

## CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**May 9, 2022**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Council Chamber**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Flores at 6:02  
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Bessinger

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

### **PRESENTATION – 6:03**

6:03 - ITEM 1 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 9-15, 2022, AS NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK.

The City Council presented a proclamation to Captains Kalahni and Jenny of the local Salvation Army declaring May 9-15, 2022, as National Salvation Army Week.

Shonna Halterman introduced the captains and shared that they will be relocated to Washington in the next month and thanked them for their service in our community.

Captain Kalahni thanked the Council for their support in the work that the Salvation Army does in the community.

6:09 - ITEM 2 - PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The City Council presented certificates of appreciation and challenge coins to the 25 members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Chris Casado, Citizens' Advisory Committee Chair, thanked Council for appointing members of the community to address the issue the Police Department is facing.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:14**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:15**

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 May 2, 2022, Council Meeting.

4. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Bid Award for CIP 21-12, Nees Avenue Widening – Rule 20B; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.
5. Planning and Development Services - Approved - **Res. 22-38**, A Resolution Declaring the Intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23, Authorizing the City of Clovis Engineering Department to conduct a property owner Proposition 218 proceeding, Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Preliminary Engineer’s Report, and setting a Public Hearing for July 5, 2022, or at such time thereafter for Benefit Assessment District No. 95-1 (Blackhorse Estates).
6. Police - Approved - **Res. 22-39**, Amending the 2021-2022 Police Department Budget to reflect the award of the CalRecycle Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program in the amount of \$228,140.
7. Public Utilities – Approved – Waive Formal Bidding Requirements and Authorize the Purchase of an Aerial Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. Using the Sourcewell Purchasing Contract.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 6:17**

**6:17 – ITEM 8 - WORKSHOP – FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER OPTIONS ADDRESSING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING AND FUNDING.**

Matt Basgall, asked if there is a cap on on the Transient Occupancy Tax and if it could be a flat rate or if it is required to be a percentage. He also commented on being cautious of stating that Clovis PD will have 15 officers in the 5-Year Forecast because in his experience, it changes from year to year and has not not increased.

Chris Casado, commented on the conversation by Council and the importance of educating the general public. He is not sure that the City can be successful in educating the voters by November to vote on a measure and the the City would need a good plan moving forward.

Diane Pearce, commented on concerns regarding voter understanding of the different types of taxes. She also asked clarifying questions regarding general versus special taxes and City versus citizen driven initiatives. She commented on the importance of education and creating more awareness around what’s going on with the Police Department.

Greg Newman, asked what kind of explanation is required on the ballot for a Transient Occupancy Tax increase and how to make it easy to understand for voters. He also commented on the impacts of a tax from a business perspective.

Noha Elbaz, commented on the importance of safety when travelling. She also commented on creating more awareness on the issues with the Police Department so that the residents who choose to live in Clovis because it is a safe community, can support the needs of the department and have high quality service.

It was the consensus of the City Council to pursue a general tax increase for the Transient Occupancy Tax for the November 2022 ballot, increasing the rate by 2% (from currently 10% to 12%).

**8:20 – ITEM 9 - RECEIVED AND FILED - INFORMATION RELATED TO ANALYSIS OF 2020 CENSUS DATA AND MARCH 2, 2021, ELECTION DATA.**

It was the consensus of the City Council to complete another analysis after the November 2022 election to see if there is racially polarized voting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – 9:04**

**9:04 – ITEM 10 - CONTINUED – RES. 22-XX, ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.**

Item continued to the May 16, 2022, City Council meeting.

**9:05 – ITEM 11 - APPROVED INTRODUCTION – ORD. 22-04, AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 1.9.03 (ELECTRONIC FILING) TO TITLE 1 CHAPTER 9 OF THE CLOVIS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS AND STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS (FORM 700).**

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

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 9:10**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS – 9:10**

**CLOSED SESSION – 9:16**

**ITEM 12 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: JOHN HOLT, ANDREW HAUSSLER, JEFFREY BLANKS, CURT FLEMING , SHONNA HALTERMAN, LORI SHIVELY, SCOTT G. CROSS EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: CLOVIS POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CLOVIS TRANSIT EMPLOYEES BARGAINING UNIT, CLOVIS TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION, AND UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE: MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting of the Council to May 16, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 p.m.



  
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City Clerk