

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

**November 16, 2021**

**A Study Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North M Street.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Dennis A. Mederos, Terry A. Sayre, Jose Sigala, Stephen C. Harrell, Patrick Isherwood

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marc Mondell, Josh McDonnell, Mario Zamora, Matt Machado, Doyle Sewell, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Darlene Thompson, Michael Miller, Trisha Whitfield, Brian Beck, Jason Bowling, Clay Roberts, Melissa Hermann

**5:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER STUDY SESSION**

Mayor Mederos called the Study Session to order at 5:02 p.m.

**II. CITIZEN COMMENTS** - Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Speakers will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

Comments followed the Study Session presentation.

**III. STUDY SESSION**

- a. American Rescue Plan Act Funding review, receive public input, discussion and provide direction. [Submitted by: M. Mondell]** City Manager Marc Mondell provided a presentation for the Council's review and consideration. Questions posed by Council were responded to by staff.

Mike Cosenza, CLOCEA Union Representative, addressed the Council in favor of premium pay for employees.

Donnette Silva-Carter, Chamber CEO, Adrian Herrera, downtown property owner, Jacob Fraga, Downtown Dream, and John Harman, Tulare Downtown Association, all voiced support for projects in the downtown area.

Sandra Ormonde, Tulare Healthcare District CEO, requested Council's support to provide funds to help with finishing the hospital tower.

Lucy Van Scyoc, Tulare Joint Union High School District Superintendent, provided comment regarding the 50-meter pool project.

It was moved by Mayor Mederos, seconded by Vice Mayor Sayre, and unanimously carried to direct staff to set aside \$2.6 million for General Fund lost revenue. Recommendations regarding projects and employee premium pay will be brought back at the next regular meeting. In advance of the meeting, a closed session will be scheduled to discuss employee premium pay.

Council Member Sigala and Vice Mayor Sayre suggested increasing the following proposed amounts: Downtown Façade/Rehabilitation Grant from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 and Homeless Shelter from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. It was Council consensus to direct staff to conduct an analysis and bring back recommendations.

It was Council consensus to have staff bring back the Utility Default Payment Reimbursement item at the next regular meeting.

#### **IV. ADJOURN STUDY SESSION**

Mayor Mederos adjourned the Study Session at 7:06 p.m.

**A Regular Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North M Street.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Dennis A. Mederos, Terry A. Sayre, Jose Sigala, Stephen C. Harrell, Patrick Isherwood

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marc Mondell, Josh McDonnell, Mario Zamora, Matt Machado, Doyle Sewell, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Darlene Thompson, Michael Miller, Trisha Whitfield, Brian Beck, Jason Bowling, Clay Roberts, Melissa Hermann

#### **V. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Mederos called the Regular Session to order at 7:22 p.m.

#### **VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Mederos led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Father Ivan Hernandez.

#### **VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mayor Mederos 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.

Mary Bradford, Tulare Fire Department employee, advised the Council of upcoming events.

## VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

## IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

**It was moved by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Vice Mayor Sayre, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented with the exception of items 5 and 6.**

- (1) **Authorization to read ordinances by title only.**
- (2) **Approve minutes of November 2, 2021 special/regular meeting(s). [Submitted by: R. Yoder]**
- (3) **Adopt Resolution 2021-49 to allow submittal of an application to California's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department to request CalHome Program funds under the recent 2021 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). If adopted, an application will involve a request of CalHome Program funds for up to \$800,000 for First-Time Homebuyer assistance and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation activities within the City limits. [Submitted by: T. Myers]**
- (4) **Conditionally approve the final map and subdivision improvement agreement for Phases 2 & 3 of The Greens at Oak Creek Subdivision for recordation, and accept all easements and dedications offered to the City, subject to receipt of the signed final map, signed subdivision agreement, all fees, and other required items prior to January 15, 2022. [Submitted by: M. Miller]**
- (5) **Approve Traffic Calming Pilot Projects Policy EN-05 and authorize the City Manager to execute final policy revisions. [Submitted by: M. Miller]** Staff requested to pull this item. City Engineer Michael Miller reviewed and clarified the proposed revisions of the policy. Questions posed by Council were responded to by Mr. Miller. Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Sayre, seconded by Council Member Harrell, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.
- (6) **Adopt Resolution 2021-50 designating the intersection of Tulare Avenue and K Street as "Olympians Square" to honor individuals from the City of Tulare who have represented United States of America at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in accordance with the provisions the City Street Naming Policy, and direct the City's Street Manager to install appropriate signage identifying the honorary designation. [Submitted by: M. Miller]** Council Member Harrell pulled the item for discussion. City Engineer Michael Miller provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Following

discussion, it was moved by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Sigala, and carried 4 to 1 (Council Member Isherwood voting no) to adopt Resolution 2021-50 as amended designating the intersection of Kern Avenue and K Street as “Olympian Square.”

- (7) **Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract amendment with Dawson-Mauldin, LLC. of Selma, CA in an amount not to exceed \$419,250.00 for work related to Southern California Edison’s Rule 20-B utility undergrounding associated with Project EN0084, a street and utility improvement project on Pleasant Avenue; authorize the City Manager or designee to approve contract change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the revised contract amount; and approved the revised project budget. [Submitted: N. Bartsch]**
- (8) **Adopt Resolution 2021-51 accepting and approving expenditures for the State of California, Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) 2021/2022 Program funds in the amount of \$106,082 to be used to fund (1) Police Officer positions, salary and benefits package. [Submitted by: W. Hensley]**

#### **X. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS**

- (a) **Tulare County Association of Governments 2022 Regional Transportation/Sustainable Communities Strategy presentation.** Benjamin Kimball from TCAG provided a presentation for the Council’s review. Questions by Council were responded to by Mr. Kimball.

#### **XI. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – G.C. 54954.2(c)**

#### **XII. 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 receive and accept the City’s Annual Development Impact Fee Fund Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. [Submitted by: D. Thompson]** Finance Director Darlene Thompson provided a report for the Council’s review and consideration. Mayor Mederos opened the public hearing at 8:30 p.m. Receiving no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 8:31 p.m. It was moved by Vice Mayor Sayre, seconded by Council Member Harrell, and unanimously carried to receive and accept the City’s Annual Development Impact Fee Fund Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

**XIII. STAFF UPDATES AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – G.C. 54954.2(c)**

Mayor Mederos requested and received consensus to direct staff to place an item on the December 7, 2021, agenda regarding redistricting criteria.

**XIV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):**

- (a) **54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1)**  
**Name of Case: Camin III vs. City of Tulare**  
**Case No. VCU288750**

Mayor Mederos adjourned to Closed Session for the item as stated on the agenda by City Attorney Mario Zamora at 8:43 p.m.

**XV. RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Mederos reconvened from Closed Session at 8:58 p.m.

**XVI. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (if any)**

Mayor Mederos advised there was no reportable action.

**XVII. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Mederos adjourned the regular session at 8:58 p.m.

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

**ATTEST:**

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