

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bessinger
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Ashbeck

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Ashbeck, Flores, Mouanoutoua, Whalen
Mayor Bessinger
Absent: None

PRESENTATION - 6:04

1. PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING ANN BIANCHI FOR 37 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CLOVIS.

General Services Director Shonna Halterman and General Services Manager Amy Hance recognized and thanked Ann Bianchi for 37 years of service to the City of Clovis.

Mayor Bessinger, Councilmember Flores, and Councilmember Ashbeck commented on the events that occurred in Washington, DC, last week at the capitol building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:28

Brenda Fairless, resident, commented on various things happening at the Courtyard Apartments located at 647 Barstow Avenue and complained about the response she got from dispatch when she called in.

Jenny Ann Kren, phone in, discussed the events that occurred in Washington, DC last week at the capitol building and requested Council adopt a resolution condemning the acts that occurred and requested Council confirm the presidential election results.

Michael Rechkemmer, phone in, requested an update from Council on the status of a bike lane on Shepherd Avenue between Sunnyside and Fowler Avenues due to the closure of the trail along the canal. City Manager Luke Serpa provided an update.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:43

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, that the items on the Consent Calendar, except item number 3, be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the January 4, 2021 Council Meeting.
4. General Services – Approved – **Res. 21-08**, Amending the City's Classification and Compensation Plan by Revising Public Safety Dispatcher and Lead Public Safety Dispatcher Classifications; and Approved – **Res. 21-09**, Amending the Position Allocation Plan in the Police Department.

6:44 - CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 3 - APPROVED – AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE MASTER INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRESNO CITY COLLEGE AND CITY OF CLOVIS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Councilmember Flores indicated that he would recuse himself from consideration on this item due to a potential conflict of interest as he is employed by Fresno City College. There being no public comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council. Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, for the Council to approve a request for the City Manager to sign the Master Instructional Agreement between Fresno City College and City of Clovis Fire Department. Motion carried 4-0-0-1 with Councilmember Flores abstaining.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM 5 – 6:46 - APPROVED VARIOUS ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CIP 18-12, FIRE STATION 6, LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF LOMA VISTA PARKWAY AND ENCINO AVENUE NEAR THE CENTER OF LOMA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER SOUTH; **ITEM 5A** - APPROVED - FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 6 TO SEALS CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,308,040; AND **ITEM 5B** - APPROVED - FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND **ITEM 5C** - APPROVED – A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO DEVELOP AN AGREEMENT MEMORIALIZING A \$5,000,000 INTER-FUND LOAN FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUND TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 6.

Engineering Supervisor Thad Avery presented a report on a request to approve various actions associated with CIP 18-12, Fire Station #6, located near the intersection of Loma Vista Parkway and Encino Avenue near the center of Loma Vista Community Center South. Thad Avery indicated that staff is recommending that City Council award the Fire Station 6 construction contract to Seals Construction Inc. who was the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City. Bids for the project were received on December 22, 2020. The project involves construction of a new fire station building including all associated site work and communications tower at the intersection of Loma Vista Parkway and Encino Avenue near the center of Loma Vista Community Center south. To finance the construction of Fire Station 6, staff is recommending a \$5,000,000 inter-fund loan from the Water Fund to the General Government Services fund. If approved, staff will work with the City Auditor and the City Attorney to formalize an agreement that will memorialize the terms of the loan. Once completed, staff will return to Council for consideration. Staff has evaluated and determined that the Water Fund has adequate fund balance to loan the General Government Services Fund the loan amount for a term not to exceed ten (10) years. 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 City Council to award a contract for the construction of Fire Station 6 to Seals Construction Inc. in the amount of \$5,308,040. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the City Council to authorize staff to develop an agreement memorializing a \$5,000,000 Inter-Fund loan from the Water Fund to the General Government Services Fund to finance the construction of Fire Station 6. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM 6 – 7:04 - APPROVED VARIOUS ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH FIRE STATION 2, LOCATED AT 2300 MINNEWAWA AVENUE, CLOVIS, CA: ITEM 6A - RECEIVED AND FILED - STATUS UPDATE ON FIRE STATION 2 AND ACTION PLAN; AND ITEM 6B - APPROVED – RES. 21-10, AMENDING THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$955,300; AND ITEM 6C - APPROVED – WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

City Engineer Mike Harrison presented a report on various actions associated with Fire Station #2, located at 2300 Minnewawa Avenue, Clovis, CA. The existing Fire Station 2 is located on the west side of Minnewawa Avenue, north of Santa Ana Avenue. The existing building is in need of substantial repairs and updates in order to bring it to a condition that can safely and adequately house fire personnel and bring it into compliance with current codes. The existing station has been temporarily shored sufficient for continued use for the next 12 months. Staff is recommending Council approve an action plan that will provide for temporarily relocating Station 2 personnel within the next 12 – 18 months and replacing the facility with a new, state-of-the-art fire station on the existing site by approximately summer of 2023. There being no public comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council.

It was the consensus of City Council to receive and file a status update on Fire Station #2 and action plan.

Motion by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck, for the Council to approve a resolution amending the general government services budget and authorizing a transfer from the general fund to the general government services fund in the amount of \$955,300. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck, for the Council to approve a request to waive formal bidding process and approve the award of architectural, engineering, and construction management contract services and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

WORKSHOP - 7:42

City Manager Luke Serpa presented an update to City Council on the current numbers in Fresno County related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COUNCIL COMMENTS 7:44 p.m.

Councilmember Whalen showed an image and commented on an appreciation for the police officers that support our region.

Councilmember Mouanoutoua commented on the things that keep the Council united and how they treat each other with respect.

Councilmember Flores commented on events that occurred in the 1990's when he was first elected that demonstrated that Council was not perfect but for the strength of a few Councilmembers.

Mayor Bessinger commented on the fact that tough times don't last forever and there are examples of how Clovis will survive the current difficult times our community faces.

Mayor Bessinger adjourned the meeting of the Council to January 19, 2021



Mayor

Meeting adjourned: 8:06 p.m.



City Clerk



John Holt

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:23 PM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-01-11

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

FullName: Paul McGeary

Email: pmcgeary@gmail.com

Comment: The Clovis City Council should take official notice of and condemn the failed attempt at insurrection we all witnessed this past Wednesday when a mob of hooligans . Councilors have a sworn duty to uphold the rule of law and our constitution. The riotous revolt that we all witnessed last week must be condemned in the most unsparing terms. The Council should condemn on the record and with an official action by the Council the attempted insurrection. Likewise, participants in the insurrection and persons holding high office who condoned or even incited the actions of the rioters should be singled out for censure by the Council. Such an action by the Council would make clear that, regardless of any individual councilor's political beliefs, the Council itself is committed to upholding the fundamental basis of our nation.

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Time: 4:23 pm

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JANUARY 11, 2021
PUBLIC COMMENT

John Holt

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 2:31 PM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-01-11

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

FullName: Rachel Youdelman

Email: rachel27@berkeley.edu

Comment: I ask that the Clovis City Council demonstrate leadership by publicly condemning the violence perpetrated on the US Capitol last Wednesday by a violent mob of Trump cultists and affirming that the winner of the general election is Joe Biden.

I also ask that Council members refrain from further participation in local extremist rallies which are held in support of the cultists.

Such an association does not inspire confidence in the ability of current Clovis leadership to foster an environment in which all residents feel safe. In fact, attendance at such rallies implies endorsement of the violence we saw on Wednesday.

Aside from Mayor Bessinger's dishonorable public appearance at a Trump-cult rally in December, GVWire has reported that Vong Mouanoutoua attended a similar rally in Clovis on Jan 6. Despite Mouanoutoua's assertion that he was simply attending a public event because it was held in Clovis, his or any other Council member's appearance at a rally for any extremist group which promotes violence and insurrection is not to be tolerated.

Hence the Council's denunciation of the Capitol violence and affirmation of Biden's electoral victory will be critical in restoring confidence in the capacity of the Council to lead our community.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Date: January 11, 2021

Time: 3:31 pm

Remote IP: 73.220.235.169

John Holt

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:33 AM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-01-11

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

FullName: Michael Rechkemmer

Email: mikerechk@verizon.net

Comment: Creating a Bike Lane on E Shepherd Ave between Fowler & Sunnyside Avenues. Since local residents gated and closed access on the Enterprise Trail between Fowler & Sunnyside Avenues, bicyclists from East of Fowler Ave must use Shepherd Ave as a means to bike on Dry Creek Trail. This was brought up as a major concern to the council early last year where it was asked that they look into creating a bike lane on Shepherd Ave to avoid this major hazard to Clovis residents. I ask what has the council done in this regard.

Respectfully, Michael Rechkemmer

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Date: January 11, 2021

Time: 10:32 am

Remote IP: 24.23.8.233

John Holt

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovis.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:19 PM
To: John Holt; Karey Cha
Subject: Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2021-01-11

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is not regarding an item on the agenda): 6

FullName: Jake Ulam

Email: jakeulam@att.net

Comment: Please beriefly explain:

1. What is the current Formal Bidding Process and Award process for architectural, engineering, and construction management contract services?
2. Why does the city/city engeneer want to change the existing process?
3. Could amending the bidding process result in less competition for these contracts or result in more costs for the citizens of Clovis?

Thank you.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Date: January 11, 2021

Time: 2:18 pm

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All Residents at
647 & 645 W. Barstow Ave
Clovis, Ca 93612

January 11, 2021

To Our Valued Residents,

We are aware of the recent activity surrounding our parking lot; Vehicle vandalism, homeless encampment, etc.

We have reached out to our local POP Officer to have more frequent neighbor patrols. We have spoken with CIS Security to increase patrols and been working with Caltrans to get the fencing repaired and trash along the freeway side picked up.

We have also invested in additional lighting that will be installed this week throughout the parking area to act as an additional deterrent.

We have had a great response from Caltrans and repairs to the fence were made quickly but due to orders from the Governor's office to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population Caltrans was forced to temporarily suspend encampment cleanups.

We took our concerns to the City of Clovis and we stressed the urgency to have it removed as it is a public health and safety hazard. The City of Clovis has approved our request and notice have been issued for anyone in a nearby encampment to vacate within the next 72 hours as of 1/9/2021.

Again, we are doing all we can to deter these acts and will continue to do so. Please continue to report any suspicious behavior to CIS Security at (559) 495-3000 or call Clovis Police Department non-emergency line at (559) 324-2800.

Sincerely,

Michele Rivera
Community Manager

Jasmine Fernandez
Resident Relations Coordinator