



**May 12, 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. CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 PM

- 1.1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (JW)
Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d);
Number of Potential Cases: Three (3)

No reportable action.

2. WORK SESSION - 5:45 PM

- 2.1. Presentation of Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27 (KS)

Administrative Services Director Solis and Senior Fiscal Analyst Lopez presented the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2026/2027.

3. OPENING CEREMONIES - 6:30 PM

- 3.1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

- 3.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

- 3.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1. Roosevelt School Spelling Bee (MA)

The participants of the Roosevelt School Spelling Bee team were present for

recognition.

The Council gave words of support and congratulations.

5. NEW EMPLOYEES/PROMOTIONS

5.1. Introduction of Paramedic Brian Henderson (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain introduced Paramedic Brian Henderson and gave a summary of Henderson's experience. Henderson was joined by his family and pinned by his grandson, Diego.

5.2. Introduction of EMT Caden Reddell (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain introduced EMT Caden Reddell and gave a summary of Reddell's experience. Reddell was joined by his family and pinned by his mother, Casey.

5.3. Introduction and Oath of Office for Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Shanen (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Shanen and gave a summary of Shanen's experience. Shanen was joined by his family and pinned by his wife, Britney.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero administered the Oath of Office.

The Council gave words of support and encouragement to the employees.

6. 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).

Assistant City Manager James clarified there were two Closed Session items, not three.

7. 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.

Rosalie Ware approached the podium to express her gratitude to the city staff for the new lights on Edwards. Ware requested support for the Heroes Project and asked for the city's assistance in hanging flags to honor the military community in Dinuba.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium to thank staff for the roadwork projects conducted around P Street.

8. 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.

8.1. SUBJECT

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the City Council meeting of April 28, 2026, as presented.

8.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-12, Authorization to withdraw as Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the Mobilehome Parks Act and Special Occupancy Parks Act (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12 withdrawing as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the Mobilehome Parks Act and Special Occupancy Parks Act pursuant to Title 25, California Code of Regulations Section 1005.5, and directing the transition of enforcement responsibilities to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Council Member Launer pulled item 8.2 of the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Public Works Director Avila explained that enforcing mobile home guidelines has become a financial burden for the city. Avila stated that the Building Department is not equipped to handle this task and recommends that the responsibility be returned to the State of California to enforce.

8.3. SUBJECT

Proclamation 2026-01 - National Public Works Week (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Proclamation No. 2026-01 recognizing National Public Works Week from May 17 through May 23, 2026.

8.4. SUBJECT

Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-28 related to the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Elections (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to take the following action by one motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-28 ordering even-year City Council Elections; Consolidation of Elections and Specifications of the Election Order; and specific services rendered to the City.

8.5. SUBJECT

Initiation of Proceedings and Intent for the Annual Levy of Landscaping and Lighting Districts Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

City Council to take the following action by one motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-22 initiating proceedings for the annual levy and collection of assessments and ordering the preparation of the Annual Report for Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2026/27; and,

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-23 approving the Annual Report for the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2026/27; and,

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-24 declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments within the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2026/27 and setting the time and the place for the public hearing on the levy of the proposed assessments.

8.6. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-25, Authorizing the Dinuba Fire Department to Access State and Federal Level Summary Criminal History Information (GC)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2026-25 authorizing the Dinuba Fire Department to request and receive state and federal level summary criminal history information, including fingerprint-based Live Scan background checks, for the purpose of evaluating applicants for employment and volunteer service.

8.7. SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2025/26 Cash and Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 30, 2026 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and accept the City of Dinuba Cash and Investment report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025/26.

8.8. SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2025/26 Third Quarter Financial Report (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept the financial report for the third quarter ending March 31, 2026, for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

8.9. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2026-27 Approving the Annual Amendment to the Investment Policy (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve amendments to update the City's Investment Policy and to reflect updates based on the recommendations of the California Debt and Investment Advisory Committee (CDIAC).

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to approve the Consent Calendar items 8.1, 8.3-8.9 as presented.

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

Absent: None.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to approve item 8.2 as presented.

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

Absent: None.

9. WARRANT REGISTER

9.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register May 1 & 8, 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.

10. PUBLIC HEARING

10.1. Application 2026-10 (Zone Change and General Plan Amendment at 42778 N. Alta Avenue) (Sch)

City Planner Schoettler introduced application 2026-10, Zone Change and General Plan Amendment at 42778 N. Alta Avenue. C-4 General Commercial. Schoettler shared that the Planning Commission approved this item at the last meeting.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were made.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Launer, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-31 amending the General Plan Land Use Map from "Medium-Low Density Residential" to "General Commercial"; introduce and conduct the first reading, waive reading in full, of Ordinance No. 2026-09 amending the City of Dinuba Zoning Map from "R-1-7.5" (Single Family Residential) to "C-4" (General Commercial).

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

Absent: None.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

11.1. SUBJECT

SS4A. HSIP, and ATP Grant Discussions (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

City Council, by one motion, authorize staff to prepare and submit applications for the Active Transportation Program (ATP), Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for eligible projects that improve pedestrian, bicycle, and overall roadway safety within the City, and approve the proposed project corridors and improvements identified by staff for inclusion in these applications.

City Engineer Watts requested approval from Council to submit applications for the Active Transportation Program (ATP), Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for eligible projects that improve pedestrian, bicycle, and overall roadway safety within the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to authorize staff to prepare and submit applications for the Active Transportation Program (ATP), Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for eligible projects that improve pedestrian, bicycle, and overall roadway safety within the City, and approve the proposed project corridors and improvements identified by staff for inclusion in these applications.

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

Absent: None.

12. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council shared the meetings and community events they attended.

13. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James reported that he is monitoring the suspension of the gas tax SB1 and will keep the City Council updated on any developments. James shared that a \$2.4 million pedestrian improvement project selected by Senator Padilla is progressing to the next phase.

14. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Fire Chief Chastain gave an update on recruitment and shared that his department is hosting Good Morning Dinuba tomorrow.

Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado reported that two trees were removed downtown and new trees were replanted. Hurtado shared an update on department recruitment and staffing.

City Engineer Watts gave an update on city-wide projects.

Public Works Director Avila thanked the Council for the proclamation for Public Works Week.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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