

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Flores
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Mouanoutoua

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Ashbeck, Bessinger, Mouanoutoua, Whalen
Mayor Flores

presentation – 6:02

6:02 – ITEM 1 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION HONORING BILL SMITTCAMP FOR BEING NAMED THE 2021 AGRICULTURALIST OF THE YEAR BY THE FRESNO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Councilmember Ashbeck presented a proclamation proclaiming Clovis as the “Peach Capital of the World” in honor of the contributions of Bill Smittcamp and Wawona Frozen Foods as the 2021 Agriculturalist of the Year.

6:11 – ITEM 2 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION HONORING “THE BUCHANAN EIGHT” SOLDIERS FROM BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION BETWEEN 2004 AND 2010 SERVING OUR COUNTRY AND TO SUPPORT THE 17TH ANNUAL HUBBARD-BARO MEMORIAL GOLF FUND RAISER ON VETERAN’S DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021.

Councilmember Bessinger presented a proclamation in support of the Hubbard-Baro Memorial Golf 17th Annual fundraiser and does honor The Buchanan Eight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:20

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:22

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the October 18, 2021 and November 1, 2021 Council Meetings.
4. Administration - Received and Filed – Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County Quarterly Report, July-September 2021.
5. Finance - Approved - **Res. 21-128**, Amending Resolution 20-65 approving the Appropriation Limit related to approving the 2020-2021 City of Clovis Annual Budget; and Approved - **Res. 21-129**, Amending Resolution 21-63 approving the Appropriation Limit related to approving the 2021-2022 City of Clovis Annual Budget.

6. General Services – Approved - Claim Rejection of the General Liability Claim on behalf of Kayhan Aminian.
7. Police - Approved - **Res. 21-130**, Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for the CalRecycle Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program and authorize the Chief of Police to implement this program.
8. Planning & Development Services – Approval – Authorize the City Manager to execute a work order for a Master Service Agreement on behalf of the City.
9. Public Utilities – Approved – Waive Formal Bidding Requirements and Authorize the Purchase of Three Electric Utility Carts from Polaris; and Approval – **Res. 21-131**, Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application Under the SJVAPCD Public Benefit Grant Program and Authorizing the City Manager to be the Contract Authority.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 6:23

6:24 – ITEM 10 - Workshop – Consider Update from the Clovis Police Department on the State of the Department.

Council directed staff to work on putting together a Citizens Advisory Committee to address the issues that the Police Department has been facing for several years. Staff will provide a more thorough analysis of the financial situation to Council and the Citizens Advisory Committee when it is formed.

8:04 – ITEM 11 - APPROVED – AUTHORIZE SUBMITTING THE CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 8:08

8:08 – ITEM 12 - CONSIDER ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH APPROXIMATELY 1.6 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF OSMUN AVENUE AND THE WEST SIDE OF BARON AVENUE, NORTH OF SECOND STREET. TGP INVESTMENTS LLC & FLYLINE INVESTMENTS, OWNER/APPLICANT; DIRK POESCHEL, REPRESENTATIVE.

Dirk Poeschel, project representative, addressed the residents' and Council's concerns regarding traffic, parking, and building height. Mr. Poeschel also provided an update of everything the developer done to modify the project in order to work with the residents.

Mr. Pace, resident, shared concerns regarding the building height.

Jim Bantaski, resident, shared concerns regarding the building height.

Stacey Brinkley, resident, shared concerns regarding parking on the residential streets.

Resident, shared concerns regarding building height and the housing density which may impact the home values in the neighborhood.

Kimberly Peyton, resident, shared concerns regarding the building height.

Doug Peyton, resident, shared concerns regarding the building height, landscaping, and commented on the issues that arose with the developer at the previous neighborhood meeting.

Resident, shared concerns regarding the building height, traffic, and parking. Also commented on November 7th neighborhood meeting and how things escalated with the developer.

Robin DiFalco, shared concerns regarding the building height.

ITEM 12A - APPROVED - RES. 21-132, A REQUEST TO APPROVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA2018-003 & REZONE R2018-009.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Whalen.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM 12B - DENIED - RES. 21-XXX, GPA2018-003, A REQUEST TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN TO RE-DESIGNATE FROM THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (4.1 TO 7.0 DU/AC) TO THE VERY HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (25.1 TO 43.0 DU/AC) CLASSIFICATION FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

Motion for denial by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Whalen.
Motion carried 3-2-0 with Councilmember Mouanoutoua and Mayor Flores voting no.

ITEM 12C - DENIED INTRODUCTION - ORD. 21-XX, R2018-009, A REQUEST TO APPROVE A REZONE FROM THE R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 6,000 SQ. FT.) TO THE R-4 (VERY HIGH DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE DISTRICT.

Motion for denial by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Whalen.
Motion carried 3-2-0 with Councilmember Mouanoutoua and Mayor Flores voting no.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 9:22

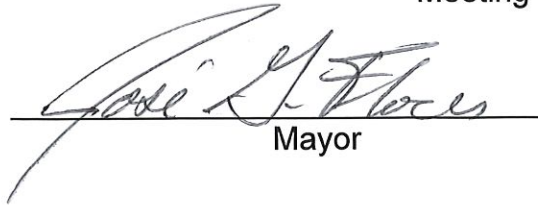
9:22 – ITEM 13 - COVID-19 Update.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – 9:25

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting of the Council to November 15, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 9:34 p.m.





Mayor



City Clerk

Karey Cha

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:44 PM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-11-08

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 11

Full Name: Robin DiFalco

Email: robindifalco@gmail.com

Comment: City of Clovis,

Attached are my written comments in opposition of the Osmun/Baron project. Please include for the Nov. 8, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Thank you,

Robin DiFalco

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**Public Comments
November 8, 2021**

Michael & Robin DiFalco
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robindifalco@gmail.com, 5599402288

11.8.21

City of Clovis Council Members,
Attn: George Gonzalez, MPA, Senior Planner
City of Clovis 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis CA 93612

RE: Oppose for the consideration of the Osmun/Baron property.

Council Meeting Date: Monday, November 8, 2021

Item Number: 11

Name: Robin DiFalco

Email: robindifalco@gmail.com

Dear City Council Members,

As a homeowner in Old Town Clovis (OTC), I would like to offer my written comments as requested regarding above named proposed project, proposed amendment, and proposed rezoning. I live on Baron Ave. in a 104-year-old home and from my property I can see the property in discussion. Nowhere else in Clovis can you find old historic homes/buildings. Old Town Clovis is filled with history which is represented in its landmarks, community, and business. The city has successfully managed history, growth and preservation in Old Town and created a hub of events throughout the year and Friday night farmers markets which are a draw to the area and distinctly represent Old Town.

I have been and am in opposition of the project as is. Specifically in opposition of the proposed 3 stories. I believe in infilling vacant lots and growth in our community in the context of preservation and ensuring each project not only meets a need on paper, but it also blends well in the neighborhood/community. I believe a 2-story project with an old town/historic façade meets the needs of the neighborhood, community, and developer.

Preservation of the authenticity of Old Town is a focus and a 3-story project which changes zoning from R1-R4 seems in direct conflict with that and sets precedent. A 3-story apartment complex is out of place in the neighborhood. Old Town prioritizes the preservation of the historic character and resources of Old Town. There is a difference in a "Downtown", "City" and "Old Town". I feel a 3-story apartment project is in line with a "Downtown" or "City" experience but not in alignment with "Old Town" Clovis. In this case the proposed project would stick out significantly and would alter the current neighborhood drastically.

There is a lot of change in our little neighborhood in a short amount of time. Great changes and additions with the Senior Center, Library, and Transit which are in line with the Old Town feel. This project as a 3-story building is not one of those additions. I ask the Council to pause and consider all the changes and consider modifying the current proposed project to 2 stories with the same amount of parking.

I appreciate the changes Mr. Anthony Hageman has made to his proposed plan in moving a trash receptacle, increasing landscaping, and moving one of the buildings in more. Although the project has made some modifications and is seemingly high quality it is still a 3-story complex in a residential neighborhood. Therefore, I respectfully ask for no zoning change and no change to the general plan for the Osmun/Baron Property noted above.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for residents to express our concerns over this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Robin DiFalco

Karey Cha

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:37 AM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-11-08

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 12

Full Name: Rachel Youdelman

Email: rachel27@berkeley.edu

Comment: I'd like to ask City Manager Serpa to comment on COVID statistics specific to Clovis. The County information is useful, but what does it tell us about infection, hospitalization, death, and vaccination rates in Clovis? Current and cumulative data will be appreciated.

Clovis residents should be able to understand the city-level information within the context of the County's.

Thank you.

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