



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**June 8, 2021
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thusu, Reynosa, Launer, Longoria, Nerio-Guerrero

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barkley, Cisneros, James, Patlan, Popovich, Solis, Webster, Yanez

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Launer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Tulare County Supervisor Valero.

2. 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 54956.8.

None.

3. 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.

None

4. 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.

4.1. SUBJECT

City Council Meeting Minutes (LB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 as presented.

4.2. SUBJECT

Request for Sponsorship Leadership Northern Tulare County Freedom Fest Event, July 2, 2021 (LB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve a request for sponsorship from the 2021 Leadership Northern Tulare County Class in the amount of \$2,000, for the first annual Freedom Fest to be held Friday, July 2, 2021.

Item 4.2. was pulled for discussion. Rafael Alejandrez was present with the members of the 2021 LNTC class to give the council a brief explanation of the request before the council. He explained that the cost of the presale tickets are \$20 and are available from class members and the Chamber of Commerce; tickets are \$25 at the door. Alejandrez explained what the Freedom Fest activities will entail.

A motion was made by Council Member Longoria, second by Council Member Nerio-Guerrero, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Longoria, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

5. WARRANT REGISTER

5.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register May 28; June 4, 2021 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the warrant register as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Nerio-Guerrero, to approve the warrant register as presented.

Ayes: Launer, Longoria, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2021-28 Ordering the annual levy of Landscape and Lighting districts annual assessments for fiscal year 2021/22; and Resolution No. 2021-29 approving certification compliance and hold harmless statement (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council conduct a public hearing to receive public testimony, close the public hearing, and take the following action by one motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-28 ordering the levy and collection of assessments within the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2021/22, and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-29 approving the Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement form regarding the levy and collection of assessments within the City's landscaping and lighting assessment districts for fiscal year 2021/22.

Administrative Services Director Solis presented Kristin Harvey, NBS consultant for Landscaping and Lighting, who was present via Zoom. Harvey explained NBS has worked with the city for the last few years handling the administrative service for the Landscaping and Lighting process. Harvey noted the purpose for the hearing is to allow property owners to voice their concerns about assessment rates. She noted that all rates being charged are less or equal to rates that have already been escalated.

Council Member Thusu asked how levies are calculated during forecasting and he used the Viscaya area as an example.

Harvey said they look at the cost each year and consider the number of homes developed and the cost is spread amongst the homes in a particular neighborhood.

Mayor Launer opened the hearing for comment, No comments from the public were brought forward. Mayor Launer closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Longoria, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-28 ordering the levy and collection of assessments within the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2021/22; and, to adopt Resolution 2021-29 approving the Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement form regarding the levy and collection of assessments within the City's landscaping and lighting assessment districts for fiscal year 2021/22.

Ayes: Launer, Longoria, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

6.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2021-30 Adopting FY 2021/22 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program; and Resolution 2021-31 Adopting the FY 2021/22 GANN Appropriations Limit (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct a public hearing and take the following actions by separate motions:

- 1 . Adopt Resolution No. 2021-30 approving the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-31 establishing the Appropriations (GANN) Limit for Fiscal Year 2021/22

Administrative Services Director Solis presented the final segment of the budget presentation for FY 2021/2022 for consideration.

Council Member Longoria asked when El Monte Way along Vuich Park will be widened.

City Manager Patlan noted that the phase is the next one on El Monte Way but because of the cost, the city has delayed the project and looked at other options. Staff is looking at a Raise fund in order to fund major infrastructure projects. He noted the Fresno Fulton Mall was awarded under the same type of grant. Patlan noted that much right-of-way needs to be acquired and a design must be completed before the project can begin.

Council Member Thusu said he is pleased with the budget. The reserves are in great shape and he noted this does not include the Cares Act funds. He noted that the capital improvements will increase the quality of life of our citizens. He thanked staff for their diligence and noted that even during tough times staff did a great job. Council Member Thusu noted Senator Glazier's measure passed on the senate floor so we will have to be aware of the legislation that may try to take our big box sales tax.

City Manager Patlan thanked the Council for their guidance and for letting staff do their jobs. He thanked the Council for their support and thanked the department directors for being supportive of the community. He also thanked Director Solis for her great work on the budget.

Mayor Launer opened the hearing. No comments from the public were brought forward.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Vice Mayor Reynosa, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-30 approving the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

Ayes: Launer, Longoria, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

Administrative Services Director requested the Mayor open the hearing for public comment concerning the GANN limit.

Mayor Launer opened the hearing but no comments from the public were brought forward.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Vice Mayor Reynosa, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-31 establishing the Appropriations (GANN) Limit for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

Ayes: Launer, Longoria, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. SUBJECT

Appointment of the 2020 Census Advisory Committee (LB)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to appoint a Citizens Advisory Committee for the 2020 Census redistricting process.

City Clerk Barkley presented the request to appoint the Planning Commission as the 2020 Census Advisory Committee.

7.2. SUBJECT

Resolution 2021-32 Adoption of Landscape Design Guidelines (DJ)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-32 approving Landscape Design Guidelines.

Assistant City Manager James presented the landscape Design Guidelines for the Council's consideration. He noted the goals were to improve landscaping citywide, develop a consistent theme for developments to unify landscaping, make a development process for developers and landscapers. He also shared the elements are the general guidelines, planting, irrigation, plant selection, and maintenance.

A motion was made by Council Member Longoria, second by Vice Mayor Reynosa, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-32 approving Landscape Design Guidelines.

Ayes: Launer, Longoria, Nerio-Guerrero, Reynosa, Thusu

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Nerio-Guerrero attended a Memorial Day event at Dinuba Memorial Hall and she attended the ribbon-cutting event at Centennial Park for the new shade structure over the playground.

Vice Mayor Reynosa attended ribbon-cutting at Centennial Park and the Friday Night Lights event last week.

Council member Thusu said he attended the Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee meeting. He said that staff should engage Townsend and clear the narrative regarding sales tax. He noted that the board had a huge discussion in regard to the subject. He noted that "do no harm " should be the narrative. He attended the Tulare County Regional Transit Committee meeting where fares were discussed.

Mayor Launer attended the Veterans Memorial event and the Friday Night Lights event. She noted that staff worked so hard during the event. She said she had the privilege of attending several graduations and speaking to the students.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan reported that the Good Morning Dinuba meeting will be held tomorrow morning. The Dinuba Police Department will be helping on Monday with the Special Olympics run. Patlan reported he will meet next week with Tulare County EDC where the governor's appointee will be present. Patlan shared he will be out of office tomorrow.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Services Director Solis thanked the mayor for the commencement speech at the high school last week.

Assistant City Manager James thanked council for attending the ribbon-cutting at Centennial Park.

Attorney Yanez reported he is working on ordinances with city staff.

Chief Popovich said he will be presenting two new hires at the next council meeting. Popovich shared that the last leg of special Olympics torch run will be held in Dinuba next week.

Chief Webster reported the Fire Department is doing well, there are three candidates for firefighter paramedics and final interviews are this week.

Cynthia Cisneros reported that soccer registration opened last week, the aquatics and summer fun programs opened this week.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (KS)

Pursuant to GC Subdivision 54957.6; Agency designated representatives: Maria Alaniz; Karina Solis; Luis Patlan; Daniel James
Employee Organizations: City Employees Association; Police Association; and unrepresented employees

No action was reported.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Launer adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.