



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JOINT CHOWCHILLA CITY COUNCIL /
★ REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Council Chambers, Chowchilla City Hall
130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610

August 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM

ROLL CALL:

Mayor/Chairman: John Chavez

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: Waseem Ahmed

Council/Board Member: Mary Gaumnitz, Dennis Haworth, Richard Walker

City staff and contract employees present: City Administrator Brian Haddix, City Attorney Laura Crane, Police Chief Dave Riviere, Fire Chief Harry Turner, Engineer/Public Works Director Craig Locke, Finance Director Rod Pruett, Community Relations Manager Marty Piepenbrok, Interim City Clerk Joann McClendon.

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

None.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

Number of Cases: 2

- City of Chowchilla v. County of Madera
Madera County Superior Court Case Number MCV067610
- City of Chowchilla v. Heffington, et al.
Madera County Superior Court Case Number MCV09368

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

Number of potential cases: 6

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT

Title: Police Chief

4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Gov. Code Section 54957.6

City designated representative: Laura Crane

Negotiating Parties: The Chowchilla City Police Officers' Association

City Administrator Haddix moved the Closed Session Item "City of Chowchilla v. County of Madera, Madera County Superior Court Case Number MCV09368" to the next council meeting.

OPEN SESSION – 8:11 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Administrator Brian Haddix

INVOCATION: Mr. Vern Moss

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: Council did not consider City of Chowchilla v. County of Madera under Item 1. There was no reportable action on all other items.

CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATIONS – Section 1

- 1.1 Recognizing Andrew Thomas for achieving the National Junior Racing Champion standing
- 1.2 CalTrans – Highway 99/233 Interchange (John Liu, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 6)

Spoke:
 Matt Zimmer
 Vern Moss
 Glen Pace
 Amos Stagnaro
 Annette Zimmer
 Larry Pistoresi, Jr.
 Jacki Flanagan

At 8:17 PM, Council called for a break. The meeting resumed at 8:30 PM.

WORKSHOPS

None.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Joann Barksdale personally thanked City Engineer/Public Works Director Locke for responding to her complaints.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2

- 2.1 **COUNCIL REPORTS**
 - Legislative Items
 - Oral / Written Reports

Council Member Ahmed attended the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored State of the City event at Farnesi's, visited industrial area businesses with the City Administrator and Chamber Manager, met with representatives from the High Speed Rail project with the City Administrator and City Engineer/Public Works Director.

Council Member Gaumnitz commended Community Relations Manager for his well-attended summer events.

Mayor Chavez was the guest of honor for the State of the City event. He also attended several Concerts in the Park.

2.2 COLLABORATIVE AGENCY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Oral / Written Reports

As previously mentioned by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, City Administrator Haddix met with High Speed Rail representative Diana Gomez. He asked for an overall sense from the Council regarding the project by identifying alignments via special community meetings to obtain their and the community's opinion.

2.3 STAFF REPORTS

Written/Oral Reports

City Administrator Haddix met with Camarena Health Center Chief Executive Officer Paolo Soares, discussing future expansion plans; the Rancho Calera group discussing the development project; Clear Gas discussing providing fuel at the airport. City Administrator Haddix is also looking into a program to meet with residents at various areas within city to listen to their concerns and suggestions they may have.

Fire Chief Turner reported on the Berenda Slough fire that burned a city water truck.

Community Relations Manager Piepenbrok reported on the movies in the park series.

Council Member Gaumnitz recognized the Public Works department for their hard work.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3**3.1 Approval of the July 14, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes (McClendon)****3.2 Approval of General Payments and Payroll for the Month of July 2015 (Pruett)****3.3 Support for SB 493 (Canella) Regarding City Council Elections (Haddix)****3.4 Council Resolution # 58-15, In Support of Naming August 11 (8/11) as National Safe-Digging Day (Locke)**

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Council Member Walker absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

None.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5**5.1 Council Resolution # 59-15, Approval of Program Supplement Agreement No. 014-N for Alview-Dairyland Unified School District School Bus Project and Authorizing City Engineer/ Public Works Director to Sign Agreement and Related Documents for Submittal to Caltrans (Locke)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, seconded by Council Member Gaumnitz to Approve Resolution # 59-15, Approving Program Supplement Agreement No. 014-N for Alview-Dairyland Unified School District School Bus Project and Authorizing City Engineer/ Public Works Director

to Sign Agreement and Related Documents for Submittal to Caltrans. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

Mayor Chavez presented Item 6.12 out of order, placed before Item 6.1.

6.12 Council Resolution # 60-15, Authorization to Allocate City Staff to Install Replacement Flag Pole and Memorial Improvements at Veteran's Memorial Park (Locke)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Ahmed to Approve Resolution # 60-15, Authorizing to Allocate City Staff to Install Replacement Flag Pole and Memorial Improvements at Veteran's Memorial Park. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.1 Consideration of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 (Pruett)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, seconded by Council Member Gaumnitz to Approve the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget Amendment. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.2 Consideration of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 (Pruett)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, seconded by Council Member Haworth to Approve the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Amendment. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.3 Council Resolution # 61-15, Authorization to Extend the Landscape Maintenance Contract with Grover Landscape Services (Locke)

Spoke:
Joann Barksdale
Jacki Flanagan

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, seconded by Council Member Haworth to approve Resolution # 61-15, Authorizing to Extend the Landscape Maintenance Contract with Grover Landscape Services. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.4 Council Resolution # 62-15, Amending Council Policies and Procedures Relating to Procurement Directives for City Operations (Pruett)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to approve Resolution # 62-15, Amending Council Policies and Procedures Relating to Procurement Directives for City Operations. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.5 Consideration of Extension of Audit Services with Price Paige & Company for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2015 (Pruett)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Council Member Gaumnitz to Approve Extending Audit Services with Price Paige & Company for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.6 Authorization to Prepare and Release a Request for Proposals for Grant Seeking, Grant Writing & Lobbying Services (Pruett)

Spoke:

Tristan

Gwendolyn Rosario-Stewart

Jacki Flanagan

Motion by Council Member Gaumnitz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to Approve Authorization to Prepare and Release a Request for Proposals for Grant Seeking, Grant Writing and Lobbying Services. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.7 Authorization to Prepare and Release a Request for Proposals for Broker of Record for Health Insurances (Pruett)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, seconded by Council Member Haworth, to Approve Authorization to Prepare and Release a Request for Proposals for Broke of Record for Health Insurances. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.8 Authorization to Prepare and Release a Request for Proposals to Redesign the City of Chowchilla's Website (Turner)

Spoke:

Jacki Flanagan

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to Approve Authorization to Prepare and Release a Request for Proposals to Redesign the City of Chowchilla's Website. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.9 Council Resolution # 63-15, Re-Establishing the Position of Community and Economic Development Director (Haddix)

Spoke:

Joann Barksdale

Motion by Council Member Gaumnitz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to Approve Resolution # 63-15, Re-Establishing the Position of Community and Economic Development Director. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.10 Council Resolution # 64-15, Authorizing a 50% Annual Rebate of the City's Share of General Sales Taxes for the First Three Years of Operation to Businesses that Occupy Vacant Buildings in the City of Chowchilla Between August 11, 2015 and December 31, 2016 (Haddix)

The Resolution was amended to add the following language:

A business that is new to Chowchilla, a business that has not operated in the last 12 months, or an existing business that does not leave another space vacant and establishes at an additional address.

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to Approve Resolution # 64-15, Authorizing a 50% Annual Rebate of the City's Share of General Taxes for the First Three Years of Operation to Businesses that Occupy Vacant Buildings in the City of

Chowchilla Between August 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016, as Amended . Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.11 Council Resolution # 65-15, Authorizing the Temporary Waiver of all Building Permit Fees in the Downtown Business District (Haddix)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to Approve Resolution # 65-15, Authorizing the Temporary Waiver of all Building Permit Fees in the Downtown Business District, as Amended. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.13 Council Resolution # 66-15, Consideration to Award O'Dell Engineering a Contract for Engineering Services for Robertson Blvd. & 11th Street Pedestrian Facility Improvements Project, State Funded Active Transportation Program (Locke)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, to Approve Resolution # 66-15, Consideration to Award O'Dell Engineering a Contract for Engineering Services for Robertson Blvd. & 11th Street Pedestrian Facility Improvements Project, State Funded Active Transportation Program. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

6.14 Council Resolution # 67-15, Rescinding the Previous Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements with the City of Madera and Authorizing the Transfer of \$150,000 in Federal Aviation Administration Entitlement Grant Funds to the City of Palo Alto (Locke)

Motion by Council Member Gaumnitz, seconded by Council Member Haworth to Approve Resolution #67-15, Rescinding the Previous Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements with the City of Madera and Authorizing the Transfer of \$150,000 in Federal Aviation Administration Entitlement Grant Funds to the City of Palo Alto. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Walker absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

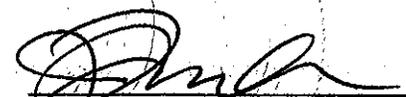
- Aug 13 CESD Opening Day Breakfast – Reagan Elementary School – 8:00 am
- Aug 14 Movie in the Park – Veterans Memorial Park – Dusk
- Aug 15 CUHS Football Red Solo Cup Fundraiser – Schnoor Park
- Aug 28 Movie in the Park – Veterans Memorial Park – Dusk
- Aug 29 FFA Alumni Fundraiser Dinner – Chowchilla Fairgrounds 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned in honor of Interim City Clerk Joann McClendon's birthday.

Motion by Council Member Haworth to adjourn the August 11, 2015 Joint City Council / Redevelopment Successor Agency Regular Meeting at 10:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Council Member Walker absent.

ATTEST


Joann McClendon
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED


John Chavez
Mayor