



**July 9, 2024
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nerio-Guerrero, Launer, Reynosa, Thusu

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Prado

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alaniz, Avila, Chastain, Iriarte, James, Lew, Montejano, Patlan, Solis

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Reynosa called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2. Invocation

The Invocation as led by Chaplain Garcia.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Greco.

2. PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

2.1. Year-End Presentation by Airica de Oliveira, Executive Director Tulare County Economic Development Commission

Airica de Oliveira, Executive Director of Tulare County Economic Development Commission delivered the year end report and overview.

3. 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 54954.2(b).

None.

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 are 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.

Brian Marsh approached the podium to address his concerns with wages and benefits for the Dinuba Fire Department.

Ryan Wilson approached the podium to express his concern about the need for a wage and benefit increase for Dinuba Fire staff.

5. 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.

5.1. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of June 25, 2024 as presented.

5.2. SUBJECT

Authorization to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Dinuba and West Hills College (GC)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to authorize the Fire Chief to execute an agreement between the City of Dinuba and West Hills College to provide emergency medical technician (EMT) and paramedic field training.

5.3. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2024-55 Approving Adjustments to the 2023/24 Budget (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council Adopt Resolution No. 2024-55 approving budget amendments for the Fiscal Year End 2023/24.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Launer, to review and approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu
Absent: Prado

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register June 28 & July 5, 2024 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, second by Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

Absent: Prado

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. SUBJECT

Future Roundabout Project Discussion (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council receive presentation on roundabouts eligible for grant funding and provide direction on prioritization.

Jason Watts, City Engineer presented proposed roundabout locations around the city and explained the benefits. Watts asked for direction in prioritizing the project locations. Watts advised of grant opportunities with the Highway Safety Improvement Program and recommended applying for funding.

Watts reported that the City conducted a Roundabout Feasibility Study to help guide the development of roundabouts and support funding opportunities. Watts shared that the roundabout intersections with the greatest community benefit include El Monte and Road 92, El Monte and Perry, and Alta and Avenue 400. Staff is recommending the El Monte and Perry roundabout as the priority.

Council approved the Perry and El Monte roundabout as the highest priority.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Launer, to receive presentation on roundabouts eligible for grant funding and provide direction on prioritization.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

Absent: Prado

7.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2024-52 Authorizing Execution of Program Supplement for the use of Measure R funds for the El Monte Way Corridor Improvements Project Phase 2 (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2024-52 approving a Program Supplement for the use of Measure R funds in the amount of \$700,000 for design and ROW acquisition for Phase 2 of the El Monte Way Corridor Improvements Project and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the required documents.

George Avila, Public Works Director presented a Program Supplement for

Measure R Funds for \$700,000 to support the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of El Monte and Perry. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-52 allows the city to access funds for the construction and ROW acquisition of the project.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Launer, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-52 approving a Program Supplement for the use of Measure R funds for \$700,000 for design and ROW acquisition for Phase 2 of the El Monte Way Corridor Improvements Project and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the required documents.

Ayes: Launer, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu
Absent: Prado

7.3. SUBJECT

2023-24 Year-in-Review (LP)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept the 2023-24 Year-in-Review as an informational item.

City Manager Patlan presented the 2023-2024 Year in Review presentation. Patlan shared that this year's budget is balanced. Patlan is optimistic that the sales tax issue will be resolved and thanked Director Solis for her investment approach. Patlan briefed on future improvement projects to assist in the renovation of the city.

Patlan recognized new department directors Avila and Chastain. Patlan praised all city departments for their community engagement and thanked City Engineer, Watts for his work.

Patlan reflected on upcoming projects including the completion of Viscaya Park in December. Patlan hopes for the resolution of the CDTFA sales tax issue and looks forward to the completion of the Fire training facility and the Kamm and Alta roundabout.

Patlan thanked the council for their support.

The council thanked Patlan for his vision and thanked city staff for their hard work and efforts.

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero reported attending the Independence Day Celebration.

Council Member Thusu enjoyed the Independence Day Celebration from home. Thusu shared that Porterville is no longer part of the TCRTA and provided an update on Senate Bills.

City Council Member Launer reported attending the League of Cities in Bakersfield where the focus was on community involvement and troubled youth. Launer attended the Independence Celebration and thanked staff for their hard work. Launer shared that she participated in a ride-along with the Fire department during fireworks patrol.

Mayor Reynosa reported attending the Independence Celebration and the League of Cities in Bakersfield. Reynosa reported participating in a ride along with Fire and Police. Reynosa requested that the Fire department drone be replaced with a modern version. Reynosa would like to see an increase in fines for illegal fireworks and multiple offenders. Reynosa recommends hiring part-time employees for maintenance around the medians and roundabouts.

Absent: Prado

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan reminded the Council that the July 23rd Council Meeting is canceled.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Services Director Solis shared that there is an active Part-time Billing Clerk recruitment.

City Attorney Lew reported that the Supreme Court issued their ruling in the Oregon homelessness case that will give cities more tools to deal with the homeless. Lew reported that the city will be reviewing ordinances and making modifications if needed.

Police Chief Iriarte reported that the Police department has been busy.

Fire Chief Chastain reported that 25 illegal fireworks citations were issued and 85 pounds of illegal fireworks were collected. Chastain reported multiple fires due to fireworks. Chastain shared that there are 6 Paid Call Firefighter candidates in the background process and two Paramedic candidates have accepted conditional offers.

Public Works Director Avila reported receiving 73 applications from the Utility Worker I recruitment. Avila reported that there was a mandatory hauler meeting on June 27th. Avila shared about an upcoming team meeting to discuss RFP scoring. The RFP deadline is August 9th.

City Engineer Watts reported that Viscaya Park is moving along. Watts shared that utilities are complete at the Kamm and Alta roundabout and crews are on track for opening. Watts shared that the Fire department training facility is moving forward.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz reported working on multiple recruitments.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (MA)

Pursuant to GC Subdivision 54957.6; Agency designated representative: Maria Alaniz; Karina Solis; Luis Patlan; Daniel James
Employee Organizations: City Employees' Association; Police Officers' Association; Firefighters' Association; and Unrepresented Employees

No reportable action.

11.2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (LP)

Pursuant to GC Section 54957; Title: City Manager

The City Council will conduct the City Manager's annual performance evaluation.

No reportable action.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.