

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Flores at 6:01
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Bessinger

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:04

Russel Tidrick, resident, shared concerns regarding landscape maintenance on Temperance Avenue between Nees and Shepherd Avenues.

James Borunda, spoke on behalf of his father who is a resident impacted by the Sunnyside Avenue water main break. He shared his complaints regarding the City's offer to his father and requested for the Council to extend the deadline for the residents to make a decision.

Heather Miller, resident, commented on an issue with mosquitos in her neighborhood and shared that the Mosquito Abatement District indicated that it could be due to the City's development standards which changed the drainage requirements causing there to be stagnant water.

Jean Johnson, resident, shared complaints regarding her neighbor building in their backyard without permits and causing too much noise. She also shared concerns regarding her encounters with City building inspectors.

Charles Brough, resident, shared his complaints regarding street signage and crosswalk markings at Gettysburg Elementary School.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:34

Motion by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Whalen, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

1. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the October 3, 2022, Council Meeting.
2. Finance - Approved – **Res. 22-114**, Amending the 2022-23 Budget to reappropriate carryover funding from the 2021-22 budget.
3. General Services – Approved - Claim Rejection of the General Liability Claim on behalf of Dianne Smith.
4. General Services – Approved - **Res. 22-115**, Authorizing Amendments to the City's Classification and Compensation Plans to Adopt both an Information Technology

Cybersecurity Analyst and a Finance Business Systems Analyst Classification with a Salary Range of \$8,514 to \$10,349 per month for both positions; and Approved – **Res. 22-116**, Amending the City's FY 22-23 Position Allocation Plan.

5. General Services – Approved – **Res. 22-117**, Authorizing Amendments to the City's Classification and Compensation Plans to Adopt the Principal Utilities Engineer Classification with a Salary Range of \$11,795 to \$14,337 per month, and Approved – **Res. 22-118**, Amending the City's FY 22-23 Position Allocation Plan.
6. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Bid Award for CIP 17-13 Nees Avenue Street Widening and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract on behalf of the City.
7. Planning and Development Services - Approved – Final Acceptance for CIP 21-04, Loma Vista Village Green Offsite Improvements.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:36

6:36 – ITEM 8 - CONSIDER VARIOUS ACTIONS RELATED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR POSITION:

- 8A. APPROVED INTRODUCTION - **ORD. 22-09**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS AMENDING ARTICLE 5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, SECTIONS 2.2.501 AND 2.2.502, AND ADDING SECTIONS 2.2.503 AND 2.2.504 OF CHAPTER 2.2 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) OF THE CLOVIS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE POSITION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR, AND

Motion for approval by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

- 8B. APPROVED - **RES. 22-119**, AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

6:40 – ITEM 9 - CONSIDER ITEMS RELATED TO THE INCORPORATION OF VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) INTO THE GENERAL PLAN CIRCULATION ELEMENT. CITY OF CLOVIS, APPLICANT.

- 9A. APPROVED – **RES. 22-120**, A REQUEST TO CERTIFY A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPT FINDINGS OF FACT, AND ADOPT A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Whalen. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

9B. APPROVED – RES. 22-121, GPA2022-003, A REQUEST TO AMEND THE 2014 GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE POLICY CHANGES TO THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED TRAFFIC IMPACT EVALUATION CRITERION.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Whalen. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

9C. APPROVED – RES. 22-122, A REQUEST TO ADOPT UPDATED TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ANALYSIS GUIDELINES.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Whalen. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 7:30

7:30 – ITEM 10 - CONSIDER APPROVAL – IMPLEMENTATION OF CLOVIS TRANSIT PROGRAM TO CARRY NARCAN ON TRANSIT VEHICLES.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck absent.

COUNCIL ITEMS – 7:50

7:50 – ITEM 11 - CONSIDER UPDATE – HOTEL PARKING RATIOS.

Randeep, Hotel Owner, spoke in support of changing the hotel parking ratios to 1:1.

Robert, Architect, commented on how changing the hotel parking ratios to 1:1 will allow for more rooms in a hotel.

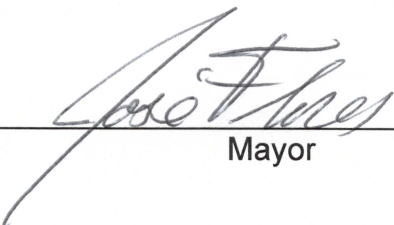
It was the consensus of the Council for staff to return with additional data specific to the hotels located in Clovis for Council's consideration.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:15

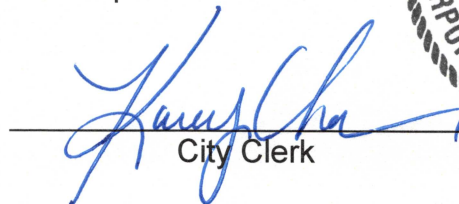
COUNCIL COMMENTS – 8:15

Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting of the Council to November 7, 2022

Meeting adjourned: 8:23 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



Karey Cha

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:30 PM
To: Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2022-10-06

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

Full Name: Norbert Rempe

Email: rempent@yahoo.com

Comment: I urge the city council to adopt an ordinance declaring Clovis to be a sanctuary city for the pre-born. This ordinance should prohibit abortions at any gestational stage, as the purpose of each abortion is the death of a human being, and abortions therefore constitute the murder of crypto-constituents (those of your constituents still residing in the womb) and future constituents.

The current wave of abortionists and abortion industrialists threatening to set up shop in eastern New Mexico affects and concerns not only current and future residents of Clovis and Curry County, but also residents of adjacent and neighboring cities and counties. We must therefore support each other and stand together to resist the bloody tide of mass murder of the weakest among us.

Indifference, timidity, or laziness in the face of pending gross violations of human rights and public safety are not acceptable options for either citizens or their representatives. Please act with urgent dispatch!

Supporting Files (2 Max.): https://link.edgepilot.com/s/9dfdb75e/mVo0OhP_tUW-hmL4vqNLXA?u=https://cityofclovis.com/wp-content/uploads/elementor/forms/633ddb3cc92c7.pdf

Date: October 5, 2022

Time: 12:30 pm

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PUBLIC COMMENTS
October 17, 2022

Karey Cha

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 4:18 PM
To: Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2022-10-17

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

Full Name: Pavla

Email: psenkyrik@gmail.com

Comment: There is a corner lot on sale on Locan and Shaw. I believe this would be an amazing location for a public library and encourage council to consider Clovis purchasing the land for such a city planned possibility.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Date: October 16, 2022

Time: 4:17 pm

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Karey Cha

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 9:39 PM
To: Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2022-10-17

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

Full Name: Heather Miller

Email: h.miller2287@gmail.com

Comment: I will be there in person to speak on behalf of our neighborhood and will have a copy of statements from my neighbors as well.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Date: October 16, 2022

Time: 9:38 pm

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Karey Cha

From: Public Comments <email@cityofclovisca.us>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 4:38 PM
To: Karey Cha; Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2022-10-17

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

Full Name: James Borunda

Email: jamesborunda@gmail.com

Comment: Regarding the property damaged at 142 Sunnyside by the city of Clovis.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

Date: October 17, 2022

Time: 4:38 pm

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Doug Miller

From: Douglas Miller <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Doug Miller
Subject: Fwd: Council Meeting

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From: Heather Miller <outlook_86BB50AD2652D789@outlook.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 16, 2022 at 11:02 PM
Subject: Council Meeting
To: doug <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>

Good evening council members. My name is Heather Miller and I am here to speak on behalf of myself, as well as my neighbors in the Cadence Community off of Bullard and Leonard. We have a dire situation and we are making a request for the City of Clovis to take action. My husband and I purchased our home and waited 9 months for it to be built. It was our dream to own a home in Clovis and enjoy the Clovis way of life. We finally moved in the end of April 2021 and were excited to be in a neighborhood with a park and great trails for walking and biking together as a family. Summer 2021 was great in our neighborhood. We held our first 4th of July Block Party and got to know a lot of neighbors and their children. Half of the neighborhood was still not complete, so we were excited to see the progress continue and new families move in. But in October 2021 things started to change. We noticed a large amount of mosquitoes every time we went outside or tried to enjoy our backyard. A few minutes outside was all it took to be bitten multiple times on each leg. We had a small gathering in our driveway with neighbors for Halloween and had to light 4 citronella candles because the mosquitos were so bad. Winter came and most of them died off so we figured it was just a fluke with the cooler weather. Fast-forward to spring 2022 and the Cadence neighborhood has now been completed and everyone is excited to enjoy the spring weather outside. Only now, the mosquitoes have become drastically worse. I called the Fresno Mosquito Abatement because our yards were overrun with them, and they came out and surveyed our house. They were in our garage, in our front yard and back yard, and in our house as well. They informed me that the City of Clovis had decided to change the draining system requirements for new homes being constructed. The yard drains no longer ran to the street for drainage. Now they are required to empty in the front of the yards near the sidewalk. They informed me that the drains no longer have a direct, vertical line to the street, but a curved line towards the end that empties into the front yards. This is causing a small amount of water to be trapped in the drains. All mosquitos need is a tiny amount of stagnant water to lay their eggs, and they can lay hundreds of them. So they are getting into the drains where the stagnant water is sitting, laying eggs, and then once water runs through the drain again they all hatch. And this is happening in EVERY SINGLE DRAIN in the Cadence Community. The representative from mosquito abatement said that filters can be installed in the drains to keep mosquitos from getting in and laying eggs, and to prevent the newly hatched mosquitoes from escaping and thriving. But he said it would take the combined effort from all the neighbors taking the same action with their drains, because if someone down the street doesn't have it in place, the mosquitos will still thrive and attack. My parents live 5 minutes away from me off Locan and Gettysburg, and they do not have this issue at all in their neighborhood. Their house was built in 2003 before the city changed the drainage requirement. So this is not due to our location, but due to the drainage system trapping water and attracting thousands of mosquitoes. Our family no longer spends any time outside and we have to go so far as running to and from the car. You only have to step outside for 10 seconds before you are surrounded. We have

also had to install a mosquito bug catcher because all it takes is one mosquito getting in and laying eggs throughout our house. And this is the same story with many others throughout our neighborhood. Our Community is also concerned with the safety and health due to the West Nile Virus, which The Cadence Community is requesting a call to action by the City of Clovis. We are requesting that Clovis resolves this issue by working with Fresno Mosquito Abatement to make the drains mosquito proof for the health and safety of the residents in our community.

I have copies of statements from other residents in our community, as well as pictures. These are for your consideration. We hope the City of Clovis will take action and we look forward to hearing from you.

has been found
in Fresno
County

Heather Miller

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Clovis, CA

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Sent from Mail for Windows

Doug Miller

From: Douglas Miller <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Doug Miller
Subject: Fwd: Mosquito Issue in Cadence neighborhood

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From: Kelsey Prince <mrskelseyprince@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 16, 2022 at 10:03 PM
Subject: Mosquito Issue in Cadence neighborhood
To: doug.miller1986@gmail.com <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern (and it should concern everyone in the city council),

We live in a great neighborhood. Our children play outside, they play at the park in the neighborhood, we stand outside talking to our neighbors. We really have a great community. We take care of our yards and our homes.

We all have one major problem though and it is causing us all a lot of stress. The mosquitos are a huge problem in our neighborhood. They are flying in swarms just waiting for anyone to step outside. We can hardly make it from our cars inside without getting bit. We get bit walking to the mailbox. Our children want to play outside but they immediately get bit. Babies and toddlers do not understand why their legs are itching so much and why they shouldn't scratch them. I am attaching a picture of my toddler, who I've tried everything to protect her from bites and treatment of bites after. She still scratches them when they itch and it causes them to scab. Her legs are a mess. Children should not have to worry about this and should not have their legs look like that.

I believe it is an issue by the drains the city made mandatory in our neighborhood that don't drain to the street. Instead, they stand upright in our front and back yards, and water is staying in them, impossible to flush out. Something needs to be done and I believe it's the City's responsibility to figure it out. We have pest control come bi-weekly already and unfortunately as long as there is standing water in all of our drains, our pest control can't do anything more than they're doing. This is a problem that needs to get solved quickly.

Thank you,
Stephen and Kelsey Prince
at 3965 Valor Ave. Clovis, CA 93619



Doug Miller

From: Douglas Miller <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 8:45 AM
To: Doug Miller
Subject: Fwd: Mosquitos in Cadence Community

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From: Shawn Mather <smather44@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Oct 16, 2022 at 1:21 PM
Subject: Mosquitos in Cadence Community
To: <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>

Hi Doug -

Your wife encouraged us to send our statements to you to print. Here is the statement I posted on Facebook in response to her post:

Thank you for posting this!! This is a huge frustration for me! Having lived in Michigan all of my life until a year ago today, I was used to mosquitos in the summer and fall months. But in Michigan, mosquitos can be seen, heard, treated, and do not leave welts the size of a quarter!!! These mosquitos are SO tiny, make no noise, and I am not even aware I have been bitten until I see and feel all the welts on my legs and ankles! Side note: I have found that Lavender Essential Oil works really well on mosquito bites. My daughter, who lives 10 minutes from here, thinks I am being dramatic because she has no problem with mosquitos in her yard! I survived the summer heat and my backyard landscape is finally completed and I still cannot sit or even walk through my yard without getting multiple bites!☹️And, it is the worst when they get in the house! These mosquitos are relentless!! My Pest Control company told me it would be a waste of money for me to have the yard sprayed but, in the spring, I can purchase a filter type bucket (pricey, he said) that sits in my yard and has to be serviced monthly. I am totally in on helping how I can with this issue, but I have a Bible Study Group on Monday evenings so I am unable to attend the Council Meeting. I will also send this in an email to Doug Miller to print.

Blessings -

~Shawn M. Mather MA, LPC, SCL

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

~Eleanor Roosevelt

Doug Miller

From: Douglas Miller <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 1:41 PM
To: Doug Miller
Subject: Fwd: Mosquitos @ Cadence

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From: **Stacey Celarie** <staceycelarie@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 1:28 PM
Subject: Mosquitos @ Cadence
To: <doug.miller1986@gmail.com>

Hello,

We are the Celarie family. We moved in to the Cadence community August 2021. Just like all of our community, we waited for our house to be built and we're excited to move in. Our dream home and community quickly became a nightmare due to the ramped mosquitoes. We feel trapped in our home because it is unsafe to go outside. There is no doubt you will be bit a few times getting your groceries down from the car. Forget going to the park or walking the trails that your child wants to enjoy. I unfortunately have to tell our daughter we can't go due to the mosquitoes. She's 5 years old. It's hard for her to understand that the park with the slide we drive by everyday is somewhere we can't visit. Let me also mention it doesn't matter what time of day you go outside. These mosquitoes never sleep. We close our doors right after walking in/out but we still find them inside!! This issue needs to be resolved, especially it being a new community. We can't continue living like this in our new community in Clovis, CA.

Best,

Stacey Celarie

12:45



Notes

October 15, 2022, 12:45 PM

The mosquitoes are terrible in our neighborhood. With the weather cooling down, we cannot enjoy our own backyard, take our dog to the park, go on walks, or do yard work as we are constantly being attacked. I am allergic to mosquitoes so it is dangerous for me to be living in this environment. It has become an issue for the health department as well, not just the city. And will continue to be an issue if it is not resolved. It is discouraging and frustrating to not be able to leave our home. We hope that the city will help us find a resolution for this problem that is affecting our community and city as a whole. Thank you

Hunter Statham and Mikaela Gamboni
826 El Dorado Avenue
Clovis, CA 93619



Charles N Brough

2642 CYPRESS AVENUE
CLOVIS CA 93611

Clovis City Council
Regarding Gettysburg School and Gettysburg Avenue
October 17 2022

Request to Speak to City Council regarding a Matter of Urgent Public Safety

- 1) On September 27, I submitted a request via telephone message that the crosswalks and signage on Gettysburg Avenue in front of Gettysburg School have allowed a highly dangerous safety environment to arise
- 2) On two occasions, I have come dangerously close to being killed in the crosswalk at Gettysburg School. When I talk to the school's crossing guards, they tell me the same thing. And there are almost countless times when merely scary and dangerous situations occur.
- 3) The crosswalks and signage are so badly faded they can hardly be seen. For a long period of time, I have also noticed that the crosswalks are pitted to a depth of perhaps two inches.
- 4) During the following week or so, the Public Works Department painted the double yellow lines and the bike lane stripes which parallel the street, but not the crosswalk or the signage
- 5) During the following week I went to Public Works Department to speak with their Director, who was not there. The conversation resulted in the following information:

Public Works only paints school crosswalks and signage in June

They say they have a tickler file which tells them what they should inspect

Street paint dries in four hours

To set up detours for repainting Public Works would have to negotiate with the Traffic Department

Why isn't there a police officer on site, at least occasionally. My sentiments exactly, but do such communication lines exist in city government ?

I was called by "Art," no last name given, who told me that all of this is covered "in the codes." The state, according to Art, regulates even where the signage can be placed. I requested a copy of the codes, which I hope have been brought to this meeting or are in the mail to me.

I request an audit of the Public Works Department to determine the construct and content of their tickler file, and a determination of the efficiency of it's administration, and recognition, training and/or retraining as necessary. I request that the Traffic Department, Police Department, Fire Department and other departments involved in the administration of public safety be involved, such that the public safety may be more efficiently protected.


Charles N Brough

David Merchen

From: Shawn Miller
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 10:53 AM
To: Vong Mouanoutoua; Renee Mathis; David Merchen
Cc: Andrew Haussler
Subject: Hotel Parking Ratio

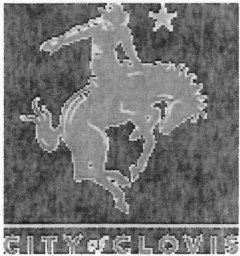
All,

Please see the information provided by Lisa Oliveira. Be sure to open the links that she included.

Her recommendation is to keep the ratio as is.

Talk to you soon,

Shawn Miller
Business Development Manager
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From: Lisa Oliveira <lisa.oliveira@fresnocvb.org>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Shawn Miller <ShawnM@ci.clovis.ca.us>
Subject: [External] Hotel Parking Ratio

Hi Shawn,

So I spoke to a few Clovis hoteliers this morning as well as did some digging and my recommendation would be to not make any changes to reducing the parking ratio for future hotels in Clovis.

Fairfield, Best Western, Homewood, Hampton, Courtyard and Home2 all said that they run out of parking spots on a weekly basis. They said that anytime occupancy is over 75%, they run into the issue. There were a handful of properties that said they've never had a problem. (Towneplace, Comfort Suites, La Quinta, Holiday Inn Express)

Clovis is often sitting at over 70% occupancy which would be the main reason to not make any changes. It would be quite frustrating as a visitor to arrive at a Clovis hotel and have to park on the street or down the road. In addition to the amount of busses that are here for youth tournaments and the larger work vehicles (Calfire, PG&E) I do not think it would be a good decision to make any changes.

Below are a few articles that also demonstrate the need to keep the ratio the same.

[Variables that influence hotel parking demand. - Free Online Library \(thefreelibrary.com\)](#)

[The definitive guide to hotel parking counts | STR](#)

I hope this helps. If you need me to come Monday night I can.

Lisa Oliveira, CDME

President/CEO

[Fresno/Clovis Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)



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