

## CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**May 2, 2022**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Council Chamber**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ashbeck at 6:03  
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Whalen

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

### **PRESENTATION – 6:03**

6:06 - ITEM 1 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WILMA TOM HASHIMOTO AS MOTHER OF THE YEAR.

The City Council presented a proclamation recognizing Wilma Tom Hashimoto as Fresno County Mother of the Year and proclaimed this Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, as Wilma Hashimoto Day.

Wilma Hashimoto, expressed her gratitude for the honor given by the Clovis City Council and provided information on the youth services efforts of CASA of Fresno & Madera Counties.

6:19 - ITEM 2 - PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO OUTGOING PERSONNEL COMMISSIONERS KARI MERCER AND DARREN ROSE FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE.

The City Council presented a proclamation recognizing Kari Mercer and Darren Rose for their service on the Personnel Commission.

Kari Mercer and Darren Rose, expressed their gratitude for this opportunity to serve the community and the City of Clovis.

6:23 - ITEM 3 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 1ST - MAY 7TH, 2022, AS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.

The City Council presented a proclamation honoring the first week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week.

6:25 - ITEM 4 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS MONTH.

The City Council presented a proclamation recognizing the month of May as Mental Health Matters Month.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:27**

Tom Keetan, resident, commented on neighbors constantly dumping trash in the street. He has already reported the issue to the Solid Waste division and the the Police Department. The neighbor has been cited already but the problem continues.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:31**

Motion by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved, including the waiver of the reading of the ordinance. Motion carried 3-0-2, with Councilmember Bessinger and Mayor Flores absent.

5. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the April 18, 2022, Council Meeting.
6. Administration - Adopted - Ord. 22-03, A request to adopt a Military Equipment Use Policy Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481. Approval of Policy 706 and the adopted ordinance will allow the Clovis Police Department to continue to use its existing military equipment in accordance with the new law requirements. (Vote: 5-0)
7. Administration - Received and Filed – Business Organization of Old Town (BOOT) Third Quarter Report, January through March 2022.
8. Administration - Received and Filed – Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County Quarterly Report, January - March 2022.
9. Finance – Received and Filed – Investment Report for the Month of January 2022.
10. Finance – Received and Filed – Treasurer’s Report for the Month of January 2022.
11. Planning and Development Services - Approved - Bid Award for CIP 20-10 Barstow Avenue Street Improvements; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.
12. Police - Approved - **Res. 22-35**, Amending the Police Department budget for FY 2021-2022 to reflect the California Department of Justice Tobacco grant award of \$97,640.
13. Police - Approved – **Res. 22-36**, Amending the 2021-2022 Police Department Budget to reflect the award of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Program in the amount of \$17,709.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 6:33**

**6:33 – ITEM 14 - RECEIVED AND FILED – UPDATE ON 325 POLLASKY AVENUE (CLOVIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING).**

Sarah Miller, resident, commented on the Chamber’s efforts in making the building ADA compliant.

Paul Halajian, architect and business owner, volunteered pro bono services and came up with a conceptual plan that demonstrated the building can be preserved for about \$2-3 million.

Beth Christensen, representative from the Historical Society, commented on the Historical Society's desire to preserve the building.

Tom Wright, resident, commented on the Chamber's commitment to the Fresno County historical society and to the City Council to preserve the building for the City of Clovis and its residents. A petition will be presented to the City Council. There is an agency in town that is interested in purchasing the building.

Bill Smittcamp, resident, commented on the support in the effort to preserve the building the opportunity to open up a dialogue between the supporters and the Clovis Chamber of Commerce.

Sarah Miller, resident, fundraising for the building will not be that challenging.

It was the consensus of the Council to pursue a historical preservation committee to assist the effort updating and preserving the building.

**7:18 – ITEM 15 – DENIED – RES. 22-XX, A REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIATION OF AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN AND LOMA VISTA SPECIFIC PLAN WITH REGARD TO STREET ALIGNMENTS, LAND USE PATTERNS, AND MASTER PLAN BOUNDARIES FOR THE AREA DESIGNATED AS THE EASTERN VILLAGE WITHIN THE LOMA VISTA SPECIFIC PLAN.**

Sarah Miller, resident, commented on concerns regarding the transparency of the process. Commented on the planning of Sanger Unified School District and the opportunity to do great things for the area.

Darius Assemi, developer, commented on issues and challenges regarding developing around curvilinear streets.

Motion for denial by Councilmember Whalen seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck. Motion carried 2-1-2, with Councilmember Mouanoutoua voting no and Councilmember Bessinger and Mayor Flores absent.

**8:28 – ITEM 16 - APPROVED – RES. 22-37, A REQUEST AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLOVIS AND DE NOVO PLANNING GROUP (DE NOVO) FOR SERVICES RELATED TO PREPARATION OF THE 2014 CLOVIS GENERAL PLAN REVIEW AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.**

Sarah Miller, resident, shared her experience serving on the previous General Plan update committee and expressed concerns regarding consultants who may not be familiar with the values of the Clovis community.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua. Motion carried 3-0-2, with Councilmember Bessinger and Mayor Flores absent.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:57**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS – 8:59**

**CLOSED SESSION – 9:03**

ITEM 17 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2)  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION TWO POTENTIAL CASES

Councilmember Whalen recused himself from the discussion and left the Council Chamber.

ITEM 18 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8  
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PROPERTY: 2791 SERENA AVE. AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: JOHN HOLT, MIKE HARRISON, ANDREW HAUSSLER NEGOTIATING PARTIES: LEGACY BUILDING COMPANY, BY WATHEN UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE & TERMS

Mayor Pro Tem Ashbeck adjourned the meeting of the Council to May 9, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 p.m.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem

  
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City Clerk

