

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

**March 1, 2022**

**A Closed Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6:00 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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Patrick Isherwood

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marc Mondell, Mario Zamora<sup>(via Zoom)</sup>, Josh McDonnell, Mandy Jeffcoach (Special Council), Fred Ynclan, Jason Bowling, Jose Rivas, Melissa Hermann, Roxanne Yoder

**I. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Mederos called closed session to order at 6:02 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.

There were no public comments.

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

Mayor Mederos adjourned to closed session for the item noted at 6:02 p.m.

- a. 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (1)  
Name of Case: City of Tulare v. Del Lago Place, TCSC Case No. 286863  
[Submitted by: M. Jeffcoach]

**IV. RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Mederos reconvened from closed session at 6:38 p.m.

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

Mayor Mederos advised there was no reportable action.

**VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Mederos adjourned closed session at 6:39 p.m.

**A Special Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 6:30 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<sup>(7:14 p.m.)</sup>

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marc Mondell, Mario Zamora, Josh McDonnell, Fred Ynclan, Doyle Sewell, Janice Avila, Michael Miller, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Brian Beck, Jason Bowling, Jose Rivas, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

## **VII. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION**

Mayor Mederos called the special session to order at 6:39 p.m.

**VIII. 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 public comments.

## **IX. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**(1) Review and appoint members to fill vacancies on City boards, commissions, and committees. [Submitted by: M. Hermann]** Deputy City Clerk/Records Coordinator Melissa Hermann provided a brief report for the Council's review and consideration.

Aviation Committee: It was moved by Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Sigala, and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Isherwood absent) to appoint Cris Colson.

Committee on Aging: It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Council Member Harrell, and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Isherwood absent) to appoint Jevon Price.

Parks and Recreation Commission: It was moved by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Sigala, and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Isherwood absent) to appoint Manuel Caceres.

Police Department Citizen Complaint Review Board: It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Mayor Mederos and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Isherwood absent) to appoint Jennifer Burcham.

It was further moved by Vice Mayor Sayre, seconded by Council Member Sigala and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Isherwood absent) to appoint Julie Leighty.

Lastly, it was moved by Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Harrell and carried 3 to 1 to 0 (Council Member Sigala abstained; Council Member Isherwood absent) to appoint Danny Giotto.

## **X. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Mederos adjourned special session at 6:56 p.m.

**A Regular Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, March 1, 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, Josh McDonnell, Fred Ynclan, Doyle Sewell, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Michael Miller, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Brian Beck, Jason Bowling, Jose Rivas, Nick Bartsch, Alexis Costales, Roxanne Yoder, Melissa Hermann

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

Mayor Mederos called the Regular Session to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Council Member Sigala led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was led by Pastor Russ Siders.

## **XIII. 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.

Donnette Silva-Carter, Tulare Chamber CEO, addressed the Council on Chamber activities.

Josh Ryan and Eric Ferreira addressed the Council regarding the 4x4x48 event to raise money for Happy Trails Riding Academy.

Joe Gonzalez addressed the Council with concerns on privatizing street sweeper functions.

Vickie Gilson addressed the Council complimenting the City on the solid waste voucher program.

#### XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

#### XV. 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.**

- (1) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.**
- (2) Approve minutes of February 15, 2022 special/regular meeting(s). [Submitted by: R. Yoder]**
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Peters Engineering Group of Clovis, CA in an amount not to exceed \$54,000 for preparation of a Local Road Safety Plan. [Submitted by: M. Miller]**
- (4) Approve the final map for the Oak Creek No. 4 subdivision for recordation, and accept all easements and dedications offered to the City on the final map. [Submitted by: M. Miller]**
- (5) Authorize the City Manager to execute a preliminary oversized construction reimbursement agreement with Orchard Square 79, LLC that identifies estimated construction costs associated with improvements required for the Orchard 79 subdivision that will be eligible for reimbursement in accordance with Chapter 8.64 of the Municipal Code, subject only to minor conforming and clarifying changes acceptable to the City Attorney and City Manager. [Submitted by: M. Miller]**
- (6) Receive the monthly investment report for January 2022. [Submitted by: D. Thompson]**
- (7) Adopt Resolution 2022-06 accepting receipt of FY21 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) from DHS in the amount of \$38,844; authorize an appropriation to purchase thirteen (13) tablet computers including software and vehicle mounting. [Submitted by: C. Long]**

#### XVI. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Scheduled Presentations Engineering Project Management Capital Improvement Project Update.** This item was presented at the end of Scheduled Presentations following a recess from 8:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Senior Project Manager Nick Bartsch provided a presentation. Rick Helgeson of CalTrans also provided a presentation.
- (2) Proclamation declaring March 2022 as International Women's Day & Women's History Month.** Mayor Mederos read into the record the

proclamation. It was moved by Vice Mayor Sayre, seconded by Council Member Harrell and unanimously carried to approve the proclamation, as presented. Mayor Mederos presented retiring Chief Deputy City Clerk Roxanne Yoder with the proclamation and a plaque in honor of her retirement.

- (3) **Presentation to Women Honorees in recognition of International Women’s Day & Women’s History Month 2022.** Council Member Sigala recognized Darlene Thompson. Vice Mayor Sayre recognized Shea Gowin. Council Member Harrell recognized Opal Holland. Mayor Mederos recognized Karen Bravo. Council Member Isherwood recognized Sarah Enriquez.

Following the honoree presentations, Farmersville City Manager Jennifer Gomez, Exeter City Clerk Shonna Oneal and Tulare Deputy City Clerk Melissa Hermann, with help from Visalia Chief Deputy City Clerk Michelle Nicholson (not in attendance) presented Chief Deputy City Clerk Roxanne Yoder with a plaque in honor of her retirement and contributions in mentoring area municipal leaders.

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

## **XVIII. 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 adopt Resolution 2022-07 approving the By-District Elections, adjusting the boundaries of City Council Election Districts following the 2020 Federal Census and confirming such Council District Boundaries map. [Submitted by: National Demographics, Corp.]** Mayor Mederos opened the public hearing at 9:06 p.m. Alma Serrano questioned if maps were still being accepted which Mayor Mederos stated draft maps are no longer being accepted. Receiving no other public comments, Mayor Mederos closed the public comment portion of the public hearing at 9:07 p.m. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Isherwood, seconded by Vice Mayor Sayre, and unanimously carried to continue the public hearing to March 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

### **(2) Community Development:**

- a. **Adopt Resolution 2022-08 authorizing the City of Tulare to apply to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”) funds not to exceed \$7,150,000 to provide project financing which will be used to construct Santa Fe Commons II, a 57 unit rental project, located in the city of Tulare at 537 N. West Street. [Submitted by: T. Myers]** Council Member Isherwood stated a conflict of interest due to working for Self-Help

and recused himself and left the dais. Housing and Grants Specialist Alexis Costales provided a report for the Council's consideration. Miguel Arambula of Self-Help Enterprises provided additional information. It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Sayre, and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Isherwood recused) to adopt Resolution 2022-08 as presented.

**(3) Engineering:**

**a. Presentation of design options to revise the striping on Mooney Boulevard between Kern Avenue and Tulare Avenue to improve traffic safety, and subsequent selection of a preferred project alternative.**

**[Submitted by: M. Miller]** City Engineer Michael Miller provided a presentation for the Council's consideration. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Isherwood, seconded by Council Member Harrell, and unanimously carried to direct staff to move forward with Alternative 3.

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

Council Member Sigala requested additional information regarding the possibility of privatizing street sweeping services. Consensus was not received.

**XX. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Mederos adjourned the regular session at 9:52 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