



**September 9, 2025
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kuldip Thusu

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. OPENING CEREMONIES - 6:30 P.M.

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 Susee.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Prado.

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

3.1. Jace Garza, BMX Competition Rider Recognition (MA)

Jace Garza, BMX Competition Rider, was present for recognition. Mayor Nerio-Guerrero shared a brief account of Jace's riding history and ranking. Mayor Nerio-Guerrero presented Jace with a recognition certificate.

The Council shared words of encouragement.

3.2. Dinuba Adult Co-ed Softball Champion Recognition (SH)

Sports Coordinator Elijah Luna presented the 2025 Dinuba Adult Co-ed Softball Champion team, Blue Print, which was recognized for going undefeated. The Council presented the team with T-shirts and a perpetual plaque that will be displayed at the

Recreation Center.

4. NEW EMPLOYEES/PROMOTIONS

4.1. Introduction and Oath of Office for Firefighter/EMTs Andrew Ambriz, Eduardo Hernandez and David Camarillo (GC)

Chief Chastain introduced Firefighter/EMTs Andrew Ambriz, Eduardo Hernandez, and David Camarillo. Chastain gave a brief account of each new employee's work experience and hobbies.

Andrew Ambriz was joined by his family and pinned by his mother, Lucy.

Edwardo Hernandez was joined by his family and pinned by his brother, Christian.

David Camarillo was joined by his family and pinned by his brother, Adrian.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero administered the Oath of Office.

The Council welcomed the employees and gave words of support and appreciation.

4.2. Introduction of Single-Role Paramedics Konner Beardsley and Brent Cain (GC)

Chief Chastain introduced Single-Role Paramedics Konner Beardsley and Brent Cain. Chastain gave a brief account of each new employee's work experience and hobbies.

Konner Beardsley was joined by his family and pinned by his girlfriend, Anisay.

Brent Cain was joined by his family and pinned by his wife, Marissa.

The Council welcomed the recruits and gave words of support and appreciation.

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.

Patti Harmse approached the podium to discuss community cooperation, especially regarding the traffic at the roundabout near the new high school. Harmse offered suggestions on how to improve traffic flow at the roundabout and asked for the city's assistance in this matter.

Roxanne Serna, representative for Senator Hurtado, approached the podium and thanked the council for attending the senator's recent event. Serna reported that Senator Hurtado has been working with Fire Chief Chastain on the Ladder Truck Push-In Ceremony, scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Serna shared about the Senior Scam event in Farmersville on September 15, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Mary Villareal, Dinuba School Board member, approached the podium to address the

current issues associated with the Kamm and Alta roundabout. Villareal invited the city to collaborate on the issues discussed and expressed openness to suggestions from the city council.

Pastor Bill from New Beginnings Church, representing Dinuba Christian Ministries Association, approached the podium with a declaration of unity. Pastor Bill expressed appreciation for the city's work and expressed his support for the Raisin Day event.

Dr. Joe Hernandez, Dinuba Unified Superintendent of Schools, approached the podium to invite city staff to attend the upcoming JPA meeting. Hernandez wishes to discuss ways to enhance safety and traffic flow at the Kamm and Alta roundabout. Hernandez hopes to brainstorm solutions and incorporate safety measures. Hernandez emphasized the need for the city and school district to work together. Hernandez wishes to provide an update on the soon-to-be-built sports facilities at the new high school, including future trades. Hernandez shared about the transformation of the old high school into a middle school. Hernandez extended an invitation to the City Council for the upcoming JPA meeting.

Rosalie Ware approached the podium to thank staff for their efforts in her neighborhood. Ware voiced concerns about Pena's disposal damaging her disposal cans. Ware shared an incident while at Foster Freeze involving a homeless person in the middle of the road, which posed a safety risk.

Brisia Navarro approached the podium to express concerns about the Kamm and Alta roundabout. Navarro shared that children may not be paying attention while crossing, and when vehicles are speeding, it poses a danger to all. She is seeking solutions to these concerns.

Adalina Lopez, approached the podium to discuss safety concerns related to the Kamm and Alta roundabout and the safety of children. Lopez hopes for a resolution and encourages collaboration between the city and schools to address these issues.

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

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of August 12, 2025, as presented.

6.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-38 Adopting the Establishment of Repayment Terms for Advances to the Golf Fund (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2025-38 establishing a repayment schedule for advances made by the General Fund to the Golf Fund totaling \$2,161,764.

6.3. SUBJECT

Waiver of Park Rental and Staff Supervision Fees at Rose Ann Vuich Park for the Hulsey Network's Halloween Festival (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the request from The Hulsey Network to use Rose Ann Vuich Park for the purpose of hosting a Halloween Festival, and authorize the waiver of the park rental and staff supervision fees in the total amount of \$474.

6.4. SUBJECT

Notice of Completion — Montebella Phase 2 (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept Montebella Phase 2 Subdivision public improvements as complete and authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office.

6.5. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-49 Approving Amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2025-49 approving an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority.

6.6. SUBJECT

Award Contract for Biosolids Removal to Holloway Environmental Solutions, LLC (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to award a contract to Holloway Environmental Solutions, LLC for the removal of Wastewater Reclamation Facility biosolids in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.

6.7. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-50 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dinuba Firefighters' Association (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2025-50 approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dinuba Firefighters' Association.

6.8. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-51 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dinuba Employees' Association (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-51 approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dinuba Employees' Association.

6.9. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-53 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dinuba Police Officers' Association (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-53 approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dinuba Police Officers' Association.

6.10. SUBJECT

Addendum to the Montebella Phase 3 Subdivision Agreement for Certain Roadway Improvements (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the addendum to the Montebella Phase 3 Subdivision Agreement requiring the developer to perform the roadway and utility improvements secured through the right-of-way acquisition agreements.

6.11. SUBJECT

Sponsorship for Open Gate Ministries 51st Anniversary Dinner (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve sponsorship of \$500 for Open Gate Ministries 51st Anniversary Dinner, "Imagine More!", event on October 2, 2025.

6.12. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-52 Approving the Acquisition of Property in Fee for the Montebella Phase 3 Subdivision (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2025-52 by one motion approving the following action:

1. Right of Way Agreements with John Howard Bridges and Pat Bridges, husband and wife as joint tenants, and John Henry Bridges, a widower; and,
2. Right of Way Agreements with Frank Velasco and Pauline Velasco, husband and wife, as joint tenants; and,
3. Authorizes the City Manager or designee to sign agreements on behalf of the City for the acquisition of property in fee, and accepts the right-of-way dedications for public street and utility purposes at the same properties.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Vice Mayor Prado, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

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

Absent: Kuldip Thusu

7. WARRANT REGISTER

7.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register August 15, 22, 29, and September 5, 2025 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Launer, to approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

Absent: Kuldip Thusu

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8.1. 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-sponsor the Raisin Day event at Rose Ann Vuich Park to be held on September 26-27, 2025.

Assistant City Manager James presented details regarding the Chamber of Commerce's Raisin Day event request. James asked that the Council decide on pending items, including the in-kind service and the 10K sponsorship request.

Council Member Launer proposed moving forward with 50% in-kind support from city staff, as in previous years, and no sponsorship funds.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to approve 50% in-kind support from city staff before, during, and after the event.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Linda Launer

Neys: Benjamin Prado

Absent: Kuldip Thusu

8.2. SUBJECT

Designation of League of California Cities Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to appoint a delegate and alternate delegates(s) to vote on matters pertaining to League policy on behalf of the City of Dinuba at the League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz, reported that the Council should appoint a delegate and alternate delegate to vote on matters related to League policy on behalf of the City of Dinuba at the League of California Cities Annual Business Meetings.

The council appointed Council Member Thusu to serve as the delegate on behalf of the City of Dinuba. Mayor Nerio-Guerrero was selected as the alternate delegate.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Prado, seconded by Mayor Nerio-Guerrero, to approve Council Member Thusu to serve as the delegate on behalf of the City of Dinuba and Mayor Nerio-Guerrero to serve as the alternate delegate.

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

Absent: Kuldip Thusu

8.3. SUBJECT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Council to authorize the Parks & Community Services Director to purchase equipment and 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. Watts is requesting the authorization to purchase playground equipment to ensure the timely delivery of materials while the project is out to bid. Watts advised that the main item to be ordered is the Christmas Tree. Watts displayed a sample of the potential Christmas Tree for the Council to view. Watts reported the estimated opening date of June 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Launer, to approve and authorize the Parks & Community Services Director to purchase equipment and amenities for the Entertainment Plaza Renovation Project.

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

9. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council shared community events and meetings they have attended.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James reported speaking with a lobbyist regarding the possible elimination of the transfer tax. James expressed the importance of generating support from Senator Hurtado for this policy.

11. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Lew shared he is working with staff on various issues.

Fire Chief Chastain reported on the recent fire at Sequoia Foods and the importance of Code Enforcement. Chastain shared an update on the new Fire Engine and the anticipated delivery date of early 2026.

Police Chief Iriarte reported that his department is preparing for the Raisin Day event and gave an update on a new motor officer who will help with traffic at the roundabout.

Parks & Community Service Director Hurtado shared an update on the Sports Coordinator recruitment and soccer season.

City Engineer Watts gave an update on upcoming bid openings and current projects, including Empire Estates and the Montebella subdivisions.

Public Works Director Avila shared an update on the utility worker recruitment and on temporary help to assist during a staff member's leave. Avila shared that there is full compliance on East Davis. No truck parking signs have been installed, and road repairs are scheduled for next week. Avila shared that no parking signs have been installed on Green Street to address disposal service pickup.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz shared about the Open Gate Anniversary event and the upcoming League event.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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