

by the Council. Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, for the Council to receive and file the Business Organization of Old Town (BOOT) First Quarter Report, July through September 2020. Motion carried 4-0-0-1 with Councilmember Flores abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 8 – 6:07 - APPROVED - RES. 21-05, GPA2020-003, A REQUEST TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE LANGUAGE TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE GENERAL PLAN AND THE FRESNO COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN. CITY OF CLOVIS, APPLICANT.

City Planner Dave Merchan presented a report on a request to amend the text of the General Plan to incorporate language to ensure consistency between the General Plan and the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The City's Research and Technology (R-T) Park was originally established in the late 1990's in an effort to attract high quality employment opportunities to the Clovis community and greater region. With the adoption of the current General Plan in 2014, some of the original elements of the R-T Park were erroneously left out. Additionally, much of the area planned for the R-T Park is not actually zoned R-T, it retains the old R-A (Single Family-Very Low Density) zoning from when the area was first annexed into the City. These inconsistencies have created uncertainty as to what development is intended to occur within the R-T Park area and what standards should be applied. Staff recommends that the Council initiate General Plan and Development Code amendments to remove the inconsistencies and clarify the intent of the R-T Park.

There being no public comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council. Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the Council to approve a resolution amending the text of the General Plan to incorporate language to ensure consistency between the General Plan and the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM 9 – 6:21 - APPROVED – RES. 21-06, ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; AND APPROVED – **RES. 21-07**, AMENDING THE FY 2020-2021 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET TO INCREASE THE FUNDS BY \$100,000.

Community and Economic Development Director Andy Haussler presented a report on a request to adopt a resolution amending the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan to eliminate the Dennis/Beverly Alley Project and increase funds in the Emergency Housing Payments Program by \$100,000, and amend the FY 2020-2021 Housing and Community Development Budget to increase the funds by \$100,000. Demand for the Emergency Housing Payments Program has been greater than funding previously made available. Staff is recommending utilizing savings from previously completed projects, in the amount of \$100,000, to further fund the Emergency Housing Payments Program. In order to achieve this, a project must be moved between program years requiring the cancellation of a current year project (Dennis/Beverly Alley) and

amending the 2019-2020 CDBG Action Plan. Staff will return to allocate funds to this project in the near future. This also requires a budget amendment.

There being no public comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council. Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the Council to approve a resolution amending the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan to eliminate the Dennis/Beverly Alley Project and increase funds in the Emergency Housing Payments Program by \$100,000, and amend the FY 2020-2021 Housing and Community Development Budget to increase the funds by \$100,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

WORKSHOP 6:31

City Manager Luke Serpa presented City Council an update on the pandemic numbers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS 6:42

Councilmember Whalen commented on the arrest of Nathan Larson who is being held in the Denver County jail on suspicion of misdemeanor harboring a minor and faces felony charges in Fresno County on suspicion of kidnapping, child abduction, soliciting child pornography from a minor and meeting a child for the intention of sex, and thanked the staff of the Fresno County Airport Police for their involvement.

Councilmember Ashbeck commented on what is termed "Ghost Kitchens" and suggest that staff look into current processing / permitting to determine if changes could be made to support. She also commented on a resident complaint near Shepherd and Peach regarding whole mailboxes being stolen and requested staff look into the possibility of installing a light near where the mailbox is being stolen.

Mayor Bessinger adjourned the meeting of the Council to January 11, 2021

Meeting adjourned: 6:50 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



John Holt

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 3:17 PM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-01-04

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

FullName: Jeff Adolph

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Comment: My wife and I have lived in Clovis for 32 years, and we raised two kids here. My wife retired from Clovis Unified after 38 years and I retired from PG&E after 30 years. I put myself through college as a seasonal wildland firefighter. I mention these things to hopefully give myself some credibility in your eyes. My remarks are somewhat snarky, so hopefully some of that credibility will remain.

Mayor Bessinger, the public comments made during the December 14th city council meeting regarding your participation in the Trump event were elegant and eloquent and reflect my feelings as well. I'd like to add this: Please try to understand that there is a big difference between patriotism and partisan nationalism with a dash of authoritarianism. That Trump parade was only one of those two things, and it was not the patriotic one!

Also, calling into question the results of elections that have been extremely well vetted has resulted in threats made against election officials in various places, both state and local. As a former member of law enforcement, I'd think that you would be very careful about participating in events that could contribute to this. Also, your excuse that you were directing your divisive comments against Antifa types rings hollow when you look at the FBI stats about right wing violence causing more human carnage.

My second topic regards the weak response by the City of Clovis to the pandemic. Let me share some inconvenient facts which, along with science, are not always appreciated by Qanon types:

Population
Fresno Co. – almost 1 million

South Korea – almost 52 million

COVID-19 Deaths
Fresno Co. – 711 as of yesterday

South Korea – 981 as of yesterday

So, over 50 times the population of Fresno Co., and less than 1.4 times the number of deaths. I'd suggest looking into that to see if we could implement some of their ideas. I really doubt that dining in is on their list.

By the way, my nephew, who is a physician, is in St. Agnes and has been on a ventilator for several weeks. This is an example of a real, personal impact of COVID-19.

Thanks for your time.
Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Public Comment

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