



**April 8, 2025
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. OPENING CEREMONIES

1.1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

1.2. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Susee.

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nerio-Guerrero.

2. 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.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Introduction of the 2025 Cinco de Mayo Pageant Contestants (MA)

The 2025 Cinco de Mayo Pageant Contestants were present for a brief introduction.

The council thanked the pageant administrators and gave the contestants words of encouragement.

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.

Rosalie Ware approached the podium with concerns about speeding and lighting on Millard and Edwards.

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 March 25, 2025, as presented.

5.2. SUBJECT

Pyrotechnic Contract with Fireworks America for the 2025 Dinuba Independence Day Celebration (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the contract with Fireworks America in the amount of \$20,500 for pyrotechnic services for the July 3, 2025 Independence Day Celebration and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

5.3. SUBJECT

Notice of Completion for the Kamm Avenue and Alta Avenue Roundabout Project - Federal Project No. CML-5143 (037) (JW)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept the Kamm Avenue and Alta Avenue Roundabout Project as complete and authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office.

5.4. SUBJECT

Request for Excused Absence for Council Member Kuldip Thusu (MA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to excuse the absence of Council Member Kuldip Thusu from the City Council meeting of March 25, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Prado, second by Council Member Reynosa, to review and approve as presented.

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

Absent: None.

6. WARRANT REGISTER

6.1. SUBJECT

Warrant Register March 28 & April 4, 2025 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Thusu, second by Council Member Launer, to review and 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

Military Equipment Use Annual Report (AB 481)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to conduct a public hearing, receive public comment concerning the annual report and the funding, acquisition, and use of the equipment and take the following action by one motion:

1. Review and renew DPD Policy 705 – Military Equipment; and,
2. Review the AB 481 Military Equipment Annual Reports for 2024; and,
3. Opting not to modify or rescind, affirm Ordinance No. 2022-05.

Lieutenant Ashford presented a review of the Military Equipment Use Annual Report (AB 481) in compliance with the annual reporting guidelines. Ashford gave an example of how the department's drones are used.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Public Hearing.

No public comments were made.

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, second by Council Member Thusu, to review and renew DPD Policy 705 – Military Equipment, review the AB 481 Military Equipment Annual Reports for 2024, and opt not to modify or rescind, affirm Ordinance No. 2022-05.

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

Absent: None.

8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

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

9. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager James reported he and City Manager Patlan will be out of the

office on Thursday to meet with architects working on the new city hall design and to a golf course in the area for virtual golfing ideas for Ridge Creek. James reminded the Council that the Valley Blueprint Awards are this Friday.

10. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Lew shared that he has been working with departments on contracts.

Administrative Services Director Solis shared the PT Billing Clerk recruitment update.

Fire Chief Chastain reported that his department has received an inflatable house donated by Valley Strong and plans to have it out for the Spring Fling.

Police Chief Iriarte reported that the department has received funding for a new drone. Iriarte shared that the department will participate in the Special Olympics on the 11th. Iriarte shared that during Spring Break, his department will hold active shooter training in collaboration with the school district. Iriarte shared that Coffee with a Cop will be held at the West El Monte Starbucks on the 16th, and the department will participate in the Fresno State Career Fair on the 21st. Lastly, Iriarte reported that two individuals are attending a two-week motor training.

Parks & Community Services Director Hurtado reported the Spring Fling this Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Hurtado shared that sod will be installed at Viscaya Park and the ribbon cutting is tentative for April 30th; details to follow.

City Engineer Watts reported working on grants and ongoing projects. Watts reported that residential subdivisions Bonadelle Homes and Los Prados are moving quickly.

Public Works Director Avila shared that staff completed work on Ventura and O Street to resolve flooding issues.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1. SUBJECT

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to GC 54956.8, Purchase of Real Property

Agency Negotiator(s): Luis Patlan, City Manager and Daniel James, Assistant City Manager

Under Negotiation: Purchase of Real Property

No action taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]