



**April 9, 2024
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nerio-Guerrero, Prado, Reynosa, Thusu

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Launer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 was led by Police Chief Iriarte.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Chastain.

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 54954.2(b).

None.

3. PRESENTATIONS/CEREMONIAL MATTERS

3.1. Introduction of the 2024 Leadership Northern Tulare County Class (MA)

The 2024 Leadership Northern Tulare County Class was present to introduce themselves to the Council. Julia Capistran briefly summarized the group's community involvement and invited the Council to this year's Cinco de Mayo festival. Capistran thanked the Council for their support.

The Council gave words of support.

3.2. Introduction of the 2024 Cinco de Mayo Pageant Contestants (MA)

The 2024 Cinco de Mayo Pageant Contestants were present to introduce themselves to the Council. The contestants shared their Pageant talent and

invited the Council to the event on April 27th at the Dinuba High School Auditorium.

4. NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

4.1. Introduction of Single-Role Paramedic Justin Belk (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain Introduced Single-Role Paramedic Justin Belk. Belk was joined by his family and pinned by his father.

The Council gave words of encouragement.

Belk thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the city.

4.2. Introduction of Fire Inspector Kriselda Jones (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain Introduced Fire Inspector Kriselda Jones. Jones was joined by her family and pinned by her daughter Olivia.

The Council gave words of support and offered congratulations.

Jones thanked the city for the opportunity.

4.3. Introduction and Oath of Office for Firefighter/EMTs Bradan Pichay and Sergio Hernandez (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain introduced Firefighter/EMT Bradan Pichay. Pichay was joined by his family and pinned by his mother Jody and fiancé Lizette.

Fire Chief Chastain introduced Firefighter/EMT Sergio Hernandez. Hernandez was joined by his family and pinned by his mother Angie.

Mayor Reynosa administered the Oath of Office.

The Council offered words of gratitude and support.

4.4. Promotion Recognition and Oath of Office for Firefighter/Paramedic Saulo Ben Hernandez (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain recognized Saulo Ben Hernandez who was promoted to Firefighter/Paramedic. Hernandez was joined by his family and was pinned by his wife.

Mayor Reynosa administered the Oath of Office.

Hernandez expressed his gratitude to the Council and city staff.

5. 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.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium to express concern about commercial vehicles entering residential neighborhoods.

6. 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.

6.1. SUBJECT

Waive Park Rental Fees for Living Word Fellowship/Solis Ministries Free Community Outreach Event (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the use of Rose Ann Vuich Park to Living Word Fellowship and Solis Ministries for a free community outreach event on April 20, 2024, and waive the park rental and other related fees.

6.2. SUBJECT

Waiver of Park Rental Fees for the Dinuba Lowrider Council Car Show (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the use of Felix Delgado Park to Dinuba Lowrider Council for their 1st annual car show and waive the park rental fee in the amount of \$890 for all picnic sites and the softball field.

6.3. SUBJECT

Approve Pyrotechnics Contract with Fireworks America for the 2024 Dinuba Independence Day Celebration (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the contract with Fireworks America in the amount of \$20,500 for pyrotechnics services for the July 3, 2024 Independence Day Celebration and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

6.4. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting minutes of March 26, 2024 as presented.

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

Ayes: Nerio-Guerrero, Prado, Reynosa, Thusu

Absent: Launer

7. WARRANT REGISTER

7.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register March 29 & April 5, 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: Nerio-Guerrero, Prado, Reynosa, Thusu

Absent: Launer

8. PUBLIC HEARING

8.1. SUBJECT

Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2024-02: New zoning chapters on "Permitted Uses in Commercial Zones" and "Special Uses" (KSch)

RECOMMENDATION

Council introduce and conduct the first reading, waive reading in full, of the Ordinance No. 2024-02 amending text of Title 17 (Zoning) to adopt a new chapter on "Permitted Uses in Commercial Zones" and a new chapter on "Special Uses".

Karl Schoettler, City Planning Consultant presented the first two revised chapters of the city's zoning code. The two new chapters in Zoning are "Permitted Uses in Commercial Zones" and "Special Uses". Changes and upgrades include grouping similar categories, making the information reader-friendly and easier to find. Schoettler reported that the Planning Commission passed the amendment at the April 2, 2024 meeting.

Mayor Reynosa opened the public hearing.

No comments were made.

Mayor Reynosa closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Prado, to approve the introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2024-02, amending the text of Title 17 (Zoning) waive reading in full and adopt a new chapter on "Permitted Uses in Commercial Zones" and a new chapter on

"Special Uses".

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

8.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2024-20 Adopting Adjustment to User Fees, Charges and Fines (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2024-20 approving adjustments to user fees effective July 1, 2024.

Karina Solis, Administrative Services Director presented the recommended user fee schedule. Solis shared that the city contracted with Wildan Financial Services to assist with the review of fees. Solis advised that user fees are reviewed annually considering operating costs. Solis reported that the fee schedule for 2024/2025 includes a CPI increase of 3.4%.

Mayor Reynosa opened the public hearing.

No comments were made.

Mayor Reynosa closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Prado , second by Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-20 approving adjustments to user fees effective July 1, 2024.

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

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9.1. SUBJECT

Award Contract to MAG Engineering, Inc. for the Demolition of the Strand Theater (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to award the contract to MAG Engineering, Inc. for the demolition of the Strand Theater in the amount of \$563,500 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract.

George Avila, Public Works Director reported that the Strand Theater recently suffered a fire that caused damage beyond repair. The structure is now a safety hazard. Due to the condition of the theater, staff is requesting that the Council declare an urgency, prompting an accelerated procurement process for the demolition of the Strand Theater. In an abundance of caution, the street around the Theater has been closed for public safety.

Avila reported that three bids were received from demolition companies. Staff is recommending that the Council approve the bid from MAG Engineering Inc. at

\$563,500 for the demolition of the Strand Theater. Avila reported that MAG Engineering Inc. can begin demolition within 2-3 weeks of the contract award.

Council Member Prado asked what was considered during the selection process. Avila advised that he and City Engineer Watts interviewed the demolition companies and MAG Engineering offered the fastest completion time and had the most experience in demolitions of this size.

Mayor Reynosa asked if any part of the building would be preserved. Watts reported that there may be some bricks saved.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Prado , to award the contract to MAG Engineering, Inc. for the demolition of the Strand Theater in the amount of \$563,500 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract.

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

9.2. SUBJECT

Award Professional Services Agreement to City Green Consulting for the Competitive Procurement of a Franchise Agreement for Disposal Services (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to award professional services agreement with City Green Consulting in the amount of \$32,400 to assist with request for proposals for solid waste services and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

George Avila, Public Works Director reported that the City's contract agreement with Pena's Disposal will expire on June 30, 2025. In preparation for the expiration, the city received two bid proposals for professional services for the Competitive Procurement of a Franchise Agreement for Disposal Services. City staff asks the Council to award a professional service agreement with City Green Consulting for \$32,400. City Green Consultant has strong qualifications and has recently worked with the City of Reedley and the City of Selma.

A motion was made by Council Member Prado , second by Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to award professional services agreement with City Green Consulting in the amount of \$32,400 to assist with request for proposals for solid waste services and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

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

10. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Prado reported that he is looking forward to the Patio's Grand Opening. Prado thanked Public Works for help with sidewalk repairs.

Vice Mayor Nerio-Guerrero shared that she attended the Football Soccer Club event.

Mayor Reynosa reported attending the ENOC Car Show and the Easter Sunrise

Service.

Council Member Thusu reported the Transit Agency is working with the City of Porterville on transit issues. Thusu shared that Micro transit service started on April 1st and is available with an app. Thusu provided an Internet sales tax update.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan shared that the medians on El Monte are completed and are currently being landscaped. Paltan shared that grants will be used to complete the median landscaping in front of the United Market.

12. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James reported a request to the State to allow for the transfer of grant funds to other projects to assist with landscaping costs.

Director Solis reported staff is working on the budget with the preliminary budget to be presented at the next council meeting.

Police Chief Iriarte reported that Officer Juan Pineda was selected as Officer of the Year. The presentation will be held on April 16th at the Reedley Elks Lodge.

Fire Chief Chastain reported that Ryan Wilson was selected as Firefighter of the Year. Chastain advised that weed abatement is ongoing and on April 22nd there will be notices sent to property owners.

Public Works Director Avila reported that interviews for Building Inspectors will be held next Thursday.

City Engineer Watts reported that bid openings for the Fire Training Facility, Water Well, and Viscaya Park will open soon.

Parks Director Hurtado shared that April 20th is the Opening Day for the Baseball, Tball, and Softball seasons. Hurtado shared that tonight, there is a scrimmage game for staff training.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1. 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.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reynosa adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.