



**May 26, 2026  
MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Benjamin Prado

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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

- 1.1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (LP)  
Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d);  
Number of Potential Cases: One (1)

No reportable action.

- 1.2. Conference With Real Property Negotiators (LP)  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 6766 Avenue 408  
Agency Negotiators: Luis Patlan, Daniel James  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

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 Administrative Services Director Solis.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **4.1. Tulare County Tobacco Prevention Program (DJ)**

Veronica Andrade and Amy Garcia, Program Coordinators of the Tulare County Tobacco Prevention Program, gave a presentation on the dangers of tobacco products.

### **5. NEW EMPLOYEES/PROMOTIONS**

#### **5.1. Introduction of new Community Service Officer TPT, Jorge Zepeda (AI)**

Police Chief Iriarte introduced Community Service Officer TPT, Jorge Zepeda. Iriarte shared Zepeda's background and proceeded to pin Zepeda.

#### **5.2. Introduction of new Community Service Officer TPT, Jeanette Garcia (AI)**

Police Chief Iriarte introduced Community Service Officer TPT, Jeanette Garcia. Iriarte shared Garcia's background and goals. Garcia was pinned by her mother, Maria.

#### **5.3. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer, Keng Vang (AI)**

Police Chief Iriarte introduced Police Officer Keng Vang. Iriarte shared Vang's experience. Vang was pinned by his father.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero administered the Oath of Office.

#### **5.4. Introduction and Oath of Office for Police Officer, Melanie Flores (AI)**

Police Chief Iriarte introduced Police Officer Melanie Flores. Iriarte shared Flores's experience. Flores was pinned by her son, RJ, and sister.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero administered the Oath of Office to Officer Vang and Flores.

The Council congratulated all the new 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).

None.

### **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.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium with a Public Safety Commission update. Martinez expressed concern about the condition of City baseball fields.

Rosealie Ware approached the podium to thank staff and the Council for their hard work. Ware reported abandoned vehicles in her neighborhood that need code

enforcement's attention and asked for assistance with the Hero's Project.

## **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 May 12, 2026, as presented.

### **8.2. SUBJECT**

**Authorization to Award Professional Services Contract for On-Call Engineering Services (GA)**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council to authorize the City Manager, or Public Works Director, to execute Professional Services Agreements for engineering services with 4Creeks, Inc. as the City's primary consulting engineer and Vanir Construction Management and Black Water Consulting Engineers as specialty on-call engineers.

### **8.3. SUBJECT**

**Resolution No. 2026-32 Authorization to Execute a Measure R Program Supplement Agreement for the 2026 Corridor Improvements Project (GA)**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council to approve Resolution No. 2026-32 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a Measure R Program Supplement for the 2026 Corridor Improvements Project in the amount of \$4 million.

### **8.4. SUBJECT**

**Authorization to Award Professional Services Agreement to Black Water Consulting Engineers for the Sewer Master Plan and Sewer Management Plan Update (GA)**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council by one motion:

1. Approve the selection of Black Water Consulting Engineers to complete the City's Sewer Master Plan and Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Update; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager or the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Black Water Consulting Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$308,999.

### **8.5. SUBJECT**

**Ordinance No. 2026-09 – Second reading and Adoption to change the zoning for the Hernandez site (42778 N. Alta) (KSch))**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council to conduct the second reading, waive reading in full, and adopt Ordinance 2026-09 (Attachment "A") pertaining to an amendment of the zoning on a 0.12± acre parcel on the east side of N. Alta Avenue between Griggs Avenue and Union Avenue.

**8.6. SUBJECT**

**Resolution No. 2026-33 Renewal of Delegation of Investment Authority to Meeder Public Funds (KS)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council to adopt Resolution No. 2026-33 renewing the delegation of investment authority to Meeder Public Funds for a one-year term pursuant to California Government Code Section 53607.

**8.7. SUBJECT**

**Approval of Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Dinuba and Braulio Rodriguez for APN: 017-182-016 (DJ)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council to approve a Real Property Purchase and Sale Agreement for residential zoned property (APN: 017-182-016) between the City of Dinuba and Braulio Rodriguez for the development of a six-unit apartment project.

**8.8. SUBJECT**

**Resolution No. 2026-34 Authorizing Submittal of Alternative Vehicle Grant Application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SH)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council Adopt Resolution No. 2026-34 authorizing staff to submit an application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) for grant funds of up to \$100,000 to purchase new alternative fuel vehicles.

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

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

**9. WARRANT REGISTER**

**9.1. SUBJECT**

**Warrant Register May 15, & 22, 2026 (KS)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

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

## **10. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **10.1. SUBJECT**

#### **City Vacancies Report Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561 (MA)**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council to conduct a public hearing on position vacancies pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561.

City Clerk/Human Resources Director Alaniz presented the City Vacancy Report, pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were made.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

### **10.2. SUBJECT**

#### **Amendment to Dinuba Municipal Code Subsection 9.48.050 Concerning Park Operating Hours.(SH)**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Council to conduct a public hearing introducing and conducting the first reading, waive reading in full, of Ordinance No. 2026-10 to approve an amendment to the Dinuba Municipal Code concerning park closing hours.

Parks Director Hurtado presented the amendment to Dinuba Municipal Code Subsection 9.48.050 concerning park operating hours.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

Felipe Martinez approached the podium with concern that this change will cause confusion over park hours at other City parks.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to approve the introduction and the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-10 to approve an amendment to the Dinuba Municipal Code concerning park closing hours.

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

Absent: Benjamin Prado

## **11. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS**

The council reported community meetings and events they have attended.

## **12. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Patlan shared an update on funding through Congressman Costa for the remote water meter project. Patlan shared that he will be out of the office from May 29, 2026, to June 5, 2026; Assistant City Manager James will be acting in charge.

## **13. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Assistant City Manager James shared that Valley Strong and Mid-Valley Times are

hosting an event tomorrow from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m, at Valley Strong.

City Attorney Lew reported working with staff on ongoing items.

Fire Chief Chastain gave a departmental personnel update.

Police Chief Iriarte shared that the department held a DUI saturation detail.

Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado shared an update on the After School Program, Aquatic staff training, and ongoing park repairs. Hurtado shared that staff is preparing for the start of Summer Programs.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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