

**CITY OF TULARE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Tuesday, July 2, 2024
7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Marc Mondell; City Attorney Mario U. Zamora; Chief Deputy City Clerk Melissa Hermann; Assistant City Manager Josh McDonnell; Chief Financial Officer Mark Roberts; 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; Senior Civil Engineer Jan Bowen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sayre called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Councilmember Sigala led the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation was given by Assistant City Manager Josh McDonnell.

3. PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

3.1 Proclamation for Parks & Recreation Month, July 2024. Vice Mayor Isherwood read and presented a proclamation to Community Services Director Jason Glick proclaiming July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Tulare.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregory Garcia addressed the Council regarding construction and concern over the lack of communication from the City regarding the construction. Roshanda Smith-Jones addressed the Council regarding the death of her son, granddaughter, and husband and inquiring about assistance from the City.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Marc Mondell of two communications that were received, one by the Leadership Counsel regarding item 9.1 on the agenda. The other communication received was from multiple Tulare residents regarding quality-of-life policing methods.

Councilmember Mederos remarked on the lateness of receipt of the communication by Leadership Counsel as the letter was received this afternoon not allowing sufficient time to review prior to hearing the item it is addressing.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 7.5 was removed from the Consent Calendar by Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Mederos, seconded by Councilmember Sigala, and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented except for item 7.5.

7.1 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.

7.2 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the special and/or regular meetings of June 18, 2024 and June 24, 2024. [M. Hermann]

7.3 Deny Application for Permission to Present Late Claim.

Recommended Action: Deny Application for Permission to Present Late Claim for damages filed June 18, 2024, by Attorney Megan Koster on behalf of claimant Annamarie Isabel Cortez, FR102209/22937. [S. Oneal]

7.4 Tulare Cares Temporary Encampment Meal Delivery Contract.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Salt + Light for meal delivery service to the Tulare Cares Temporary Encampment, subject only to minor conforming and clarifying changes acceptable to the City Attorney and the City Manager. [J. Glick]

ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

7.5 Accept and Appropriate Federal Earmark for Construction of Homeless Shelter.

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution accepting a federal earmark for \$1,500,000 to fund a portion of the construction costs of a homeless shelter (Project FM-0048); authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all agreements and other documents necessary to receive the funds; and authorizing establishment of General Fund CIP Fund appropriation(s) of \$1,500,000 and a corresponding revenue budget. [M. Roberts]

Council Action: Councilmember Sigala pulled this item to discuss the recent Supreme Court decision on homelessness and asked the Council to consider requesting staff scheduled a study session in regard to enforcement and the impacts of what the City can do. Councilmember Sigala also inquired about the implementation of the cooling center requesting staff consider opening additional sites and extending the hours due to the forecasted extreme heat. It was moved

by Councilmember Mederos, seconded by Councilmember Harrell, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

8.1 Mission Creek Subdivision.

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution requesting the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission take proceedings for annexation No. 2023-01 (East Tulare No. 37 – Mission Creek) and detachment of the property from the Tulare Irrigation District and County Service Area No. 1; pass to print an ordinance approving Zone Amendment No. 751, pre-zoning the subject property to the R-1-4 (Small-lot Residential) zoning designation; and adopt a resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for annexation No. 2023-01 (East Tulare No. 37 – Mission Creek), Zone Amendment No. 751, Conditional Use Permit No. 2023-16, and Tentative Subdivision Map - Mission Creek.

Presented By: Principal Planner Steven Sopp

Public Comment: The public hearing was opened at 7:56 p.m. Gregory Garcia expressed concern over the current congestion in the area of this project and the additional strain that this project may cause. Mr. Garcia also inquired about the benefits this project would afford the City if approved. Sabrina Roche expressed concern regarding the traffic issue and lack of sidewalk on Bardsley where children walk to and from school. Darlene Mata, representative of the developer, addressed the comments made regarding the traffic concerns. The public hearing was closed at 8:13 p.m.

Council Action: It was moved by Councilmember Sigala, seconded by Councilmember Harrell, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented subject to conditions of approval being updated to include that the developer will build out curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Oakmore instead of paying in lieu fees for that portion of the development.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Highway 99 Interchange Study and Land Use Assumptions Phase I Final Report.

Recommended Action: Receive and accept the City of Tulare Highway 99 Interchange Study and Land Use Assumptions Phase I Final Report as prepared by Eight20 Consulting dba ZacTax; and authorize staff to initiate Phase II to explore potential options to encourage fiscally sustainable development patterns at and around the new Interchange.

Presented By: Executive Director of Economic Development & Redevelopment Traci Myers; City Manager Marc Mondell; Michael Coon of ZacTax

Public Comment: Ashley Vega of Leadership Counsel addressed the Council regarding concerns with the report.

Council Action: It was moved by Councilmember Mederos, seconded by Councilmember Harrell, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

9.2 Amendment to Subdivision Agreement Final Map of Farrar Estates Phase 2. Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the first amendment to the subdivision agreement for the final map of Farrar Estates Phase 2.

Presented By: City Manager Marc Mondell; Senior Civil Engineer Jan Bowen

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: It was moved by Vice Mayor Isherwood, seconded by Councilmember Harrell, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NONE SUBMITTED

11. STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided updates on department activities.

12. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

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

Property: Portion of APN 168-240-069

Agency Negotiation: Mario U. Zamora, Marc Mondell

Negotiating Parties: NW Tulare, Inc.

Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment

Council recessed to closed session at 10:20 p.m.

13. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council reconvened from closed session at 10:28 p.m.

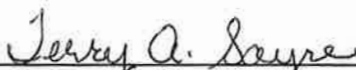
14. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Sayre advised there was no reportable action.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to discuss, Mayor Sayre adjourned the regular meeting at 10:28 p.m.

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


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

ATTEST:

Marc Mondell, City Clerk



By Melissa Hermann, Chief Deputy City Clerk

