



**August 12, 2025
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Engineer Watts.

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).

Council Member Launer requested to pull Item 4.2 for discussion.

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.

Roxanne Serna, Representative for Senator Mellissa Hurtado, approached the podium with a legislative update. Serna shared the Senators' upcoming community events and expressed support for the city.

Maribel Pena approached the podium with concerns about commercial truck parking on East Davis Avenue. Pena's complaints included safety concerns, road damage, and the lack of street sweeping due to excessive truck parking.

Consuelo Carosco approached the podium with concerns about traffic and parking on Green Street. Carosco expressed missed disposal service, and no street sweeping service due to excessive and illegal parking by high school students. Carasoco is requesting assistance with parking enforcement.

Rosalie Ware approached the podium and thanked staff for repairing Edwards Street, and gave an update on the stray dog in her neighborhood. Ware is requesting assistance with homeless resources.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium with concern regarding the protest of a Panning Commission item. Martinez questioned the process for Planning Commission inquiries and challenges.

A resident approached the podium with concerns about truck parking on East Davis Avenue. The residents expressed concern about safety and road damage due to excessive truck traffic.

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

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of July 8, 2025 as presented.

4.2. SUBJECT

Notice of Completion - Vineyard Estates Subdivision (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept Vineyard Estates Subdivision public improvements as complete and authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office.

Council Member Launer asked about the notice of completion process and the difference between a gated subdivision and a regular subdivision.

Engineer Watts explained the notice of completion process and provided information about the city's improvement requirements.

4.3. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-41 Authorizing Subaward Agreement for FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant (GC)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve Resolution No. 2025-41 authorizing Subaward Equipment

Agreement with the County of Tulare for the purchase of (2) MSA G1 SCBA Rapid Intervention Crew packs in the amount of \$16,500 from the FY 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

4.4. SUBJECT

Authorization to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Dinuba and Valley Regional Occupational Program (GC)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Dinuba and Valley Regional Occupational Program (VROP) to provide emergency medical technician (EMT) field training.

4.5. SUBJECT

Award Well 18 Improvements Project and Adopt Resolution No. 2025-42 and Approving FY 25/26 Budget Amendment No. 2026-01 (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the following actions by one motion:

1. Award Well 18 Improvements Project to Logan Bros Pump & Ag, Inc. in the amount of \$90,492; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-42 approving Budget Amendment No. 2026-1 for FY 25/26 to fund the subject project.

4.6. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-43, Authorization to Purchase Real Property (APN: 014-171-010) (DJ)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2025-43 authorizing the purchase of real property located at 1051 East El Monte Way (APN: 014-171-010)

4.7. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-44 Acknowledging Acceptance of a report on the Dinuba Fire Department's compliance with SB 1205 and California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 (GC)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2025-44 accepting the Annual Fire Inspection Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and confirming the City's compliance with the California Health and Safety Code pursuant to Senate Bill 1205.

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

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer

Absent: None

5. WARRANT REGISTER

5.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register July 11, 18, 25, August 1 & 8, 2025 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Vice Mayor Prado, to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer

Absent: None

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1. Ordinance No. 2025-02, Amending Chapters 6.28, 6.32, 6.50, 6.76, Title 6 (“ANIMALS”), Concerning the Regulation of Animals, Licensing and Permitting of Animals and Commercial Animal Establishments, Impounding of Animals, and the Sale or Transfer of Dogs (CML)

City Attorney Lew presented Ordinance 2025-002 regarding the City's animal control regulations, updating licensing, kennel, impounding, and sales.

Council Member Reynosa asked if mandatory altering and spaying of dogs could be included in the ordinance, and asked that dog waste be addressed.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

Chaplain Garcia approached the podium to address concerns regarding dog waste in public areas.

Heathe Jones approached the podium and asked for clarification on the age requirement for altering and spaying. Jones requested that research be conducted to ensure microchip scanning compatibility for city devices.

Rosalie Ware approached the podium and asked for clarification on the altering requirements and about a breeder's license for an owner who is not a breeder. Ware expressed concern about the cost and the responsibility of an accidental animal pregnancy.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

The Ordinance will be brought back to Council at a later date with changes requested.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. SUBJECT

Authorization to Purchase Amenities for Entertainment Plaza Renovation Project (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to authorize the Parks & Community Services Director to purchase amenities for the Entertainment Plaza Renovation Project.

City Engineer Watts reported that the City was awarded a \$2.9 million Clean California Local Grant. Funds will support the renovation of the downtown Entertainment Plaza Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member

Thusu, to authorize the Park & Community Services Director to purchase for the Entertainment Plaza Renovation Project.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer

Absent: None

7.2. SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2024/25 Cash and Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2025 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and accept the City of Dinuba Cash and Investment report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024/25.

Administrative Services Director Solis reported on the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Cash Investment summary for the quarter ending June 30, 2025. Solis shared that the total investment for the fiscal year was 69.9 million.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Vice Mayor Prado, to accept the City of Dinuba Cash and Investment report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024/2025.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer

Absent:

7.3. SUBJECT

Resolution 2025-45 Designating Commercial Truck Parking Locations (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council confirm designated commercial truck parking locations.

Public Works Director Avila presented Resolution 2025-45 designating suitable commercial truck parking locations throughout the city. Avila advised that locations were previously identified, primarily in the industrial area.

Avila advised that, although not designated as official commercial truck parking, East Davis Avenue has been informally used and allowed for many years. Avila is requesting direction from the Council about the East Davis truck parking.

The Council opposed making East Davis Avenue a designated truck parking area and authorized a 30-day notice of compliance for those using the area as commercial parking. The Council directed staff to work on street maintenance once the issue of commercial truck parking has been resolved. No changes were made to the current designated commercial truck parking locations.

7.4. SUBJECT

Request for co-sponsorship of Dinuba Chamber of Commerce Raisin Day Event to be held on September 26-27, 2025 (DJ)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to consider a request by the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce to co-sponsors the Raisin Day event at Rose Ann Vuich Park to be held on

September 26-27, 2025.

Assistant City Manager James presented the co-sponsorship with the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce for the 2025 Raisin Day event scheduled for September 26-27, 2025, at Rose Ann Vuich Park. With financial co-sponsorship, including the waiver of Park Fees, in-kind assistance from city staff, valued at \$52K, during and after the event, and a donation of \$10,000. James shared that the past city contribution was 50% of in-kind assistance.

Heathe Jones, President & CEO of Dinuba Chamber of Commerce, approached the podium to provide a history of past city contributions to the Raisin Day Festival. Jones shared recent economic trends and challenges, including a deficit in ticket sales.

Trinidad Rodriguez, Chamber Board Member, approached the podium to ask for support for the annual Raisin Day Festival.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium with his thoughts on the collaboration between the city and the Chamber for Raisin Day.

Council Member Launer requested the financial accountability report for previous events.

The Council would like the funds, if any are awarded, not to come from the departmental budget.

Jones revised the Chambers' request and is asking the city to sponsor only the in-kind support.

The Council would like the item to be tabled for staff to review the budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Launer, to approve the exclusive use of the city park, the closure of downtown streets, and the waiver of park fees.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer
Nay: Benjamin Prado

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council members reported business as normal.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Lew reported that the city has an existing ordinance on dog waste.

Fire Chief Chastain gave an update on the new ambulance and fire truck.

Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado reported that the Frozen Fun Fest had a good turnout with 150 attendees.

City Engineer Watts gave an update on the Clean California Grant, the P Street sewer

main, Roseview Estates, and Crawford Avenue.

Public Works Director Avila provided an update on the Utility Worker recruitment.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (MA)

Pursuant to GC Subdivision 54957.6; Agency designated representatives:
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 Real Property Negotiators

No reportable action.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

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