



**July 8, 2025
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Linda Launer

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. Work Session - 6:00 PM

1.1. SUBJECT

Update on city-wide Capital Improvement Projects (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to receive information on planned city-wide Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2025/26.

City Engineer Watts presented the fiscal year 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Projects.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES

2.1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

2.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nerio-Guerrero.

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.

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

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of June 24, 2025.

5.2. SUBJECT

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 to Accept the California Highway Patrol's Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Award (AI)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 accepting grant funding from the State of California Highway Patrol (CHP) in the amount of \$29,693.41.

5.3. SUBJECT

Notice of Completion - Viscaya Park Improvements Project (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept the Viscaya Park Improvements Project as complete and authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office.

5.4. SUBJECT

Participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program (IGT) with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for EMS Ambulance Transport Services Reimbursements (KS).

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-39 approving the agreement regarding the participation in the 2024 Intergovernmental Transfer Program (IGT) with the California Department of Health Care Services for EMS Ambulance Transport Services reimbursements and authorizing the City Manager to execute all agreements associated with the program.

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

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

Absent: Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register June 27 & July 3, 2025 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

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

Absent: Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7.1. SUBJECT

Meeder Public Funds Investment Funding (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

City Council to receive a report on potential investment allocation scenarios prepared by Meeder Public Funds and provide input and direction as necessary.

Administrative Service Director Solis introduced Ben Sehy, Director of Advisory Services at Meeder Public Funds Investment Funding. Sehy presented potential investment scenarios and recommendations for future investments. Solis requested guidance from the Council on the investment amount.

The Council elected to invest 20 million. Solis shared that future investment reports will be given to the Council every quarter, and that the contract with Meeder is month-to-month and can be canceled at any time.

7.2. SUBJECT

Award of Contract - Whitney Water Main Improvements Project (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to award the contract for the Whitney Water Main Improvements Project to West Valley Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$494,990.00 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract documents.

City Engineer, Watts, presented the contract award for the Whitney Water Main Improvement Project to West Valley Construction Company, Inc., for a base bid of \$494,990. Authorizing up to 10% in change orders as customary.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to award the contract for the Whitney Water Main Improvements Project to West Valley Construction Company, Inc., for \$494,990 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract documents.

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

Absent: Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu

7.3. SUBJECT

Conceptual Median Layouts and Intersection Solutions (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council review the conceptual median layouts

for Kamm Avenue and El Monte Way and improvement options for the El Monte/Randle intersection, and provide direction on a preferred concept.

City Engineer Watts presented the conceptual median layout for Kamm Avenue and El Monte Way, and the improvement options for the El Monte Randle intersection for suggestions and direction from the Council.

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council shared about the community events and meetings they have attended.

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James thanked staff for making the Independence Day Celebration a success. James reported that Chipotle will hold a soft opening on July 16th, and a Grand Opening is set for July 17th. James provided an update on time off.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Lew shared his scheduled time off from July 16-23, 2025.

Fire Chief Chastain gave an update on this year's fireworks detail, including 108 pounds of confiscated illegal fireworks and 38 citations. Chastain shared that Fire Captain Ryan Willson was deployed to the Saddle Incident.

Parks and Community Service Director Hurtado thanked all city departments and staff for their support during the Independence Celebration. Hurtado reported that staff counted 1,634 vehicles at the event.

City Engineer Watts gave an update on new and ongoing projects.

Public Works Director Avila shared his scheduled time off from July 14-25, 2025.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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