

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

**July 18, 2017**

**A regular session meeting of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Carlton Jones, Maritsa Castellanoz, David Macedo, Jose Sigala

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Greg Nunley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Carlini, Heather N. Phillips, Janice Avila, Steve Bonville, Willard Epps, Wes Hensley, Rob Hunt, Michael Miller, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Traci Myers, Cindy Root, Nick Barstch, Roxanne Yoder

**I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Jones called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAND AND INVOCATION**

Police Sergeant Tim Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Police Officer Luis Jaramillo.

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mayor Jones 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.

Pam Fyock, Tulare County Fair Director, addressed the Council regarding the annual county fair and other events hosted at the fairgrounds; and requested assistance with addressing handicap parking around same. She thanked the City for their continued support and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming events.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar by approved as presented with the exception of item(s) 4.

- (1) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- (2) Approve minutes of June 20 and June 26, 2017 regular and adjourned regular meeting(s).
- (3) Declare Ty Davis' seat on the Planning Commission vacant and direct staff to post the vacancy and solicit applications.
- (4) Adopt Ordinance 17-05 approving Zone Amendment No. 718, changing the zoning on 6.76 acres from C-3 (Retail Commercial) to R-1-6PD (Single family residential, 6,000 sf minimum lot area, planned development); and 4.01 acres from C-3 (Retail Commercial) to R-M-2 (Multi-family residential, 3,000 sf lot area per unit). Property is located at the southeast corner of North "J" Street and Cartmill Avenue (APN 164-040-006). Applicant: Teo Albers. Council Member Macedo recused himself from the item due to owning property in the vicinity. Without discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz and carried 3 to 0 (Council Member Macedo recused and Council Member Nunley absent) to approve the item as presented.
- (5) Adopt Ordinance 17-06 approving Zone Amendment 719 to change zoning from C-2 (office commercial) to R-1-12.5 (single family residential, 12,500 sq. ft. lot area minimum) on approximately 0.29 acres (12,743 sf) on the property located at the northwest corner of Merritt Avenue and Gem Street (APN 170-060-043). Applicant: Jonathan Van Ryn.
- (6) Adopt Resolution 17-32 approving Amendment No. 4 to the Measure R Expenditure Plan.
- (7) Grant permission for the Tulare Library Foundation to serve alcohol at a fundraising event scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017, 5:30-8:30 p.m. for adults 21 and over at the Library.
- (8) Adopt Resolution of Intention 17-33 to set August 1, 2017 as the public hearing date to adopt landscape maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2017-18.
- (9) Receive, review, and file the Monthly Investment Report for May 2017.

- (10) **Authorize the City Manager or designee to sign a contract with Cain Trucking, Inc. of Tulare CA for a unit price of \$3.50 per gallon, and a total amount of \$89,493.75 for the supply and delivery of asphaltic pavement preservation rejuvenating agent, subject only to minor conforming or clarifying changes acceptable to the City Attorney.**

## VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

- (1) **Presentation by ACT for Women and Girls, an organization whose mission is to engage women of all ages in leadership opportunities that will promote social and personal change.** Gina Rodriguez, ACT Program Director, and Michelle Rowsey, Teens Success Facilitator, provided a PowerPoint slide presentation for the Council's consideration. Council Member Sigala thanked them for their presentation and presented a Certificate of Recognition in honor of their work and commitment to the community.
- (2) **Presentation by the United Way of Tulare County to the Tulare Explorers Program.** Nick Halls of the United Way of Tulare County presented a check in the amount of \$6,750 to the Tulare Explorers Program to help fund 15 participants attend the San Diego Explorer Academy in August. Mayor Jones and Council Member Sigala thanked and commended the group for their commitment to the community.

## VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

## VIII. STUDENT REPORTS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

## IX. 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 17-34 regarding placing costs of constructing utility connections and/or sidewalk, curb, gutter, and driveway construction on property rolls in installments.** Finance Director Darlene Thompson provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Receiving no public comment, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Following comments by Council Member Sigala, it was moved by Vice

Mayor Castellanoz, seconded by Council Member Sigala and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Nunley absent) to adopt Resolution 17-34 as presented.

**(2) City Manager:**

- a. **Review and consideration of a position of opposition or support related to Senate Bill 623 (Monning), this bill would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that monies in the fund are available, upon appropriation, to the board to administer grants, loans, contracts or services to assist those without access to safe and affordable drinking water.** City Manager Joe Carlini provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Ryan Jensen, a representative from Community Water Center, addressed the Council in support of Senate Bill 623. Raquel Sanchez (Tulare) addressed the Council in support of Senate Bill 623. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sigala to provide a letter of support. This motion failed for a lack of a second.

**(3) Community Development:**

- a. **Status update on the City of Tulare's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Program.** Community Development Deputy Director Traci Myers provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Staff addressed questions and comments posed by Council. Informational item only.

**X. COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES, REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – GC 54954.2(3)**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Castellanoz, seconded by Council Member Macedo and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Nunley absent) to add an item to the August 1<sup>st</sup> agenda updating the Council on the Woman's Clubhouse.

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

Mayor Jones adjourned to closed session at 8:44 p.m.

- (a) 54957.6b Conference with Labor Negotiators  
 Represented/Unrepresented Employee(s): Tulare City Professional Fire Fighters Association (all units)  
 Negotiators: Joseph V. Carlini, Heather N. Phillips

**XII. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Jones reconvened from closed session at 9:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Jones advised there were no reportable actions.

**XIV. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Jones adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 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