



**April 14, 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, Iriarte, Hurtado, James, Lew, Montejano, Patlan, Solis

1. CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 P.M.

1.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (MA)

Pursuant to GC Subdivision 54957.6: Agency designated representatives:
Maria Alaniz, Karina Solis, Daniel James, Luis Patlan
Employee Organization: Dinuba Police Officers' Association

No reportable action.

2. WORK SESSION - 6:00 PM

2.1. Presentation of the Fire Department Master Plan and Fire Station Location Analysis (GC)

John Binaski, Senior Project Manager of AP Triton, presented the Fire Department Master Plan and Fire Station Location Analysis.

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

3.1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

3.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Garcia.

3.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Prado.

4. 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 Council Member Launer asked to pull item 7.11-Request for co-sponsorship of Ridge Creek Tejano Concert Event from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Introduction of the 2026 Cinco de Mayo Pageant Contestants (MA)

The 2026 Cinco de Mayo Pageant Contestants were present for recognition.

6. 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.

7. 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.

7.1. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of March 24, 2026, as presented.

7.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-15 Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB1) Proposed Project List (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-15 approving the SB1 proposed project list to be included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), as prescribed, to satisfy the program objectives and statutory requirements of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB1).

7.3. SUBJECT

Request for Excused Absences Council Member Linda Launer (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to excuse the absence of Council Member Linda Launer from the City Council meetings of March 10, 2026 and March 24, 2026.

7.4. SUBJECT

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 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 conduct the second reading, waive reading in full, and adopt Ordinance 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)

7.5. SUBJECT

Pyrotechnics Contract for the 2026 Dinuba Independence Day Celebration (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the Pyrotechnics Contract with Fireworks America in the amount of \$21,000 for pyrotechnics services for the July 2, 2026 Independence Day Celebration and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

7.6. SUBJECT

Approval of Contract Right of Entry License Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for Emergency Utility Repairs Within Railroad Right-of-Way (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the Contract for Right of Entry License Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to allow the City to perform emergency utility repairs within the railroad right-of-way, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and agreements required to facilitate the work.

7.7. SUBJECT

Second Reading and Adoption of 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 conduct the second reading, waive reading in full, and adopt Ordinance 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.

7.8. SUBJECT

Authorization to award the purchase of a new aerator motor for the Waste Water Treatment Plant (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the purchase of a 100 HP replacement aerator motor for the A-Basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$66,728.

7.9. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-14 Approval of a Lot Line Adjustment and Interagency Property Exchange with Tulare County and Approval of a Consolidation Deed to Perfect Title related to Dinuba Library Property (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve by a single motion the following:

- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-14 approving a Lot Line Adjustment between the City of Dinuba and Tulare County; and,
- Approve and authorize the City Manager to accept real property from Tulare County and convey City-owned property to Tulare County as part of the Interagency property exchange; and,
- Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Consolidation Deed and all other necessary documents to perfect the title and implement the adjustment.

7.10. SUBJECT

Second Reading and Adoption of 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 the second reading, by title only and waiving further reading thereof, and to adopt 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.

7.11. SUBJECT

Request for co-sponsorship of Ridge Creek Tejano Concert Event to be held on May 23rd, 2026 (DJ)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to consider a request by the Ridge Creek Dinuba Golf Club (Kemper Sports) to co-sponsors the Ridge Creek Tejano Concert Event to be held on May 23rd, 2026.

Item 7.11 Request for co-sponsorship of Ridge Creek Tejano Concert Event was pulled for discussion by Council Member Launer.

Assistant City Manager James provided the Council with details on the co-sponsorship.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Launer, to approve item 7.11, for the co-sponsorship request by the Ridge Creek Dinuba Golf Club (Kemper Sports) for the Ridge Creek Tejano Concert Event to be held on May 23, 2026.

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

Launer
Absent: None.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Launer, to approve items 7.1-7.10 of the Consent Calendar as presented.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer
Absent: None.

8. WARRANT REGISTER

8.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register March 27 & April 3 & 10, 2026 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer
Absent: None.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1. SUBJECT

Ordinance No. 2026-06 Amending Chapter 5.34 and Chapter 1.18 of the Municipal Code Regarding Fireworks and Fireworks Citations (GC)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to introduce the ordinance, read by title only, and waive further reading; conduct a public hearing and take the following action by one motion:

1. Approve Ordinance No. 2026-06 amending Chapter 5.34 and Chapter 1.18 of the Municipal Code.
2. Schedule second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-06 on April 28, 2026.

Battalion Chief Bear presented Ordinance No. 2026-06.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium to express his support for the updated Ordinance.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Reynosa asked that an administrative fee be added to the ordinance to cover staff time.

City Council Member Launer asked if a lien could be added to the property if fines are unpaid.

The Council asked what other communities are doing in collection efforts.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Launer, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-06 Amending Chapter 5.34 and Chapter 1.18 of the Municipal Code and schedule a second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-006 on April 28, 2026.

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

Absent: None.

9.2. SUBJECT

Approve Annexation, Zone Change, General Plan Amendment and Tentative Subdivision Map for the Los Prado's East Subdivision (KSch)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct a hearing to receive testimony concerning Application No. 2026-01, close the hearing and take the following action by one motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-16 (Attachment "A") approving the environmental findings for the project; and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-17 (Attachment "B") initiating a reorganization (annexation) to annex the subject 46.5-acre site into the City of Dinuba and detach the territory from County Service Area No. 1 and the Kings River Conservation District; and,
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-18 (Attachment "C") approving a General Plan amendment for the site; and,
4. Introduce and conduct the first reading, waive reading in full, of Ordinance No. 2026-08 (Attachment "D") pre-zoning the area proposed for the Los Prados East subdivision to the City of Dinuba's zones, including "R-1-6" and "RCO"; and,
5. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-19 (Attachment "E") approving a Tentative Subdivision Map to create 177 single family residential lots, a 2.3-acre park, 3-acre stormwater basin and an outlot for future commercial development.

City Planner Karl Schoettler introduced an Annexation, Zone Change, General Plan Amendment, and a Tentative Subdivision Map for Los Prado's East Subdivision. Schoettler reported that the item was approved by the Planning Commission on April 7, 2026.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium to ask for clarification on County roadways within the subdivision and expressed concern about future traffic.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-16, approving the environmental findings for the project; and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-17, initiating a reorganization (annexation) to annex the subject 46.5-acre site into the City of Dinuba and detach the territory from County Service Area No. 1 and the Kings River Conservation District; and, adopt Resolution

No. 2026-18, approving a General Plan amendment for the site; and, introduce and conduct the first reading, waive reading in full, of Ordinance No. 2026-08, pre-zoning the area proposed for the Los Prados East subdivision to the City of Dinuba's zones, including "R-1-6" and "RCO"; and, adopt Resolution No. 2026-19, approving a Tentative Subdivision Map to create 177 single family residential lots, a 2.3-acre park, 3-acre stormwater basin and an outlot for future commercial development.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer
Absent: None.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

10.1. SUBJECT

Appointment to Public Safety Commission (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council appoint two individuals to the Public Safety Commission.

City Clerk/HR Director Alaniz presented two applications to the Public Safety Commission for the Council's review.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to approve the appointment of two individuals to the Public Safety Commission.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer
Absent: None.

10.2. SUBJECT

Approval of Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad for the proposed Saginaw Avenue At-Grade Crossing (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve an Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement and any other related documents.

City Engineer Watts presented the Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad for the proposed Saginaw Avenue At-Grade Crossing.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Launer, to approve a Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement and any other related documents.

Ayes: Rachel Nerio-Guerrero, Maribel Reynosa, Benjamin Prado, Kuldip Thusu, Linda Launer
Absent: None.

11. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council shared the meetings and community events they attended.

12. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

13. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Chief Chastain shared that the remodel is done and provided a personnel update. Chastain invited the Council to the Fire Training Facility Open House on Thursday from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Chief Iriarte shared that this week is Dispatcher Appreciation Week and gave a personnel update. Iriarte shared details of the funeral services for Deputy Randy Hoppert and of National Take Back Day.

Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado shared that this Saturday is the Opening Day Ceremony at KC Vista Park and a car show at Rose Ann Vuich Park.

City Engineer Watts gave an update on current projects.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz shared the new city pin with the council.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]