



**May 13, 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, Iriarte, James, Lew, Lopez, Montejano, Patlan, Solis

1. Work Session - 5:30 PM

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero opened the Work Session at 5:30 p.m.

1.1. Presentation of Preliminary Budget for FY 2025/26 (KS)

Administrative Services Director Solis presented the preliminary General Fund budget for fiscal year 2025/2026. Senior Fiscal Analyst Lopez presented the preliminary budget for Internal Service, Special Revenue, and Debt Service for fiscal year 2025/2026. The preliminary budget for the Enterprise Fund and the Capital Improvement Projects will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

2. OPENING CEREMONIES - 6:30 PM

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 Fire Chief Chastain.

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).

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1. Dinuba High School Exchange Students (MA)

Mayor Nerio-Guerrero introduced Michelle Pattillo, who presented the Dinuba High School exchange students for this school year. Pattillo explained the criteria for the scholarship program and spoke about the students' community service. Each student introduced themselves and shared about their experience while in the United States.

The Council gave words of encouragement and thanked the students for their presentation.

5. NEW EMPLOYEES/PROMOTIONS

5.1. Introduction of Single-Role Paramedic Suzette Lugo (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain introduced Single-Role Paramedic Suzette Lugo. Chastain gave a brief description of Lugo's fire experience. Lugo was joined by her family and pinned by her mother, Arcelia.

Lugo thanked the council and staff for their support.

5.2. Introduction of Single-Role Paramedic Austin Gamboa (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain introduced Single-Role Paramedic Austin Gamboa. Chastain gave a brief history of Gamboa's experience. Gamboa was joined by his family and pinned by his wife, Alex.

Gamboa expressed his gratitude and excitement.

5.3. Introduction of Single-Role Paramedic Emilee Flaming (GC)

Fire Chief Chastain introduced Single-Role Paramedic Emilee Flaming and gave a history of Flaming's experience. Flaming was joined by her family and friends and pinned by her mother.

Flaming thanked the council, her family, and friends.

The Council welcomed the new employees.

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.

Dinuba resident approached the podium regarding yard sale signs. Expressed concern about where the signs are placed and would like to work with the city.

David Vasquez, Dinuba Youth Soccer League, approached the podium. Thanked the city staff for their support in their league. Would like to be considered as community partner for the planning of Centennial Park soccer field.

Rosalie Ware approached the podium regarding the blacktop alley on Edwards with potholes. Asked if the city has a program for housing the homeless.

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 April 22, 2025, as presented.

7.2. SUBJECT

Authorization to execute one (1) year extension of the Professional Services Agreement for on-call Engineering Services with 4Creeks, Inc. (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve a one (1) year extension of the Professional Services Agreement for on-call engineering services with 4Creeks Inc., and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

7.3. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-25 Authorizing Submittal of a Regional Surface Transportation Exchange Program Claim for FY 2024-25 (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-25 authorizing the Public Works Director to submit a claim to the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) to exchange the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for State Highway Account Funds in the estimated amount of \$164,620.12.

7.4. SUBJECT

Tulare County Probation Department Non-Custody Intake Program Agreement for FY 2025/26 (AI)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the agreement with the Tulare County Probation Department for the Non-Custody Intake Program for fiscal year 2025/26, and authorize the Chief of Police or designee to execute the agreement.

7.5. SUBJECT

Initiation of Proceedings and Intent for the Annual Levy of Landscaping and Lighting Districts Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/26 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to take the following action by one motion:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-26 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 2025/26; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-27 approving the Annual Report for the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2025/26; and
 3. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-28 declaring the intention to levy and collect assessments within the City's Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and setting a public hearing for June 10, 2025 on the levy of the proposed assessments.

7.6. SUBJECT

Proclamation 2025-01 - National Public Works Week (GA)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to adopt Proclamation No. 2025-01 recognizing National Public Works Week from May 18 through May 24, 2025

7.7. SUBJECT

Facility Fee Waiver for a "Day of Community" Event at Parks & Community Services Department (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve use of the multipurpose room at the Dinuba Parks & Community Services Department to the organization Somos Unos for a "Day of Community" Event and waive the facility rental fees in the amount of \$774.

7.8. SUBJECT

Fee Waiver Request – Dog Vaccination Clinic at Nebraska Park (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve the request to waive the \$71 park fee for the May 24th, 2025 vaccination clinic at Nebraska Park in support of a community-focused event that enhances animal welfare and public health in Dinuba.

7.9. SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2024/25 Cash and Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 30, 2025 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and accept the City of Dinuba Cash and Investment report for the Third quarter of fiscal year 2024/25.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Prado, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to approve 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 April 25, May 2 & 9, 2025 (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to review and approve the Warrant Register as presented.

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

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

Absent: None.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9.1. SUBJECT

Agreement with the Dinuba Unified School District for Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Funding for the City of Dinuba After School Program (SH)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve an Agreement with the Dinuba Unified School District for funding of the City of Dinuba After-School Program through the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) in the amount of \$429,358.40, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

Parks & Community Services Director, Hurtado reported on the proposed agreement with the Dinuba Unified School District for Expanded Learning Opportunities Program funding for the City of Dinuba After School Program. Hurtado advised that the funding would be effective for the upcoming school year.

A motion was made by Council Member Launer, seconded by Council Member Reynosa, to approve an Agreement with the Dinuba Unified School District for funding for the City of Dinuba After-School Program through the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) for \$429,358.40, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

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

Absent: None.

9.2. SUBJECT

Resolution No. 2025-29 Authorization to enter into a Discretionary Investment Management Agreement with Meeder Public Funds (KS)

RECOMMENDATION

Council to approve Resolution No. 2025-29 authorizing the Administrative Services Director to enter into a Discretionary Investment Management Agreement with Meeder Public Funds as an SEC-registered investment advisor.

Administrative Services Director Solis introduced Ben Sehy, Director of Advisory Services for Meeder Public Funds. Sehy provided information about a discretionary investment management agreement as an SEC-registered investment advisor and

reviewed the current portfolio.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynosa, seconded by Council Member Thusu, to approve Resolution No. 2025-29 authorizing the Administrative Services Director to enter into a Discretionary Investment Management Agreement with Meeder Public Funds as an SEC-registered investment advisor, with an amendment to the fee from 15K to 10K and an analysis of the cash flow.

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

Absent: None.

10. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS

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

11. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Patlan shared about his meeting with Congressman Jim Costa.

12. CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Lew reported working with staff regarding various items. Lew shared that attending the League of Cities Conference was very informative.

Administrative Services Director Solis shared the transition to a new online payment portal effective June 1st.

Fire Chief Chastain shared about the firefighter of the year and advised that weed abatement letters are being sent. Chastain provided an update on the department's recruitments.

Police Chief Iriarte shared information about National Police Week and reported that tomorrow is the Peace Officers Memorial. Iriarte shared that two officers are starting orientation on Monday.

Public Works Director Avila reported that negotiations with Pena's Disposal have begun and will bring an update in the upcoming meeting. Avila advised working with the consultant on the Water Master Plan.

Avila thanked the council for the recognition of Public Works Week.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (MA)

Pursuant to GC Subdivision 54957.6; Agency designated representatives:
Maria Alaniz; Karina Solis; Luis Patlan; Daniel James
Employee Organizations: City Employees' Association; Police Officers' Association; Firefighters' Association; and Unrepresented Employees

No reportable action.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]