

## CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**April 20, 2020**

**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

1. 6:05 P.M. - APPROVED – REVISED CITY COUNCIL MEETING PROTOCOL IMPOSED DURING COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

Assistant City Manager John Holt presented a report on proposed changes to the city council meeting protocol imposed during the state of emergency. John Holt summarized potential changes to allow greater public input on the meetings during the state of emergency. There being no public comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the Council:

1. To approve the recommended changes to the city council meeting protocol imposed during the state of emergency.
2. To direct staff to work on having members of the public participate in meetings using the Webex software to allow people make verbal public comment as allowed by having the host communicating with those logged into the meeting and desiring to make a verbal public comment.
3. To open up the council chambers to the public and manage social distancing beginning with the May 4, 2020 meeting.
4. Authorize staff to begin video streaming the council meetings beginning with the May 4, 2020 meeting.

Motion carried 4-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck voting no.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - 6:38**

Dennis Ward – Recommends that all store employees and customers should be required to wear a mask.

Christine Barnum would like the opportunity to return to work in her 700 sq. ft. salon (Hair Abduction) working 1 on 1 with a client.

## CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:39

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

2. Administration - Approved - Minutes from the April 13, 2020 Council Meeting.
3. Administration – Adopted - **Ord. 20-08**, Authorize Levy of Special Taxes Solely within and Relating to Community Facilities District No. 2020-1 (Dry Creek Preserve Sewer Facilities and Services). (Vote: 5-0)
4. Planning and Development Services – Approved – **Res. 20-43**, Adopt a list of projects funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act.
5. Public Utilities – Approved – Preliminary Engineer’s Report; and Approved – **Res. 20-44**, A Resolution Declaring the City’s Intention to Levy and Collect the Annual Assessments for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6A. 6:40 - APPROVED - **RES. 20-45**, A RESOLUTION ANNEXING TERRITORY (ANNEXATION #61) (T6262 - NORTHWEST CORNER OF PEACH AND SPRUCE) TO THE CITY OF CLOVIS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES) AND CALLING A SPECIAL LANDOWNER ELECTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY (ANNEXATION #61) TO CITY OF CLOVIS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES); AND ITEM 6B. APPROVED - **RES. 20-46**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS DECLARING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL LANDOWNER ELECTION AND DIRECTING RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF SPECIAL TAX LIEN FOR CITY OF CLOVIS COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES).

Finance Director Jay Schengel presented a report on actions related to annexation of Territory (Annexation #61 - T6262 - northwest corner of Peach and Spruce) to the City of Clovis Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Police and Fire Services). Since the condition to establish a CFD was imposed on the developments being processed by the City, developments proceeding after March 8, 2004 must petition to be annexed to the existing CFD. This action is required to begin the process of annexation provided by the conditions of approval of the development entitlements. Gina Daniels provided an overview of Annexation #61. 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 20-45**, for the Council to approve a resolution annexing territory (Annexation #61 - T6262 - northwest corner of Peach and Spruce) to the City of Clovis Community Facilities District (CFD) No. 2004-1 (Police and Fire Services) and calling a special landowner election to annex territory (Annexation #61) to City of Clovis Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Police and Fire Services). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Clerk John Holt reported out that he was in receipt of one ballot representing 12 votes all in favor and noted unanimous passage of the ballot measure. There being no 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 20-46**, a Resolution of the City of Clovis declaring the results of a special landowner election and directing recording of the Notice of Special Tax Lien for City of Clovis Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Police and Fire Services). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

7. 6:45 - RECEIVED AND FILED – UPDATE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING POTENTIAL USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY.

Police Chief Curt Fleming and Police Lieutenant Jim Munro provided an update on the Police Department regarding potential use of new technology. The Police Department has begun a 90-day pilot program where drones will be deployed as a first responder. The department will use a drone launched from a city building rooftop to respond to emergency calls. The drone will provide officers responding to certain scenes an extra set of eyes from above, help catch suspects fleeing, and allow some calls to be cleared without an officer response. During the current COVID-19 emergency, we hope the drone response will decrease the need for an officer to make in-person contact in some situations.

The pilot program is modeled after a similar program currently in operation in the City of Chula Vista, CA. Since October 2018, Chula Vista PD drones have responded to over 2,000 emergency calls. The drone program is credited with assisting in over 270 arrests and arrives on scene before patrol officers 50% of the time. Additionally, the drone has allowed Chula Vista to avoid sending patrol officers to over 480 calls, freeing up officers to respond to other emergencies. Since 2018, the Clovis Police Department has operated a patrol drone program authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration. With 9 trained pilots and 15 drones, the program has been successful in the apprehension of many criminals and the drones have helped keep our officers and city safe. We hope the same of this new pilot program. Upon conclusion of the 90-day pilot, the Chief of Police will use data collected from the pilot to determine if the program will be extended into the future. There being no public comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. It was the consensus of the Council to receive and file the report.

## **COUNCIL ITEMS**

8. 7:04 - APPROVED – APPOINTMENTS TO PERSONNEL AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS

City Manager Luke Serpa presented a report on appointments to Personnel and Planning Commissions. Personnel Commissioners Diane Staebler and Jose Reyes, whose terms of office expire in May of 2020, have requested to be reappointed. Mayor Bessinger is recommending that the Personnel Commissioners be reappointed. Planning Commissioner Paul Hinkle, whose term of office expires in May of 2020, has requested to

be reappointed. Mayor Bessinger is recommending that the Planning Commissioner be reappointed. The reappointments are for a four-year term of office which would expire in May of 2024. There being no comment, Mayor Bessinger closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Whalen, seconded by Councilmember Flores, for the Council to confirm Mayor Bessinger's reappointment of Personnel Commissioners Diane Staebler and Jose Reyes, and Planning Commissioner Paul Hinkle for a term through May 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. 7:06 - APPROVED - **RES. 20-47**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS CONFIRMING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' ORDERS

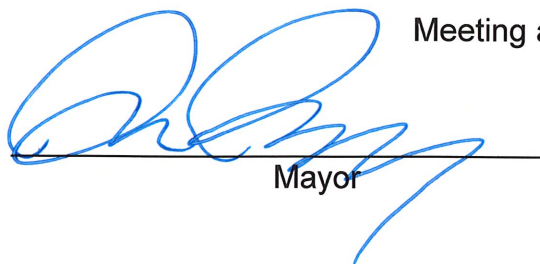
City Manager Luke Serpa presented a report on a request to approve a resolution confirming the Director of Emergency Services' Order 2020-08A, an addendum to suspension of vacation cap order 2020-08 related to suspension of employee vacation caps during the declared emergency. There being no comment, 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 confirming the Director of Emergency Services' Order 2020-08A. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. 7:08 - 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

City Manager Luke Serpa provided Council an update on COVID-19 State of Emergency related City activity since the last meeting on April 13, 2020. Luke Serpa presented an update on possible impacts on the budget during the state of emergency. Council commented on what our local economy may look like as we begin to come out of this state of emergency and requested staff reach out to local businesses for feedback. Council suggested recognizing some local businesses for doing great things during the state of emergency.

Resident Jacob Ulum, commented on the Mayor's letter to Governor Newsom opposing the possible closure of gun stores and urging a balanced approach to reopening the local economy. Discussion by the Council. Council provided staff direction, but no formal action was taken during the workshop.

Mayor Bessinger adjourned the meeting of the Council to May 4, 2020

  
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Mayor

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

