



**January 27, 2026
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

1.1. SUBJECT

Review Measure R Funded Project Recommendations (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss the proposed Measure R–funded projects and provide feedback and direction to staff

City Engineer Watts reviewed the Measure R Funded Project recommendations.

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

2.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

2.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Chastain.

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.

Alexander Cordell, Dinuba Police Officers Association, President, approached the podium to express concern about the Memorandum of Understanding's language interpretation.

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 January 13, 2026, as presented.

5.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-07 Approving the fiscal year 2025-26 Transportation Development Act Claim and Concurrence with the State Transit Assistance and State of Good Repair claims submitted by the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2026-07 approving the submittal of a TDA claim and concurring with the submittal of a STA and SGR claim on the City's behalf.

5.3. SUBJECT

Authorization to Close-out and Disencumber Funds for the 2018-HOME-12599 Grant (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to authorize the City Manager to submit a close-out and disencumbrance request letter to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2018-HOME-12599 Grant.

5.4. SUBJECT

Consideration and Formal Acceptance of Staff's Recommended Measure R-Funded Projects (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council formally accept Staff's recommended Measure R-funded projects and authorize Staff to proceed with design.

5.5. SUBJECT

Ordinance No. 2026-01 – Second reading and Adoption to change the

zoning for the Findley site at 1023 N. Euclid Avenue (KSch)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct the second reading, waive reading in full, and adopt Ordinance 2026-01 (Attachment "A") pertaining to an amendment of the zoning on a 1.96± acre parcel on the west side of Euclid Avenue and the east side of Timothy Avenue, north of Saginaw Avenue.

5.6. SUBJECT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the request to waive park/field rental fees for the Lowrider Council community event car show at Felix Delgado Park.

5.7. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-08 approving the synchronization of land use designations with previously-approved zoning designations for the 2023-2031 Housing Element

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 approving the synchronization of land use designations on the Dinuba General Plan land use map with recently approved zone changes as part of the 2023-2031 Dinuba Housing Element adoption.

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

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

Absent: None.

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register January 16 & 23, 2026 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

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

Absent: None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.1. SUBJECT

Public Hearing on Potential Programs or Projects for Inclusion in 2025 Community Development Black Grant (CDBG) Funding Application (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council take the following action by one motion:

1. Conduct a public hearing and receive public comment on potential programs and projects to be included in the funding application for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and,
2. Provide direction to staff on the programs and projects to be included in the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant application.

George Avila, Public Works Director, presented the Community Development Block Grant Funding Application. Avila highlighted the Sportsplex project as the preferred project for funding. The senior meals program was also identified and will be funded along with the Sportsplex project.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

Wyatt Thomlinson approached the podium to comment on the projects and supports the Downtown Streetscape improvements project.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

The Council expressed support for the Sportsplex project and senior meals.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Launer, to provide direction to staff on the programs and projects to be included in the 2025 Community Development Block Grant application, to include Dinuba Sportsplex and Senior Meals.

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

Absent: None.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

8.1. SUBJECT

Notice of Completion - Whitney Water Main Improvements Project (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

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

City Engineer Watts presented the Notice of Completion for the Whitney Water Main Improvements Project.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to accept the Whitney Water Main Improvements Project as complete and authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office.

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

Absent: None.

9. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

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

10. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James shared that he will attend the City Managers Conference on February 10th and will be absent from the City Council Meeting on that date. James shared an update on the water tower project.

11. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Administrative Services Director Solis shared information on a banking RFP and provided an update on recruitment for a Part-Time Billing Clerk.

Fire Chief Chastain provides an update on personnel and recruitment, as well as the new fire engine.

Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado shared that registration for baseball and softball is going well.

City Engineer Watts shared that the Bike Rodeo event at Lincoln School was well-received. Watts reported that Ruiz Foods donated bikes, and ATP State Bike Safety funds paid for helmets. The next event is this Saturday at Kennedy School. Watts shared that Saginaw will be closed west of Englehart next week.

Public Works Director Avila shared about the water tank project and its importance.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz informed Council about their W2's and Form 700's.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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