

COUNCIL / BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Barkley, Beltran, Hartman,
McCloskey, Meinert, Nunes, Olvera,
Thompson, Todd, Uota

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

INVOCATION

Council / Board Member McKittrick led the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Council / Board Member Smith led the flag salute.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

4.1. Roy Ramirez, 10 Years

Mayor Wallace presented Ramirez with an employee appreciation award for his years of service.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

5.1. Kiwanis Club of Dinuba 50th Anniversary, Proclamation No 2010-04

The City Council congratulated the Kiwanis Club on their 50th anniversary.

Mayor Wallace read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Kiwanis Club President Art Pena.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1. Dinuba Chamber of Commerce

- A. Art Festival – Request for Street Closure, 200 Block South L St, May 8, 2010
- B. Cruise Night and Car Show – Request for Street Closure, June 11-12, 2010

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sills explained the details of the Arts Festival event and the request for street closure on May 8, 2010.

Sills also explained the Cruise Night and Car Show events planned for June 11 and 12.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor Morales to approve both requests for street closure as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

6.2. Kasey and Rita Oliver - Neighborhood Block Party, Street Closure Request, Tuscany Drive from Hayes to Oak; 4:00 pm-10:00 pm; May 22, 2010

Kasey Oliver requested authorization to hold a neighborhood block party on May 22, 2010.

Police Chief Olvera shared concern that the proposed bounce house be moved onto private property and out of the public domain.

The Council considered the request.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member McKittrick, to the request with the recommendations of the Police Chief.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.3. Javier Mendez, Dinuba First Time Homebuyer Program

Juan Jaime, a Self Help Enterprises representative was present to explain the guidelines to the program. Jaime explained that Mendez is under contract for the purchase of a home, as of March 17, prior to receiving approval from SHE. Jaime previously explained to Mendez the way the program works. The program as set up to provide housing (modest housing) for low income people.

City Manager Todd said he would like time to look at the request to discover it further.

Mayor Wallace said he is concerned about making an exception to a Council decision. He said “you may as well be ready to make many exceptions.”

Council discussion followed.

He explained that there are several people in line for the program but there is a potential that several people may also want an adjustment to their application.

Mayor Wallace asked that staff bring back the adjustment the Council approved in February for further consideration of the request before them this evening.

The City Council directed Mr. Mendez to work with Fiscal Analyst Avila in regard to this request.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.4. Kelly Martin – Visalia Rainbow Girls

Kelly Martin, Mother Advisor, was present with several Rainbow Girls members to thank John Carrillo for his recent assistance with an event they held in Dinuba.

Martin and the Visalia Rainbow Girls (VRG) members presented a brief description of the program.

The VRG members thanked John Carrillo and presented him with a team picture and a certificate of appreciation for his help with their event.

6.5. *Unscheduled. At this time, the public wishing to address the City Council on any matter should approach the podium and state their name, address and the nature of their request.*

Maria Rocca, 8093 Avenue 428, May 6, 2010, was present to invite the City Council to the kick-off fundraiser for the new Dawnings Pregnancy Resource Center. The event will be held at 826 S First Avenue, Dinuba.

City employees Joe Bueno 664 East Northridge, Benny Pizano; 2439 N Daquiri Visalia, Joe Moya 239 West Whittaker, requested that the City Council carefully consider the proposal being made tonight surrounding the parks crew. Bueno requested the Council take into consideration the work the crew does as they listen to the City Manager’s Budget message.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1. City Council Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2010
- 7.2. Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2010
- 7.3. General Election, November 2, 2010

- A. Calling Election and Requesting Consolidation, Res No 2010-18
 - B. Requesting County Clerk to Render Services, Res No 2010-19
 - C. Determining Candidate Statement Regulations, Res No 2010-20
- 7.4. Groundwater Recharge Facility-Replacement Irrigation Line Contract

It was moved by Council / Board Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Morales, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

WARRANT REGISTER

- 8.1. Approval – City Council Warrant Register, April 16, 23, 2010
- 8.2. Approval – Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register, April 16, 23, 2010

It was moved by Vice Mayor / Vice Chair Morales, second by Council / Board Member McKittrick, to approve the warrant register as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MAYOR’S / CHAIR’S MINUTE

- 9.1. Appointment of Alternate director to the San Joaquin Valley Power Authority Board of Directors, Dean Uota

City Manager Todd said this is a situation where Director Uota would replace Dan Meinert since this is his last week.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member McKittrick, to approve the appointment of Director Uota to the San Joaquin Valley Power Authority Board of Directors replacing Dan Meinert.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 9.2. Safe Water Recreation Month, May 2010, Proclamation No 2010-05

Mayor Wallace read the proclamation into the record and shared a story about a near drowning accident he experienced two years ago.

- 9.3. Information Sharing

Mayor Wallace shared he attended the baseball/softball opening day ceremonies last Saturday morning. Mayor Wallace shared that he appreciates the staff as they are doing a great job keeping up the grounds.

COUNCIL / AGENCY COMMENTS

- 10.1. Request for Excused Absence, Thomas Payan, April 13, 2010

It was moved by Vice Mayor Morales, second by Council Member McKittrick, to approve the request for excused absence as presented by Council Member Payan.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10.2. Information Sharing

Council Member Smith said he attended the baseball/softball opening day ceremonies, the Cinco de Mayo pageant, Relay for Life event wrap up meeting, Seniors luncheon on Sunday which had a good turn out of approximately 100 people. Council Member Smith said the retirement celebration on Friday was bittersweet as it reflects the impacts of what is happening with the economy. He said he would like to recognize all retirees and those employees who are laid off to let them know that we appreciate them.

Council Member McKittrick said he attended the TCAG meeting, the ICSC Alliance meeting last week--the first of such meetings in our area. The focus of the meeting was the economy and building up of the community.

Vice Mayor Morales directed his comments to the retirees past and present and employees who were laid off acknowledging their valuable service to the City and its residents.

Mayor Wallace said 7.5 years ago when he was elected to the City Council he knew there would be difficult decisions to make. In the last few years, there have been tough decisions that needed to be made. As Council Member Smith mentioned, it's a huge sacrifice when you have to give golden handshakes to let great employees go.

Mayor Wallace said he too is greatly concerned with the recent layoffs and he commented that it's unfortunate the sacrifices the retirees had to make in their personal plans to keep many other employees from being laid off. He added that there are also those that did not have the opportunity to retire who were laid off and whom also sacrificed much.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

11.1. City Manager's Budget Message

City Manager / Executive Director Todd read the City Manager's Budget Message into the record. After the reading, he touched briefly on the general fund's multi-year Budget Projections from 2006 through 2015.

He explained the schedule to the City Council. Todd said he wants to begin the budget sessions prior to the May 11 Council meeting.

Director Nunes explained the projected fund balances to June 30, 2011.

Todd explained "privatization" to the Council / Agency.

Council / Board Member Smith said there is value to keeping work in-house in lieu of privatization.

Todd said in those instances we would look at the value of the service. The decision to privatize a service will ultimately come back to the Council for approval.

Council / Board discussion followed in regard to the budget projections.

Smith shared that he would like a chance to talk about the budget with the community present.

Todd said the Council has, per our City Charter, 60 more days to study the budget. He explained this is just the starting point.

A short discussion on the health of the general fund followed. Director Nunes was asked to explain "current services" and she did so.

City Manager / Executive Director Todd further explained "current services."

Mayor Wallace asked staff why we no longer participate in the INET program.

Chief Olvera explained that our staff no longer participates in the program because at one time due to staffing levels we had to utilize our INET personnel to staff our patrol position. We cannot commit another individual for approximately one year and we are currently not able to re-enter the program because there is no room. INET is structured to reimburse the participant's salary and medical insurance.

Wallace expressed concern that that the INET officer was reassigned and pulled out of the program when we have a significant drug problem.

Chief Olvera explained the INET officer was assigned to the entire County not just Dinuba. He might have been serving in Dinuba about ten percent of the time.

City Manager / Executive Director Todd also explained the percentage of time the officer spent in Dinuba was minimal because of the INET program's scope of services throughout the County. He further explained that the cuts will be more personal in next year's budget.

Mayor Wallace questioned whether having our own city engineer on staff was as cost effective as using private sources.

City Manager / Executive Director Todd explained past engineering services expenses versus what we currently pay our engineer on staff.

11.2. Information Sharing

Deputy City Manager Meinert shared a façade rendering of the Big 5 Sporting Goods store proposed for the El Monte Way site.

Deputy City Manager Meinert said this is his last City Council meeting. He shared that twenty years ago, he initially thought he would be here for 4 years and then move on and he further explained that it is common for those in his profession do so. He and his family became so involved in the community, church, school and work so they stayed. He shared that working in Dinuba has presented him with many opportunities to grow and make a difference in the community and made him many friends here and in the region. He counted them as rewarding experiences. Meinert thanked City Manager Todd, the City Council and the department managers.

The City Council expressed to Meinert that he will be missed.

Assistant Hartman explained that she received a notification from the Energy Commission that the City won a \$115,000 energy grant to retrofit our city facilities. It should mean \$20,000 in annual energy savings to us.

Hartman also shared that Senator Boxer put in appropriations for the Dinuba Vocational Center of \$500,000 and that should be moving forward and approved sometime by the end of September.

PUBLIC HEARING

12.1. City Fees, Fines and Charges, Resolution No 2010-17

Budget and Finance Manager Cook presented the information about the City's fees, fines and charges. Cook said we won't reap the benefits if we wait until July 1 so we could more fully recover the cost of providing those services for youth sports. He added that the remainder of fees will take place July 1. In addition, there are fees in water and sewer funds that are also coming forward tonight.

Nunes said these are not all the fees we regularly bring to the Council because we are looking at all the fees to determine the full cost and what we have supplemented in the past. In addition, these are the type of fees you would see in the services.

Council discussion followed in regard to the proposed fees. Cook requested that the Mayor open the hearing in regard to the fees, fines and charges.

Mayor Wallace opened the public hearing.

No comments from public brought forward.

Mayor Wallace closed the hearing.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Council Member Smith to adopt Resolution No 2010-17 as presented.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

13.1. Information Sharing

None

CITY ATTORNEY

14.1. Information Sharing

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES

15.1. Information Sharing

Assistant to the City Manager Anderson thanked Mayor Wallace for throwing the “first pitch” on baseball/softball opening day last weekend.

DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES

16.1. Adoption of Schedules A. Housing Element B. Sign Ordinance

Director Uota said this is an informational item as previously requested by the City Council at a previous meeting.

Director Uota explained the schedules.

16.1. TCAG Joint Powers Agreement, Resolution No 2010-22

Director Uota reported that the Joint Powers Agreement was initiated in the early to mid-1970's. This action acts as a “catch-up” amendment to the current JPA. He explained the main proposed amendments.

Uota requested that the City Council authorize the execution of Joint Powers Agreement with TCAG by adopting Resolution No 2010-22.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Vice Mayor Morales, to adopt Resolution No 2010-22.

AYES: Payan, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: Smith
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

16.2. Authorization to Bid - CNG Fueling Facility Phase I Improvements

Uota requested the Council authorize staff to bid the CNG fueling facility phase I improvements project.

It was moved by Council Member McKittrick, second by Council Member Smith, to authorize staff to bid the CNG fueling facility phase I improvements project.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

16.3. Information Sharing

Director Uota updated the City Council on the following projects:

The “Big 5” plans are moving forward.

Uota reported that there are 6 lots left in Muirfield Subdivision Phase I and the builders are marketing the next phase.

Viscaya Phase I has 5 plans submitted. The builder, Wathen-Castanos, has 16 new home models they want to introduce into the subdivision. They were instructed to bring those specs to the Council for review.

Building Official Hartley said the proposed models are 1300-1600 sq feet in size and all are one story plans.

Discussion followed as to the subdivision.

Mayor Wallace said he feels the other areas of the subdivision need to step up as they aren't the quality that Dunmore was trying to build. He directed staff to work with the builder to see if they can build better quality homes.

Uota said they are offering a number of models and they have a broad portfolio of the types of homes they build.

Council discussion followed.

Director Uota continued saying the AM/PM project is moving forward, they are grading the site, close to pulling the permit.

The Parkside Subdivision has fallen back into the hands of Wells Fargo Bank. The bank had the weeds cleaned off per staff's request. We don't know the plans but we imagine they will look for buyers. Prior to the bank taking control, we had contacts from developers interested in the property.

FIRE SERVICES

17.1. Information Sharing

Chief Thompson said the fire fighter's association was near Wal-Mart raising funds for MDA. They raised \$1,900 in 3 hours.

Chief Thompson said he attended the senior social event last weekend.

POLICE SERVICES

18.1. Authorization to Enter Into Joint Powers Agreement with Central Valley Joint Air Support Unit, Resolution No 2010-21

Chief Olvera presented the report and requested authorization to enter into a joint powers agreement with the Central Valley Joint Air Support Unit and do so by adopting Resolution No 2010-21.

It was moved by Council Member Smith/Morales to adopt Resolution No 2010-21 authorizing the joint powers agreement with the Central Valley Joint Air Support Unit.

AYES: Payan, Smith, Wallace, Morales, McKittrick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

18.2. Information Sharing

Shared last Tuesday attended event recognizing police department's records department for their dedication in helping district attorney's request supporting paperwork to them to prosecute cases.

PUBLIC WORKS

19.1. Information Sharing

Director Beltran said the spring clean up event was held last weekend with approximately 900 participating in the event. We get more and more people that are just outside city limits. She said there were people from the Cutler area but with Dinuba address. Beltran said that next year we might consider broadening the limits or charging a small fee similar to the County land fill.

Council Member Payan asked what the percentage of those users was. Beltran said 30 to 40 people.

Beltran said the Jolly Trolley is currently out of commission.

Mayor Wallace thanked staff for changing the seasonal banners downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor / Chair Wallace adjourned the joint meeting at 9:59 pm.

Mark Wallace, Mayor / Chair

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk / Secretary