



**May 14, 2024
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nerio-Guerrero, Prado, Launer, Reynosa, Thusu

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. Work Session - 6:00 PM

1.1. Presentation of Preliminary Budget for FY 2024/25 (KS)

Administrative Services Director Solis reviewed the preliminary 2024/2025 Fiscal Year budget on Special Revenues, Internal Service Funds, and Debt Service.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

2.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Reynosa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Pastor Garcia.

2.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Hurtado.

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.

Roberta Barnes approached the podium to ask the City to research energy independence from utility companies by solar power.

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

**Resolution No. 2024-28 Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB1)
Proposed Project List (JW)**

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-28 approving the SB1 proposed project list to be included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), as prescribed, to satisfy the program objectives and statutory requirements of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB1).

5.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2024-23 Adopting the 2023 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (GC)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-23 adopting the 2023 Tulare County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and reference the plan in the Safety Element of the General Plan.

5.3. SUBJECT

Adoption fo Resolution No. 2024-32, Resolution No. 2024-33 and Resolution No. 2024-34 related to the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Elections (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to take the following action by one motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-32 ordering even-year City Council Elections; Consolidation of Elections and Specifications of the Election Order; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-33 requesting the Tulare County Board of Supervisors permit the County Registrar of Voters to render specified services to the City; and,
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-34 determining candidate statement guidelines.

5.4. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of April 23, 2024 as presented.

5.5. SUBJECT

Approve Third Amendment to the Tulare County Probation Department Non-Custody Intake Program Agreement for FY 2024-25 (AI)

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the Third Amendment with Tulare County Probation Department for the Non-Custody Intake Program for fiscal year 2024-25 and authorize the Chief of Police or designee to execute the agreement.

5.6. SUBJECT

Initiation of Proceedings and Intent for the Annual Levy of Landscape and Lighting Districts Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/25. (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

City take the following action by one motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-25 initiating proceedings for annual levy and collection of assessments and ordering the preparation of the Annual Report for Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2024/25; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-26 approving the Annual Report for the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2024/25; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-27 declaring intention to levy and collect assessments within the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2024/25 and setting the time and the place for the public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessments.

5.7. SUBJECT

Consent of Use of City property for EV Charging Station (DJ)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the consent of use of City-owned property (APN: 017-141-007) located at the corner of L St. and Ventura St. with the PG&E Multifamily and Small Business EV Charger Program for the installation of an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station, and direct staff to prepare a lease agreement with the program applicant, Ralph Alvarez with Orbit Lanes.

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, Prado , Reynosa, Thusu

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register April 26, May 3 & 10, 2024 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.1. SUBJECT

Application No. 2023-21 - Empire Estates - Annexation, Pre-zoning and Tentative Subdivision Map (KSch)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct a public hearing and adopt the following by one motion:

1. Resolution No. 2024-29, adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration as the environmental finding for the project; and,
2. Resolution No. 2024-30, initiating annexation (reorganization) of the site; and,
3. Ordinance No. 2024-03, pre-zoning the site; and,
4. Resolution No. 2024-31, approving a Tentative Subdivision Map to create 75 single family residential lots on the site.

Karl Schoettler, City Planning Consultant reported on Empire Estates, Annexation, Pre-zoning, and tentative subdivision map. The proposed development will be built on 18.6 acres and include 75 single-family homes. The development will be located on the North side of Sierra Way between Englehart and Road 70. Schoettler reported the three streets surrounding the development will be widened and landscaped. Schoettler advised that the environmental analysis determined this project would not significantly impact the environment.

Schoettler advised that due to the development's proximity to Centennial Park, no park is proposed for this project.

Schoettler reported that written opposition was submitted by the Unruh family, who farm near the site. Although sympathetic to the Unruh's concerns, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the project.

Council Member Launer expressed concern regarding the lack of green space within the subdivision. Launer stated that Centennial Park is primarily used for adult soccer games and tournaments. The lack of parking space is also a concern.

Council Member Thusu expressed concern with the accessibility for public safety through the developments roundabout. Chief Chastain assured that there would not be a problem.

Council Member Prado expressed concern with the number of exits and the lack of green space within the development.

Mayor Reynosa expressed concern regarding the lack of green space.

Mayor Reynosa opened the public hearing.

Jose Lemos approached the podium to address the council's concerns and suggested green space options.

John Bonadelle with Bonadelle Neighborhoods approached the podium to provide history about the business. Bonadelle expressed his excitement to build in the City of Dinuba and addressed the Council's concerns with parking and green space.

Andres Castrejon approached the podium to express his excitement about the new subdivision.

Mayor Reynosa closed the public hearing.

Council Member Launer provided information about the current use of Centennial Park by soccer enthusiasts and expressed the need for a pocket park within the development.

Council Member Thusu asked how the revenue generated from this neighborhood would benefit and improve Centennial Park.

City Manager Patlan recommended a condition be set for the developer to design improvements to Centennial Park equivalent to a two-lot green space. If the developer cannot meet the conditions, a pocket park must be built within the development with the same specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, second by Council Member Thusu, to adopt by one motion, Resolution No. 2024-29, adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration as the environmental finding for the project; Resolution No. 2024-30, initiating annexation (reorganization) of the site; Ordinance No. 2024-03, pre-zoning the site; Resolution No. 2024-31, approving a Tentative Subdivision Map to create 75 single-family residential lots, with the condition that the developer design improvements to Centennial Park equivalent to a two-lot green space. If the developer cannot meet the conditions, a pocket park must be built within the development to the conditions specified.

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

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero attended the San Joaquin Policy Conference and the Battle of the Badges.

Council Member Thusu provided a sales tax legislative update. Thusu provided a Transit Agency update and reported that Dial a Ride has had 149 service calls.

Council Member Launer reported participating in the Drug Take Back event. Launer attended the San Joaquin Policy Conference and the Lions Club dinner. Launer reported that she will attend the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas.

Mayor Reynosa reported helping at the Cinco de Mayo event and rode on the Fire truck during the parade. Reynosa attended the San Joaquin Policy Conference and the Fresno Pacific University event.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan shared that the frontage sign for the new Ross had been installed. The Ross and Starbucks Grand Opening is tentatively scheduled for July 19th.

Patlan reported that Senator Hurtado will present a check for the new fire truck at the Fire Department on May 31st and the South San Joaquin Golf tournament is scheduled for this Friday at Ridge Creek Golf Course.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James reported a booklet will be provided for those attending the ICSC Conference filled with important event information.

City Attorney Lew reported attending the League of California City Attorney's Conference and will share updates soon.

Administrative Services Director Solis reported that Delia Ruelas, a Full-time Ambulance Billing Clerk is retiring after 40 years of service. Recruitment is underway to fill the vacancy and the Part-Time Ambulance Billing Clerk vacancy. Solis reported the division is busy with budget and auditors.

Fire Chief Chastain reported that weed abatement letters were mailed. Chastain advised that door tags have also been used for notifications. Chastain shared that Ryan Wilson has been selected as the new Fire Captain. Chastain shared that the construction on the Fire Ladder truck has been delayed.

Police Chief Iriarte reported that Sergeant Vela has retired and Moises Estrada has been selected as the new Sergeant. Iriarte shared that his department has two entry-level positions vacant.

Parks and Community Service Director Hurtado advised that her department is working on the Viscaya Park Ground Breaking scheduled for June 10th, a flyer will follow.

City Engineer Watts reported working on the Viscaya project with Director Hurtado. Watts advised that the Crawford and Nebraska project is scheduled to begin June 5th.

Watts is working with Assistant City Manager James on downtown ADA parking. The roundabout is moving forward and striping is underway. Watts shared that the medians will soon have reflectors for night visibility.

Public Works Director Avila reported conditional offers were given to two utility workers. Avila shared that the new Building Inspector started last Thursday and staff is working on business license renewals.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz shared that she will be out of the office and will return next Wednesday.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (MA)

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

No reportable action.

11.2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (LP)

Discuss threat of litigation, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9; Two (2) cases.

The item was continued.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reynosa adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.