



**February 8, 2022
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nerio-Guerrero, Launer-via zoom, Thusu, Longoria, Reynosa-via zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alaniz, Hernandez, Hurtado, James, Montejano, Popovich, Solis, Yanez, Webster.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Council Member Thusu called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2. Invocation

Invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assistant City Manager Daniel James.

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. NEW EMPLOYEES AND PROMOTIONS

3.1. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer Cesar Cardenas (DP)

Officer Cesar Cardenas was introduced by Chief Popovich and Council member Thusu administered the oath of office.

Officer Cardenas was hired as a lateral Police Officer on February 7th, he comes from the City of Reedley with 9 years experience. Officer Cardenas was pinned by his wife and children.

Council gave a warm welcome and words of encouragement.

3.2. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer Charles Underwood (DP)

Officer Charles Underwood was introduced by Chief Popovich and administered

the oath of office by Council Member Thusu.

Officer Underwood was hired as a lateral Officer from the City of Kingsburg and he was hired on February 7th. Officer Underwood was pinned by his girlfriend.

Council gave a warm welcome and words of encouragement.

3.3. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer Karla Alvarez (DP)

Officer Karla Alvarez was introduced by Chief Popovich and administered the oath of office by Council Member Thusu.

Officer Alvarez was hired as a lateral officer from the City of Reedley, her first day was February 7th. Officer Alvarez was pinned by her son.

Council gave a warm welcome and words of encouragement.

3.4. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer Sylvia Vasquez (DP)

Officer Sylvia Vasquez was introduced by Chief Popovich and administered the oath of office by Council Member Thusu.

Officer Vasquez recently graduated from the Police Academy. Officer Vasquez was pinned by her mother.

Council gave a warm welcome and words of encouragement.

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.

None.

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

Contract Award - College Ave. Streetlights Project (DL)

RECOMMENDATION

Council award the contract for the College Avenue Street Lights Project to St. Francis Electric, LLC in the amount of \$185,000.00, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract documents.

5.2. SUBJECT

Hands in the Community Request for Sponsorship (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve request for sponsorship in the amount of \$800 for the 9th Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for take place at Ridge Creek Golf Course on May 6, 2022.

5.3. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve City Council meeting minutes of January 25, 2022 as presented.

5.4. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (DJ)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve City Council meeting minutes of January 11, 2022 as presented.

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

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

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register January 28, 2022 & February 4, 2022 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the warrant register as presented.

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

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. SUBJECT

Entertainment Plaza Master Plan Design (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council provide feedback on the Entertainment Plaza Master Plan Design.

Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado presented the conceptual master plan for the Entertainment Plaza for Council's feedback. Director Hurtado introduced the consultants from Sierra Designs which stated the goal was to create "Moments of Joy" with this project. The consultants presented on the design which is meant to be the city's focal point. The design consisted of modernizing the Entertainment Plaza to meet the needs of the community.

Council Member Reynosa expressed her concern regarding the artificial Christmas Tree, she prefers to keep the real tree.

Council provided positive feedback on the conceptual master plan.

Hurtado advised that after the plan is approved, architects will be explored and pricing will follow.

7.2. SUBJECT

Cash Investment Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2021 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council accept the City of Dinuba Cash and Investment report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2021/22 ending December 31, 2021.

Administrative Services Director Solis presented the Cash Investments Report for Quarter Ending December 31, 2021. Investment earnings continue to be low due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Longoria, to accept the City of Dinuba Cash and Investment report for the second quarter of fiscal year 21/22 ending December 31, 2021.

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

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Reynosa thanked city staff for their hard work.

Council member Thusu thanked Chief Popovich for his hard work. Thusu reported that at the Taxation meeting the sales tax revenue item is back on the agenda. Thusu will keep council updated.

Council Member Longoria presented that he is working with Supervisor Valero and Code Enforcement Officer Angie on homeless resources within the City.

Council member Nerio-Guerrero attended the Townhall meeting and stated that Mayor Launer and Supervisor Valero did a great job. Nerio-Guerrero suggested an Earth Day event in April for trash pick-up within the city.

Mayor Launer reported on the Townhall meeting that was held with Supervisor Valero where she shared event details with the community. Launer stated the meeting was well received. Launer shared she will be presenting to LNTC on Council duties.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James reported the Economic Summit is next week and the city has a table for anyone that would like to attend.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Director Solis reported on the Budget kick off FY 2022-23, CalPERS unfunded liability, and the American Rescue Plan. Solis shared that the Billing Clerk Interviews are scheduled for Thursday.

City Attorney Yanez reported that on the next council meeting he will present the third redistricting map that takes future growth in mind. Yanez shared he is working on the Parks ordinance to improve the homeless concerns in the parks. Yanez reported that the Planning Commission had concerns regarding the future annexation of the new Dinuba High School site.

Chief Popovich stated the department is fully staffed and will continue to move forward on Animal Control Officer and the Internal Records Technician positions.

Chief Webster reported he continues to work on staffing and is looking forward to be fully staffed.

Director Hernandez reported most of the departments' staff is back to work. Hernandez is working with City Engineer Lapsley on upcoming projects.

Director Hurtado reported she is receiving grant money for new restrooms at city parks.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. Liability Claim (KS)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95; Claimant(s): Kaitlin Garcia.
Agency Claimed Against: City of Dinuba

Council rejected the claim.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Launer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.