

**CITY OF TULARE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Tuesday, July 16, 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; City Engineer Michael Miller; Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield; Community Services Director Jason Glick; Police Chief Fred Ynclan; Fire Chief Michael Ott; 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

Mayor Sayre called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:04 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield led the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation was given by Jeremy Hartley, Senior Pastor of Tulare First Baptist Church.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Makayla Gomez addressed the Council regarding a recent interaction with police officers; and Donnette Silva-Carter provided updates on Chamber of Commerce activity.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Marc Mondell advised there were no communications.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Harrell, seconded by Councilmember Mederos, and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.**
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the special and/or regular meeting of July 2, 2024. [M. Hermann]
- 6.3 Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2024-04.**
Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance 2024-04 approving Zone Amendment No. 751, pre-zoning the subject property to the R-1-4 (Small-lot Residential) zoning designation. [S. Sopp]
- 6.4 Motorola Service Agreement.**
Recommended Action: Approve a contract with Motorola Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$161,705.21 for maintenance and advance replacement of Motorola Radio equipment. [F. Ynclan]
- 6.5 Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for July 2024.**
Recommended Action: Accept the Capital Improvements Project Dashboard for July 2024. [M. Miller]

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7.1 Landscape Maintenance Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25.**
Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution confirming diagram and landscape maintenance assessments and levying assessments for fiscal year 2024-25; and authorize the City Manager to execute a Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement in connection thereto.
Presented By: City Engineer Michael Miller
Public Comment: The public hearing was opened at 7:25 p.m. Receiving no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.
Council Action: It was moved by Councilmember Mederos, seconded by Councilmember Harrell, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.
- 7.2 Cottonwood 3 Subdivision.**
Recommended Action: Pass to print an ordinance approving Zone Amendment No. 752 to change the existing zoning designation from R-1-6 (Single-family Residential, 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot area) to R-1-5 (Single-family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum lot area); and adopt a resolution to adopt the initial study / mitigated negative declaration prepared for the Cottonwood 3 Tentative Subdivision Map and Zone Amendment No. 752.
Presented By: Principal Planner Steven Sopp
Public Comment: Prior to the public hearing, Councilmember Mederos stated a conflict of interest due to owning property near the project site, recused himself, and left the dais. Councilmember Harrell also stated a conflict of interest due to owning property near the project site, recused himself, and left the dais. The public hearing was opened at 7:39 p.m. Darlene Mata advised of her availability to

answer any questions regarding the project. Receiving no additional public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Council Action: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Sigala, seconded by Mayor Sayre, and carried 3 to 0 (Councilmembers Mederos and Harrell recused) to approve the item as presented.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Discuss Camping on Public Property Following Supreme Court Decision.

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation regarding the City's options for responding to issues related to camping on public property and provide direction to staff thereto.

Presented By: City Attorney Mario U. Zamora

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Council Action: There was no action taken. The Council discussed the following: Vice Mayor Isherwood addressed the issue of targeting and ensuring ordinances are being applied to everyone in the same manner; Councilmember Mederos noted that the decision basically stated that cities can prohibit conduct, not status, also stating that the City should stay the course; Councilmember Sigala would like the City to develop guiding principles when addressing homelessness, stating that homelessness is not a crime, goal to protect private property, there is compassionate enforcement, and holding people accountable; Mayor Sayre advised of the Pathway Home which was adopted by the Tulare County Task Force on Homelessness and encouraged the City to adopt those guidelines; Mayor Sayre also stated she does not see a need to make any changes at this time; and Councilmember Harrell indicated that Tulare's model is being looked at by other communities indicating that Tulare is on the right path, and the City should continue in that direction.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 Disbursement of ARPA Funds.

Submitted by: Councilmember Sigala

Council Action: Councilmember Sigala stated he is seeking to provide \$5,000 to Tulare City School District to help with supplies for students in need, \$5,000 to the Tulare Western Pre-Medical Academy Program, and \$10,000 to HACER for scholarships. It was the consensus of Council to have staff add this item to the agenda for a future Council meeting.

10. STAFF UPDATES

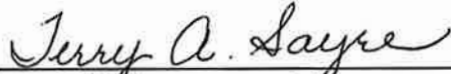
Staff provided updates on department activities.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A moment of silence was held in memory of Dennis Soto who recently passed away.


Seeing no further business to discuss, Mayor Sayre adjourned the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the Council on August 6, 2024.


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

ATTEST:

Marc Mondell, City Clerk


By Melissa Hermann, Chief Deputy City Clerk

