

**ACTION MINUTES OF TULARE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF TULARE**

August 4, 2020

A regular session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jose Sigala, Dennis A. Mederos, Greg Nunley^(left approx. 9:00 p.m.)

COUNCIL PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Terry Sayre, Carlton Jones^(left approx. 9:39 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Josh McDonnell, Mario Zamora, Traci Myers, Michael Miller, Trisha Whitfield, Craig Miller, Dave Rossman, Janice Avila, Wes Hensley, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Sigala called the regular session to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Sigala led the Pledge of Allegiance and Paul Saldana led the invocation.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Sigala requested those who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council, or to address or request a matter be pulled from the consent calendar to do so at this time. He further stated comments related to general business matters would be heard at the time that matter is addressed on the agenda.

Raymond Van Beek, Lighthouse Rescue Mission, addressed the Council in support of the proposed homeless project.

Farrah Martins addressed the Council regarding the lack of support for special needs children in the City school system.

Donnette Silva-Carter, Chamber CEO, update the Council on current activities.

Debra McAlpine addressed the Council with concerns with public safety issues at her senior mobile home park.

Joanne Neighbors and Delpha Munoz addressed the Council with concerns over pest control and other issues at Silvercrest Senior Retirement Community.

Gwen Cochran addressed the Council with public safety concerns in her neighborhood.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

No items for this section of the agenda.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Council Member Nunley, seconded by Vice Mayor Mederos, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

- (1) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- (2) Approve minutes of July 21, 2020 special/regular meeting. [Submitted by: R. Yoder]
- (3) Appoint the City Engineer, Michael Miller, to serve as the City's representative on the Tulare County Association of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable, and designate Principal Planner, Mario Anaya, to serve as his alternate. [Submitted by: M. Miller]
- (4) Accept the required public works improvements for Phase 2 of the Willow Glen subdivision located along the north side of Cartmill Avenue east of Devenshire Street as complete, authorize the City Engineer to sign a Notice of Completion, and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office. [Submitted by: M. Miller]

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Tulare County Economic Development Corporation Update. [Added by Council approval at the 7/21/2020 meeting.] TCEDC President CEO Paul Saldana provided an update to the Council for their review and consideration.

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS

Comments related to General Business Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Council.

- (1) Public Hearing:
 - a. Public Hearing to Pass-to-Print Ordinance 2020-08 regarding a zoning text Amendment to Chapter 10.40 of the City of Tulare Municipal Code to add storage buildings, mini-storage as a conditional use within the C-3 (Retail Commercial) zoning designation; and adopt Resolution 2020-42 adopting a Negative Declaration prepared for Zone

Amendment No. 741. [Submitted by: T. Myers] Council Member Nunley recused himself from the matter due to a business relationship. Community & Economic Development Director Traci Myers provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Mayor Sigala opened the public hearing at 8:53 p.m. Greg Nunley, Applicant, addressed the Council in support of the Council's approval of this request. Mayor Sigala closed the public hearing at 8:56 p.m. Questions and comments posed by Council were addressed by Ms. Myers. Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Mederos, seconded by Mayor Sigala and carried 3 to 1 (Council Member Jones voting no; and Council Member Nunley recused) to deny the request as presented.

(2) City Attorney:

- a. Further review and discussion on possible revisions to the Recreational Cannabis Ordinance (Ordinance 19-12) related to the sale of cannabidiol (CBD), its definition, and uses, and direction to staff related thereto. [Submitted by: M. Zamora]** Item 2a was moved up at request of Council Member Nunley. City Attorney Zamora provided a brief update on the item for Council's review and consideration and sought clarification on the Council's intent on revision to the Ordinance. It was the consensus of Council to direct staff to return with a revision to the Ordinance that will provide for the sale of CBD (0.3 percent per weight or less of THC) or hemp valid use products, such as creams and lotions and to not allow CBD oil vaping products or edible candy packages, attractive to children, except at those businesses legally licensed by the State for adult use.

(3) Community & Economic Development:

- a. Request by the Tulare Strategic Action Committee on Homelessness for Council consideration and discussion on the development of an emergency shelter within the City of Tulare; and to receive presentations by Dave Renard, President of Sprung Structures and Dave Clevenger, CEO of Lighthouse Rescue Mission on potential options for same. [Submitted by: T. Myers obo C. Miguel, Chair Strategic Action Committee on Homelessness]** Item 3a was moved up in order at the request of Mayor Sigala. Richard Renard and Dave Clevenger, CEO of Lighthouse Rescue Mission provided PowerPoint presentations addressed the Council in support of a proposed shelter project. Aaron Gomes addressed the Council in support of the project. Questions and comments posed by Council addressed by Mr. Clevenger.

Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sayre, seconded by Vice Mayor Mederos and carried 4 to 1 (Council Member Jones voting no) to work with the Lighthouse and allocate the City's Housing Asset Funds of \$500,000 (\$250,000 a year for two years) to help fund a portion of the Lighthouse Rescue Mission's proposed emergency shelter project and to direct staff to apply for the Home Key Cares Funding to facilitate the

Lighthouse Rescue Mission's permanent supportive housing portion of this proposed project.

Mayor Sigala inquired of City Attorney Mario Zamora if the motion was prudent for this item. City Attorney Zamora confirmed that it was.

(4) City Manager:

- a. Update, discussion and receive direction, if necessary, regarding COVID-19, etc. [Submitted by: R. Hunt]** Council and staff commented on recent statistics and State recommendations on youth school and club sports cancellations for the fall.

Mayor Sigala requested and received consensus to direct City Manager Hunt to advise County Supervisor VanderPoel and CAO Jason Britt that the City of Tulare request that the County to consider a dollar for dollar match of its approximately \$840,000 in Covid-19 funding.

IX. COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES, REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – GC 54954.2(3)

John Harmon, addressed the Council on behalf of the Downtown Association and its members regarding the consideration of placing a homeless shelter on Cross Avenue and that businesses are not in support of that location.

Mayor Sigala requested an item for general discussion on the next steps to address homelessness. Council Member Sayre advised that these topics are before the Strategic Action Committee on Homelessness and invited Mayor Sigala to attend the meeting for those discussions. *Item was not agendized for a future meeting as a result.*

X. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Sigala adjourned the regular meeting at 9:39 p.m.

President of the Council and Ex-Officio
Mayor of the City of Tulare

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Tulare