



## MEETING MINUTES

### CHOWCHILLA CITY COUNCIL

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

**March 28, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Concurrently opened the regular and special meeting

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor: Mary Gaumnitz

Mayor Pro Tem: Dennis Haworth

Council: Waseem Ahmed, Ray Barragan, John Chavez

**City staff and contract employees present:** City Administrator Brian Haddix, City Attorney David Ritchie, Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Palmer, Fire Chief Harry Turner, Finance Director Rod Pruet, Public Works Director Jason Rogers, Community Relations Manager Marty Piepenbrok, City Clerk Joann McClendon

**PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION**

No one present.

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:08 PM**

1. **Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)**  
Number of Cases: 4

**OPEN SESSION – 7:03 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lieutenant Palmer

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Alfred Hansen

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT:** No reportable action.

**CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATIONS – Section 1**

- 1.1 Proclamation – Public Safety Telecommunicator Month
- 1.2 Quarterly Presentation – Acquisition Partners of America, LLC

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Dustin Smith addressed the council regarding the amazing city parks and expressed concerns over the Police Department and Fire Department small budget.

Ed Fabrice addressed council regarding complaint of flooded and unswept streets and lack of visibly painted crosswalks.

Don Thiel addressed council regarding concerns over cow manure smell in his neighborhood, asking for help in resolving the issue.

John Anderson, Senator Anthony Canella representative, offered to answer any questions council may have.

## **COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2**

### **2.1 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Legislative Items  
Oral / Written Reports

Council Member Barragan toured the Chowchilla Waste Water Treatment Plant and met with the developers of Rancho Calera.

Mayor Pro Tem Haworth toured the cities of Woodlake and Clovis with several Planning Commissioners, City Administrator Haddix, and staff from QK.

Council Member Ahmed also met with the developers of Rancho Calera and a local business owner regarding development with the Mayor.

Council Member Chavez attended Community Conversation and thanked Community Relations Manager Piepenbrok for organizing all public events.

Mayor Gaumnitz attended the Lions Dinner with Council Member Chavez and City Administrator Haddix.

### **2.2 STAFF REPORTS**

Written/Oral Reports

City Administrator Haddix met with a developer and planner interested in developing the west side area of the city; met with a developer who is interested in the empty lots in Greenhills; and attended Catherine Gaither's Celebration of Life.

Community Relations Manager Piepenbrok reported on upcoming city events.

Public Director Rogers reported on his staff's projects.

Finance Director updated council on the Johnson Controls, Inc. projects.

Lieutenant Palmer noted that the new police vehicles will be presented at the next council meeting.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3**

**3.1 Approval of the March 14, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**

**3.2 Approval of the March 17, 2017 Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop Minutes (McClendon)**

**3.3 Review of Monthly Financial Statements for February 2017 (Pruett)**

**3.4 A Council Resolution #28-17 Authorizing the Application for Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Grant for Transit (McClendon)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve the Consent Calendar as Presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4****DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5****NEW BUSINESS – Section 6**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to hear Item 6.5 before Item 6.1. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**6.1 Consideration of a Madera County Economic Development Commission (MCEDC) Annual Basic Service Budget (Haddix)**

Spoke:  
Bobby Kahn

Motion by Council Member Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve the Madera County economic Development Commission Annual Basic Budget for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year City Budget. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Mayor Gaumnitz voting no.

**6.2 A Council Resolution Authorizing the Police Chief and Lieutenant to Purchase Tasers Through California Department of General Services (Palmer)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve Council Resolution #30-17, Authorizing the Police Chief and Lieutenant to Purchase Tasers Through California Department of General Services. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**6.3 A Council Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for a Request for Qualifications of On Call Engineering Services (Rogers)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Haworth, Seconded by Mayor Gaumnitz to Approve Council Resolution #31-17, Authorizing the Advertisement for a Request for Qualifications of On Call Engineering Services. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**6.4 A Council Resolution Approving the Recommended Expenditure of \$514,666.67 Received from the County of Madera for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 as Part of a Vehicle Licensing Fee (VLF) Settlement Agreement (Haddix)**

Motion by Council Member Ahmed, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution #32-17, Approving the Recommended Expenditure of \$514,666.67 Received from the County of Madera for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 as Part of a Vehicle Licensing Fee (VLF) Settlement Agreement. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**6.5 A Council Resolution #29-17, Authorizing the City Administrator and City Attorney to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement for Legal Services with Silver & Wright, LLP for Code Enforcement Legal Services (Haddix)**

Spoke:  
Curtis R. Wright

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve Council Resolution #29-17, Authorizing the City Administrator and City Attorney to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement for Legal Services with Silver & Wright, LLP for Code Enforcement Legal Services. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**6.6 Informational Report on the Current Preferred Project Alternative for the Highway 99/State Route 233 Roundabout Interchange and a Request for Direction from the City Council on how to Proceed (Rogers)**

Spoke:  
Troy McNeil  
Theron Roschen

Council directed staff to pull and review council resolutions, council minutes, council meeting recordings and any other correspondence related to round about discussions and bring back discoveries to the next council meeting. Amending the purpose and need of the scope.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7**

APR 6	CITY COUNCIL TOWN HALL, SENIOR CENTER, 6PM
APR 8	AMERICAN LEGION PANCAKE BREAKFAST, EDWARD RAY PARK, 8AM CITY EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE, EDWARD RAY PARK 10AM
APR 9	AMERICAN LEGION & VFW BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER, VFW HALL, 7-11AM
APR 10-17	CHOWCHILLA SCHOOLS SPRING BREAK
APR 11	CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CITY HALL, 7PM


**ADJOURNMENT**

*This meeting adjourned in loving memory of  
Cathy Gaither  
and Jesse Wagner*

Motion by Mayor Gaumnitz, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Adjourn the March 28, 2017 City Council meeting at 9:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Joann McClendon, CMC  
City Clerk

  
Mary Gaumnitz, Mayor