

**CITY OF TULARE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tulare Public Library & Council Chamber
491 North M Street, Tulare**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024
6:00 p.m. Special Meeting
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Proper notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2 and 54956.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Terry A. Sayre
Councilmember Jose Sigala
Councilmember Stephen C. Harrell
Councilmember Dennis A. Mederos

COUNCIL ABSENT: Vice Mayor Patrick Isherwood

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Marc Mondell; City Attorney Mario U. Zamora; Deputy City Clerk Maegan Peton; Assistant City Manager Josh McDonnell; Chief Financial Officer Mark Roberts; City Engineer Michael Miller; Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield; Community Services Director Jason Glick; Police Chief Fred Ynclan; Fire Chief Michael Ott; Human Resources Director Shonna Oneal; Community Development Director Mario Anaya; Executive Director of Economic Development and Redevelopment Traci Myers; Chief Technology Officer Jason Bowling; Safety, Compliance & Facilities Officer Manny Correa

1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Sayre called to order the special meeting of the Tulare City Council at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

2. STUDY SESSION

2.1 Charter Amendment Review, Discussion, and Direction.

Recommended Action: Review and discuss the possibility of adding a measure to the ballot for the November 5, 2024 General Election in order to amend certain sections of the Charter; and provide direction to staff thereto.

Presented By: City Attorney Mario Zamora and City Manager Marc Mondell

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: It was the consensus of Council to move forward with further discussion at the first meeting in May.

3. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

4. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Sayre called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Human Resources Director Shonna Oneal led the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation was given by Russ Siders, Pastor of Sunrise Community Church.

6. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

6.1 Proclamation for National Donate Life Month – April 2024. Councilmember Sigala read a proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as National Donate Life Month in the City of Tulare.

6.2 Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – April 14-20. Councilmember Harrell read a proclamation proclaiming the week of April 14-20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators week in the City of Tulare and presented the proclamation to Public Safety Dispatcher Giouse Carbon.

6.3 Recognition of Miss Tulare County and Miss Tulare County's Teen. Mayor Sayre and Michelle French, Local Director for the Miss Tulare County/Miss Central Valley pageant, recognized the recipients of Miss Tulare County and Miss Tulare County's Teen.

6.4 Recognition of Donnette Silva-Carter, Senator Grove's Woman of the Year. Councilmember Mederos recognized Donnette Silva-Carter as Senator Grove's Tulare County Woman of the Year.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following provided public comment: Donnette Silva-Carter provided various Chamber updates.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Marc Mondell advised there were no communications.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council reported out on recent events and discussed items of interest.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 10.4 and 10.5 were removed from the Consent Calendar by Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Sigala, seconded by Councilmember Harrell, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice Mayor Isherwood absent) to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented except for items 10.4 and 10.5.

10.1 Waive the reading of ordinances and approve reading by title only.

Recommended Action: Approve the reading by title only of all ordinances and that further reading of such ordinances be waived.

10.2 Special and/or Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024.

Recommended Action: Approve as submitted. [M. Hermann]

10.3 Tulare Irrigation District Water Main Crossing Common Use Agreement.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a pipeline crossing common use agreement with Tulare Irrigation District (TID) for an 8-inch water main crossing at Enterprise Street and TID's Lemos Ditch, subject only to minor conforming and clarifying changes acceptable to the City Attorney and City Manager. [M. Miller]

ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**10.4 Application for Funding – 2022-2023 HOME.**

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution as presented to approve the submittal of an application to the HOME Program for up to \$500,000 for First-Time Homebuyer, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance Programs within the City of Tulare. [G. Avitia]

Council Action: Councilmember Sigala pulled this item for clarification. Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Mederos, seconded by Mayor Sayre, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice Mayor Isherwood absent) to approve the item as presented.

10.5 EN0088 Prosperity & West Traffic Signal Project – ROW Consultant Contract.

Recommended Action: Approve and authorize the City manager to sign a purchase order amendment for \$5,600 with Monument Right of Way for reappraisal fees and additional acquisition services related to City project EN0088 – Prosperity and West Traffic Signal. [M. Miller]

Council Action: Councilmember Sigala pulled this item for clarification. Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Sigala, seconded by Councilmember Harrell, and carried 4 to 0 (Vice Mayor Isherwood absent) to approve the item as presented.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**11.1 Lago Subdivision.**

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution denying the applicants appeal of the Planning Commission's determination to deny approval of Tentative Subdivision No. 2023-27 – Lago Subdivision; **OR** Adopt a resolution upholding the applicants appeal of the Planning Commission's determination to deny approval of Tentative Subdivision No. 2023-27 – Lago Subdivision, adopt a resolution approving General Plan Amendment No. 2024-01 to change the existing General Plan land use designation from community commercial to low density residential on approximately 14.06 acres, pass-to-print an ordinance approving Zone Amendment No. 753 changing the zoning designation from C-3 (Retail Commercial) to R-1-4 (Small-lot Residential) on approximately 14.06 acres, adopt a resolution approving the Fourth Amendment to the Del Lago Specific Plan, and adopt a resolution to adopt the initial study / mitigated negative declaration prepared for Tentative Subdivision No. 2023-27 – Lago Subdivision, General Plan Amendment no. 2024-01, Zone Amendment No. 753 and the Fourth Amendment of the Del Lago Specific Plan.

Presented By: City Manager Marc Mondell

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: Councilmember Mederos stated a conflict of interest due to owning property in the area of this project and left the dais. City Manager Marc

Mondell advised that the developer requested a continuance. It was moved by Councilmember Sigala, seconded by Mayor Sayre, and carried 3 to 0 (Vice Mayor Isherwood absent and Councilmember Mederos recused) to continue the public hearing to April 16, 2024. Councilmember Mederos returned to the dais.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Funding for the Arts.

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation on various art-related programs active in other cities and provide direction to staff thereto.

Presented By: City Manager Marc Mondell

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: This item was informational only; therefore, no action was taken.

12.2 Economic Development Update.

Recommended Action: Receive an update on economic development activity in the City.

Presented By: Executive Director of Economic Development and Redevelopment Traci Myers

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: This item was informational only; therefore, no action was taken.

12.3 Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for April 2024.

Recommended Action: Accept the Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for April 2024.

Presented By: City Engineer Michael Miller

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: This item was informational only; therefore, no action was taken.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NONE SUBMITTED

14. STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided updates on department activities.

15. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

15.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiations (Govt. Code § 54956.8)

Property: 147 South K Street, Tulare

Agency Negotiation: Marc Mondell, Mario U. Zamora, Josh McDonnell, Traci Myers

Negotiating Parties: Adrian and Korrie Herrera

Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment

Council recessed to closed session at 9:07 p.m.

16. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened from closed session at 9:25 p.m.

17. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Sayre advised there was no reportable action.

18. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Sayre adjourned the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

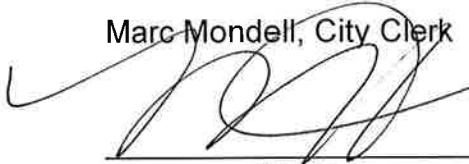
These meeting minutes were approved by the Council on April 16, 2024.

Terry A. Sayre

Terry A. Sayre, President of the Council
and Ex-Officio Mayor

ATTEST:

Marc Mondell, City Clerk



By Melissa Hermann, Chief Deputy City Clerk

