

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Flores at 6:03
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Whalen

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:04

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:05

Staff requested to pull Item 2 which will come back to Council on a future date.

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger, that the items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 2, be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the November 8, 2021 Council Meeting.
2. General Services - Approved – Selection of Roofing Contractor to Repair/Reroof Buildings A & G at the Corporation Yard.
3. General Services – Approved - Claim Rejection of the General Liability Claim on behalf of Jamal Jones.
4. General Services – Approved – Authorize an Agreement with Pinnacle Training Systems for COVID-19 Testing Services.
5. Planning and Development Services - Approved – Final Acceptance for Final Map for Tract 6193, located at the southeast area of Ashlan and Leonard Avenues (Wilson Premier Homes, Inc.).

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:07

6:07 – ITEM 6 - CONSIDERED ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2300 MINNEWAWA AVENUE. CITY OF CLOVIS, PROPERTY OWNER/ APPLICANT/ REPRESENTATIVE.

- 6A. APPROVED – RES. 21-133, GPA2021-004, A REQUEST TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN TO RE-DESIGNATE APPROXIMATELY 0.85 ACRE OF PROPERTY FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC/QUASI PUBLIC FACILITIES CLASSIFICATION.

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

- 6B. APPROVED INTRODUCTION – ORD. 21-08, R2021-008, A REQUEST TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.34 ACRE OF PROPERTY FROM THE C-2 (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL) ZONE DISTRICT TO THE P-F (PUBLIC FACILITIES) ZONE DISTRICT.

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

- 6C. APPROVED – RES. 21-134, SPR2021-008, A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE SITE LAYOUT AND DESIGN FOR FIRE STATION 2.

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

- 6:28 – ITEM 7 - CONDUCT PROPOSITION 218 HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INCREASE TO STREET SWEEPING CHARGE, AND CONSIDER INTRODUCTION – ORD. 21-___, AMENDING SECTION 6.3.22 OF CHAPTER 6.3 OF TITLE 6 OF THE CLOVIS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO STREET SWEEPING SERVICE AND CHARGES.

Susan Bailey, resident, shared concerns regarding street sweepers dirtying the streets and kicking up dirt which impacts the air quality. Commented that street sweepers should be better maintained.

Marianne Hill, property owner, inquired about private streets being swept.

James Duval, resident, commented on how the gutter in front of his corner home is frequently missed by the street sweepers.

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

- 6:29 – ITEM 8 - CONSIDER APPROVAL – AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE LANDMARK SQUARE SOIL VAPOR BARRIER SYSTEM.

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

COUNCIL ITEMS – 7:06

7:06 – ITEM 9 - CONSIDERED – A REQUEST FROM MATT BASGALL FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING POLICE OFFICER STAFFING.

It was the consensus of City Council to directed staff to move forward with the creation of a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) with the following direction:

1. Form the committee.
2. The makeup of the committee would be 25 members with each Council Member nominating 5 members each.
3. The scope of the Committee analysis would be staffing of the entire Police Department.
4. Review and report expenditures and staffing within the Police Department over the past fifteen years.
5. Consider what it is going to take to stay the “Safest City in the Valley”.
6. Report back on the required timeline should a tax measure be considered to be placed on the November 2022 ballot.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:26

8:26 – ITEM 9 - COVID-19 Update.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – 8:29

CLOSED SESSION – 8:39

8:39 – ITEM 10 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION CASE NAME: BRYON ESPINOSA V. CITY OF CLOVIS, ET AL.

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting of the Council to December 6, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 9:05 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



Karey Cha

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:28 PM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-11-15
Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 9
Full Name: Lauren Butler
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Comment: Councilmember Ashbeck,

Thank you for suggesting that Clovis PD seek out citizens' perspectives of policing needs in our community at Monday's council meeting. I'd be happy to offer my perspective in a community discussion if you are seeking volunteers.

I appreciated that Councilmember Whelan brought up that public service received nearly \$60m from the city budget in 2020, and that PD receives most of that funding over fire. This comment leads me to question if the department does in fact need additional taxpayer support, or if different segments of our community should be more robustly supported to address the issues cited in the Chief's presentation. Perhaps services for the unhoused, access to mental healthcare and addiction services, our libraries and parks in support of children's education, etc. could offer more cost-effective solutions to these challenges.

I would love to learn more about the needs of the department and the challenges it faces because, and I am very fortunate, I consistently see a huge police presence in our community. When I see a neighbor getting pulled over at a traffic stop, I always see at least two (and up to four) police vehicles responding. I just wonder if our community truly needs more officers on the street if it seems like there are so many responders consistently to stops for running red lights or California rolls. Again, I realize this is a very privileged experience with police in that I have not directly required their services, but I feel as though the needs are being met so I would love to learn more specifics if there is a true need.

Thank you again for representing voters. I know you mentioned half in jest that you were sorry for repeating yourself about citizen involvement, but I really do appreciate feeling like there is an avenue for many voices in Clovis. Thank you.

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