

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ashbeck at 6:01
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Basgall

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Basgall, Bessinger, Mouanoutoua, Pearce
Mayor Ashbeck

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:02

Larry Salinas, Clovis Community College Executive Director, introduced the new President of Clovis Community College, Kim Armstrong.

Kim Armstrong, Clovis Community College President, introduced herself and shared her goals with the Council.

Charles Brough, resident, shared complaints regarding crosswalks and traffic signage.

Cheryl Medrano, resident, commented on the water main break and property flooding incident on January 3, 2022.

James Borunda Jr., resident, commented on the water main break and property flooding incident on January 3, 2022.

James Borunda Sr., resident, commented on the water main break and property flooding incident on January 3, 2022.

Sherri Persons, resident, commented on the water main break and property flooding incident on January 3, 2022.

James Raina, Fresno resident, alleged that unknown drugs were slipped into his drink in a Fresno restaurant and shared that he is looking to move to Clovis.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:43

Motion by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Basgall, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the January 9, 2023, Council Meeting.
2. Finance – Received and Filed – Annual Special Tax Accountability Report for the City's Community Facilities District No. 2020-1.

3. General Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for Public Safety Water Damage Repairs.
4. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for CIP 21-10, Fowler Ave Street Improvements.
5. Public Utilities – Approved – Waive Formal Bidding Requirements and Authorize the Purchase of a Caterpillar Excavator from Quinn Company Using Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract for \$133,472.88.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:44

6:44 – ITEM 6 - APPROVED - **RES. 23-02**, CUP2022-005 APPEAL. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DENYING A REQUEST BY GEORGE BEAL TO OVERTURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF CUP2022-005, WHICH ALLOWS A 24-HOUR CONVENIENCE STORE AND THE SALE OF LIQUOR AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF N. TEMPERANCE AVENUE & OWENS MOUNTAIN PARKWAY; AND CONSIDER FINDING OF CLASS 32 NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. DAVE VIRK, LLC, OWNER/APPLICANT; BOTTOM LINE GROUP LLC – SETH RAMIREZ, OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE; GEORGE BEAL – BEAL DEVELOPMENTS LLC; APPLICANT OF APPEAL. (CONTINUED FROM THE DECEMBER 19, 2022, AND JANUARY 9, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.)

Orlando Ramirez, Owner/Applicant representative, spoke in support of allowing for a 24-hour convenience store and the sale of liquor and alcohol beverages for off-site consumption.

George Beal, Appellant, spoke in opposition of allowing for a 24-hour convenience store.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-02, denying the appeal and approving Conditional Use Permit 2022-005 to allow a 24-hour convenience store, a QSR drive through use within the Sunrise Pavilion planned commercial center, modifying the conditions of approval to deny the sale of liquor and alcoholic beverages for offsite consumption, and finding the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a Class 32 categorical exemption. Motion by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, seconded by Councilmember Bessinger. Motion carried 4-1, with Mayor Ashbeck voting no.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 7:38

7:38 – ITEM 7 - CONSIDER – UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION REGARDING A POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO PARKING STANDARDS FOR HOTELS AND RELATED USES.

Randeep Dhillon, Axis Hotel Group representative, spoke in support of changing the hotel parking ratio from 1.2:1 to 1:1 (parking space per hotel room).

It was the consensus of the City Council to keep the parking standard of 1.2 parking spaces to 1 hotel room and allow staff the flexibility to change the ratio based upon the project's needs through the Conditional Use Permit process. The Council requested that staff develop guidelines or a formula to use when reviewing a developer request to use a ratio other than the current 1.2 parking spaces to 1 hotel room standard.

8:16 – ITEM 8 – RECEIVED AND FILED – FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE.

8:48 – ITEM 9 - APPROVED - **RES. 23-03**, APPROVING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' REQUEST FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO DECLARE A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE IMPACTS OF SEVERE WINTER STORMS AND FLOODING.

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

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:58

COUNCIL COMMENTS – 9:00

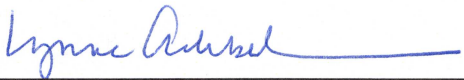
CLOSED SESSION – 9:05

ITEM 10 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION THREE POTENTIAL CASES BASED ON CLAIMS RECEIVED FOR THE SUNNYSIDE AVENUE WATER MAIN BREAK AND PROPERTY FLOODING INCIDENT ON JANUARY 3, 2022.

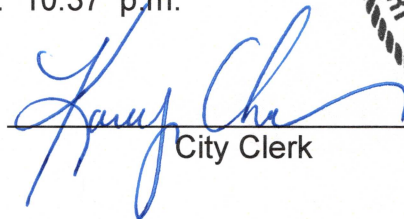
No action was taken by the City Council during the closed session.

Mayor Ashbeck adjourned the meeting of the Council to Feb. 6, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 10.37 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk

