mayor Morales declared a break at 8:00 pm.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Morales reconvened the meeting at 8:14 pm.

## **POLICE SERVICES**

### 18.1. Information Sharing

Lt. Son animal control officer Enrique Chavez just started. He gave an update on recruitment of police staff.

The National Night Out event is scheduled for August 4. Lots of participation so far and expect a great turnout.

Had volunteer appreciation dinner last week and out of 21 12 were recognized. Several of them received awards for their participation.

Currently have about 1500 hours of service so far this year.

Discussion followed in regard to the award recipients.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **19.1. Authorization to Renew Dinuba Connection/Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) 2015-2016 Agreement**

Management Analyst Ramirez requested that the City Council consider information in regard to the FCRTA Agreement and requested that the City Council authorize the renewal of the 2015-2016 agreement between the Dinuba Connection/Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, second by Vice Mayor Harness, to approve the renewing of the agreement between the Dinuba Connection/Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

AYES: Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

### **19.2. Measure R Program Supplement – Transit Expansion**

Management Analyst Ramirez requested the City Council consider and authorize the execution of the Measure R Program Supplement with the TCAG for funding transit expansion. Ramirez explained the supplement will be used for FY 15/16 Measure R Transit Expansion funding for the Dinuba Connection Dinuba/Reedley route.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, a second was made by Vice Mayor Harness to authorize the execution of the Measure R Program Supplement with TCAG.

AYES: Reynosa, Smith, Morales, Harness, Thusu

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

19.3. Submittal of Allocation Request for Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Program – Transit Bus Shelters

Management Analyst Ramirez presented information concerning the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Program for transit bus shelters. Ramirez reported that the allocation was requested for the purchase of 15 transit bus shelters including solar lighting for several DART bus stops.

Ramirez reported that no action was necessary on the Council's part.

19.4. Information Sharing

Business Manager Avila reported staff is looking at hiring a building inspector through a third party contractor because the public improvements inspector will be out of the office for a few weeks.

**CLOSED SESSION**

20.1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

20.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGALCOUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:

Number of Cases: (ONE (1) CASE)

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Emilio Morales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk