



**March 24, 2026
MINUTES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Linda Launer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

1.1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators — Government Code section 54956.8

Property: APN 017-182-016; Agency Negotiator(s): Daniel James, Assistant City Manager

Under Negotiation: Sale of Real Property (DJ)

No reportable action.

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

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 City Attorney Lew.

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).

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz advised that item 4.1, Introduction of the 2026 Leadership Northern Tulare County Class, was canceled. The group was unable to attend.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1. Introduction of the 2026 Leadership Northern Tulare County Class (MA)

The item was canceled. The group was unable to attend the meeting.

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.

None.

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 March 10, 2026, as presented.

6.2. SUBJECT

Dinuba Lowrider Council Request for Sponsorship for the 3rd Annual Charity Car Show Event (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the sponsorship amount of \$500 for the Dinuba Lowrider Council 3rd Annual Charity Car Show scheduled to take place on April 25, 2026.

6.3. SUBJECT

Award of Commercial Banking Services to Mechanics Bank (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the award of a contract for commercial banking services to Mechanics Bank and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

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

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

Absent: Linda Launer

7. WARRANT REGISTER

7.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register March 13 & 20, 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 review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING

8.1. SUBJECT

Ordinance No. 2026-04, Adding Chapter 14.70 to Title 14 of the Dinuba Municipal Code to establish an expedited permitting process for residential rooftop solar systems pursuant to California Government Code § 65850.5 (SB 379) (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct a public hearing, receive testimony, and take the following actions by one motion:

1. Introduce and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2026-04, adding Chapter 14.70 to Title 14 of the Dinuba Municipal Code, to establish a streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems; and,
2. Schedule second reading and adoption of the Ordinance for April 14, 2026.

Building Official Little introduced Ordinance No. 2026-04.

Mayor Nerio Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

Wyatte Thomilson approached the podium to express support for this ordinance.

Mayor Nerio Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to introduce and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2026-04, adding Chapter 14.70 to Title 14 of the Dinuba Municipal Code, to establish a streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems; and schedule a second reading and adopting of the Ordinance for April 14, 2026.

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

8.2. SUBJECT

Ordinance No. 2026-05, Adding Chapter 14.72 to Title 14 of the Dinuba Municipal Code to establish an expedited permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) and Hydrogen-Fueling Stations pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65850.7 and 65850.71 (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council conducts a public hearing, receive testimony, and takes the following actions by one motion:

1. Introduce and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2026-05, adding Chapter 14.72 to the Dinuba Municipal Code establishing an expedited permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) and Hydrogen-Fueling Stations; and,
2. Schedule second reading and adoption of the Ordinance for April 14, 2026.

Building Official Little introduced Ordinance No. 2026-05.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

No Comments.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Prado, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to introduce and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2026-05, adding Chapter 14.72 to the Dinuba Municipal Code, establishing an expedited permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) and Hydrogen-Fueling Stations, and schedule a second reading and adoption of the Ordinance for April 14. 2026

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

8.3. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-13, approving the use of CDBG Program Income for the Rose Ann Vuich Park Improvements Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant agreement, and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver all other required grant documents (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

City Council, by a single motion, take the following actions:

1. Conduct a public hearing and receive public comment regarding the proposed Rose Ann Vuich Park improvement project for inclusion in a Program Income application to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and,
2. Authorize the use of up to \$1,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Program Income for the project; and,
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-13 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a funding application and act on the City's behalf in all matters related to the grant application process and, if awarded, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Standard Agreement with the State.

Public Works Director Avila introduced Resolution No. 2026-13, approving the use of CDBG Program Income for the Rose Ann Vuich Park Improvements Project.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

No comment.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to conduct a Public Hearing and receive public comment regarding the proposed Rose Ann Vuich Park improvement project for inclusion in a Program Income application to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; authorize the use of up to \$1,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Program Income for the project; adopt Resolution No. 2026-13 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a funding application and act on the City's behalf in all matters related to the grant application process and, if awarded, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Standard Agreement with the State.

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

8.4. SUBJECT

Ordinance No. 2026-03, 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)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct a public hearing, waive first reading, and take the following action by one motion:

1. Hold the noticed public hearing and consider any public testimony; and
2. Approve and give first reading to Ordinance No. 2026-03, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Dinuba Amending Chapters 6.28, 6.32, 6.50, 6.76 of 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 (by reading by title only and waiving further reading thereof).

City Attorney Lew presented Ordinance No. 2026-03.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

No comments.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to conduct a Public Hearing and consider any public testimony; approve and give first reading to Ordinance No. 2026-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Dinuba Amending Chapters 6.28, 6.32, 6.50, 6.76 of 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 (by reading by title only and waiving further reading thereof).

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

9. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council shared the meetings and community events they attended.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan shared that he received positive feedback on the BBQ Fest and that three Federal Earmark Grants have been submitted for community projects.

11. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James shared that he would be presenting at the Monson Sultana Career Day.

Fire Chief Chastain gave an update on departmental recruitments.

Community Services Director Hurtado expressed her gratitude to the staff during the Brew Fest. Hurtado received positive feedback to use for the next event. Hurtado shared an update on the Community Workshop meetings.

Public Works Director Avila gave an update on the Spring Clean-Up event.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz reminded the Council of the Form 700 due date, April 1st.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]