

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 1 – 6:05 P.M. - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO SERGEANT VINCE WEIBERT UPON HIS RETIREMENT AND COMMENDING HIM FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLOVIS COMMUNITY.

Mayor Bessinger presented a proclamation to Sergeant Vince Weibert upon his retirement and commending him for 35 years of service to the Clovis Community.

ITEM 2 – 6:16 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI DURING WORLD WAR II.

Councilmember Ashbeck presented a proclamation to Dale Ikeda commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:24

Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Mouanoutoua, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved, including the waiver of the reading of the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the July 20, 2020 Council Meeting.
4. Administration - Adopted - **Ord. 20-13**, R2020-001, A request to prezone approximately 34 acres from the County AE20 (Exclusive Agricultural) Zone District to the Clovis R-1-PRD (Single-Family Planned Residential Development) and approximately 18 acres from the County AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural) to the Clovis O (Open Space Conservation), located in the southeast area of Leonard and Barstow Avenues. (Vote: 5-0)
5. Administration - Approved – **Res. 20-97**, Amending the Conflict of Interest Code list of Designated Employees.
6. Administration - Approved - Waive normal purchasing process and authorize the renewal of Geographic Information System software maintenance and support from ESRI, Inc.
7. Administration – Received and Filed – Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County Quarterly Report, April - June 2020.
8. Fire - Approved – **Res. 20-98**, Confirming Weed and Rubbish Abatement Charges for 2020.

9. General Services - Approved - Extension of the Temporary Labor Services Contract to Labor Finders.
10. Planning and Development Services - Approved - **Res. 20-99**, Final Map Tract 6239, located at the northeast corner of N. Locan and Loyola Avenues (Granville Homes, Inc.).
11. Planning and Development Services - Approved - **Res. 20-100**, Annexation of Proposed Tract No. 6239, located at the northeast corner of N. Locan and Loyola Avenues to the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 of the City of Clovis (Granville Homes, Inc.).
12. Planning and Development Services - Approved - Final Acceptance for CIP 19-20, ADA Curb Return Ramp Replacement 2020.
13. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Bid Award for CIP 16-11 Peach Avenue Street Improvement; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract on behalf of the City.
14. Planning and Development Services - Approved – **Res. 20-101**, Final Map Tract 6254, located at the northeast corner of Leonard and Barstow Avenues (BN 6120 LP - Bonadelle Homes, Inc.)
15. Planning and Development Services - Approved – **Res. 20- 102**, Annexation of Proposed Tract No. 6254, located at the northeast corner of Leonard and Barstow Avenues to the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 of the City of Clovis (BN 6120 LP (Bonadelle Homes, Inc.).
16. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Bid Award for CIP 18-14 Well 11A Pump and Motor Improvements; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 17 – 6:25 – NO ACTION TAKEN – ORD. 20-XX, AMENDING CLOVIS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.1.32 ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND INCREASING THE PRESENT SALARY TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AFTER THE MARCH 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Deputy City Clerk Karey Cha presented a report for the City Council to consider the introduction of an ordinance amending the Clovis Municipal Code Section 2.1.32 establishing salaries of City Councilmembers. City Council salaries were last adjusted in 2018 and should be reviewed periodically to provide reasonable compensation for City Council duties as provided by law. Staff is recommending the City Council consider an adjustment to the current monthly salary set at \$1,455. Staff recommended Council consider a few options:

1. Currently salary is \$1,455 and could be increased by 10% per state law which would increase the monthly salary to \$1,601.
2. In 2018, Council directed staff to increase their salary to an amount equal to what city employees received over a two year term. Council approved a salary increase in the amount of 6.5% (staff received a 3% increase 7/1/2017, and a 3.5% increase on 7/1/2018). A similar proposal for 2020 would increase salaries 4.0% (staff received a 2.0% increase 7/1/2019, and a 2.0% increase on 7/1/2020). If Council chose this option, salary would increase from \$1,455 to \$1,513 (4.0% increase).
3. Do nothing.

Discussion by the Council. 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 vote to not increase the council salary following the March 2021 election. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM 18 – 6:40 - APPROVED – **RES. 20-103**, RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROJECT, CIP 17-13, NEES AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FROM MINNEWAWA AVENUE TO CLOVIS AVENUE.

Management Analyst Claudia Cazares presented a report on a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program for CIP 17-13, Nees Avenue Improvements Project from Minnewawa Avenue to Clovis Avenue. Consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Initial Study was prepared to analyze the environmental impacts of CIP 17-13, Nees Avenue Improvements Project from Minnewawa Avenue to Clovis Avenue. Staff recommends the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project.

Discussion by the Council. 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 **Resolution 20-103**, approving a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program for CIP 17-13, Nees Avenue Improvements Project from Minnewawa Avenue to Clovis Avenue. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM 19 – 6:48 – NO ACTION TAKEN – A REQUEST FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 3030 SHAW AVENUE TO WAIVE WATER CONNECTION FEES FOR THE CONNECTION TO CITY WATER.

City Engineer Mike Harrison presented a report regarding a request from property owner of 3030 Shaw Avenue to waive Water Connection Fees for the connection to city water. Staff is in receipt of correspondence from the property owner of 3030 Shaw Avenue to waive the water connection fees for connection to City water due to a financial hardship. The property owner indicates that the well is running dry. The property totals 7.5 acres and the total connection fees to connect to city water is estimated to be approximately \$118,000. Staff has worked extensively with the property owner to provide options and evaluate costs to provide water. Using the Sewer and Water Connection policy which allows staff to calculate the connection fees based only on the developed portion of the property, thereby reducing the fee amount as much as possible, staff has been able to reduce the water connection fee to approximately \$17,000. Under certain circumstances the city could authorize the property owner to refurbish or deepen the well on site, but it is likely that cost to refurbish could exceed the reduced cost to connect to city water. Additionally, the city offers a 10-year low interest financing option to assist when the connection charges are difficult for the property owner to pay as one sum. The current Federal Fund Rate is 0.25%. \$17,000 financed over a 10 year term at 0.25% interest equates to approximately \$140 per month in payments. Staff also

assisted the property owner in obtaining an estimate from a local developer to extend a line from the City main on Locan Avenue to a point of connection on the property. After evaluating options presented, the property owner continues to request a waiver of all water connection fees. While the connection fees seem to pose a hardship to the property owner, staff does not recommend waiving such fees as it is the estimated actual cost of providing the service.

Nikdokht Karimkhanzand, owner of 3030 Shaw Avenue, spoke in support of having the city waive the fees to connect to city water. Discussion by the Council. Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the Council to take no action on this item and allow the property owner to pursue all options regarding getting water to her property. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL ITEMS

ITEM 20 – 7:23 WORKSHOP – FOR THE CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT ON ONGOING CITY OPERATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY AS DECLARED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO, AND CITY OF CLOVIS; AND TO EXPLORE ACTIONS THE CITY MAY TAKE IN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS.

ITEM 20A – 7:23 - APPROVED – **RES. 20-104**, ADOPTING EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-16, ASSISTING LOCAL DEVELOPERS IN CLOVIS BY SUSPENDING THE EXPIRATION OF SPECIFIED LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS.

Interim Planning and Development Services Director Renee Mathis provided a report on a request to adopt Emergency Order 2020-16, assisting local developers in Clovis by suspending the expiration of specified land use entitlements; and for the City Council to receive and file an update on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and other COVID-19 specific revenues and related expenditures.

At the request of the building industry, City staff has evaluated options to suspend the expiration date on approved/unexecuted land use entitlements due to adverse economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and its unknown future impacts on developments in Clovis. The suspension as proposed has the ability to prevent project delays, failures, and to avoid significant adverse health and safety impacts on the community.

The proposed order suspends the expiration date on all applicable entitlements (new and existing) one (1) year after the termination of the City's declared local emergency. Without this global suspension, each approved, yet unexecuted entitlement would be subject to its individual permit time provision, and would be required to seek a project specific extension approval when needed in accordance with the City's Municipal Code. At the City Council meeting of July 20, 2020, Council directed staff to return with an update on CARES Act and other COVID-19 specific revenues and related expenditures. Finance Director Jay Schengel will report out at the August 3, 2020 meeting with an update on revenues and expenditures related to the CARES Act and COVID-19.

Discussion by the Council. Motion by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the Council to adopt Emergency Order 2020-16, assisting local developers in Clovis by suspending the expiration of specified land use entitlements; and for the City Council to receive and file an update on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and other COVID-19 specific revenues and related expenditures. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM 20B – 7:38 - RECEIVED AND FILED - STATUS UPDATE ON CARES ACT AND OTHER COVID-19 SPECIFIC REVENUES AND RELATED EXPENDITURES.

Finance Director Jay Schengel provided city council an update on revenues received and expenses incurred related to the global pandemic. There being no public comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council. It was the consensus of council to receive and file the report.

Mayor Bessinger adjourned the meeting of the Council to September 8, 2020

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk

