

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

January 18, 2022

A Redistricting Public Hearing of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North M Street.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Marc Mondell, Mario Zamora, Greg Merrill, Doyle Sewell, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Michael Miller, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Jason Glick, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Nick Bartsch, Melissa Hermann

6:15 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mederos called the Redistricting Public Hearing to order at 6:15 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.

There were no citizen comments.

III. REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing to receive input from the Community and Council regarding the Redrawing of Election District Boundaries; review and provide direction related to submitted draft maps. [Submitted by: National Demographics, Corp.]** Ken Chawkins of National Demographics Corporation provided a presentation for the Council's review and consideration. Question and comments posed by the Council were responded to by Mr. Chawkins. Following discussion, it was Council consensus to eliminate Public Maps 102, 201, and 207. It was also Council consensus to schedule a study session for February 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mederos adjourned the Redistricting Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

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A Regular Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 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, Mario Zamora, Greg Merrill, Doyle Sewell, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Michael Miller, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Jason Glick, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Nick Bartsch, Melissa Hermann

V. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Mederos called the Regular Session to order at 7:40 p.m.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Mederos led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was led by Council Member Isherwood.

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.

Raymond Van Beek and Renee Soto addressed the Council on behalf of the Tulare Lighthouse Rescue Mission providing an update on current operations and future plans.

Donnette Silva-Carter, Tulare Chamber of Commerce CEO, provided an update on current Chamber 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 Council Member Sigala, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented with the exception of items 3, 5, and 6.

- (1) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.**
- (2) Approve minutes of January 11, 2022 special/regular meeting(s).
[Submitted by: R. Yoder]**

- (3) **Adopt Ordinance 2021-06, amending Chapter 8.36 of Title 8 of the City Code, City Park and Trail Section 8.36.010 through section 8.36.420. [Submitted by: M. Zamora and J. Glick]** Mayor Mederos pulled this item to comment and put forth an amendment to Section 8.36.280(C) which would read "...designated trails (including but not limited to the Santa Fe Trail)..." It was moved by Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Harrell, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 2021-06 with amendment.
- (4) **Approve the receipt of a State of California Prop 68 Per Capita Grant and Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the State Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$177,952.00; and Approve the allocation of the required 25 percent grant match, the amount of \$44,488.00, from Regional Park Development Impact Fee account. [Submitted by: J. Glick]**
- (5) **Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Lane Engineers of Tulare, CA in an amount not to exceed \$98,000 for conceptual design services for the renovation of Zumwalt Park; Authorize the City Manager or designee to approve contract change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% (\$9,800) of the contract award amount; and approve the project scope and budget. [Submitted by: N. Bartsch]** Council Member Sigala pulled this item for clarification and to express his desire for additional community outreach in regard to this project. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Sayre, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.
- (6) **Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to issue a City Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,406,620.16 for the purchase of a new 107' Pierce Aerial Ladder Truck for the Fire Department purchased from Golden State Fire Apparatus Incorporated, Sacramento, California. [Submitted by: D. Sewell]** Mayor Mederos pulled this item to express concern about prepaying for the apparatus. Staff responded thereto. It was moved by Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Isherwood, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

X. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

- (1) **Community & Economic Development Update. [Submitted by: T. Myers]** Community and Economic Development Director Traci Myers provided a presentation for the Council's review. Questions posed by the Council were responded to by staff.
- (2) **COVID-19 Regulations Update. [Submitted by: B. West]** Fire Captain Brandon West provided a presentation for the Council's review. Questions posed by Council were responded to by staff.

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) City Manager:

- a. **Appoint individual City Council members to work with staff in developing the following studies: (1) Parks Master Plan; (2) Police Department Strategic Plan; (3) Fire Standards of Coverage; (4) Tulare Downtown Master Plan; and (5) Utilities Master Plan. [Submitted by: M. Mondell]** City Manager Marc Mondell provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Following discussion, it was Council consensus to appoint the following councilmembers to the following studies:

Parks Master Plan	Council Member Isherwood
Police Dept. Strategic Plan	Council Member Harrell
Fire Standards of Coverage	Mayor Mederos
Downtown Master Plan	Vice-Mayor Sayre
Utilities Master Plan	Council Member Sigala

- b. **Council discussion regarding homelessness in the City of Tulare. [Submitted by: Council requested]** Council and staff provided comment and updates on efforts regarding homelessness.

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

Council Member Isherwood inquired about warming centers and the policy in regard to that. Council Member Sigala added the cooling centers to this inquiry as well. Interim Fire Chief Doyle Sewell provided a response thereto.

XIV. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Mederos adjourned the regular session at 9:21 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