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City Council / Redevelopment Successor Agency [★] Joint Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m. - Open Session: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Mayor/Chair: Diana Palmer

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: Ray Barragan

Council/Board: Waseem Ahmed, John Chavez, Kelly Smith

City staff and contract employees present: City Administrator Rod Pruett, City Attorney Mary Lerner, Police Chief David A. Riviere, Jr., Fire Chief Fred Gaumnitz, Community & Economic Development Director Mark Hamilton, Public Works Director Jason Rogers, City Clerk Joann McClendon

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions and/or Deletions:

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

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

No one spoke.

CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 PM

- ★ 1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Potential cases: 2
- ★ 2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Initiation of Litigation 54956.9** – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Paragraph (4) Subdivision (d) (deciding whether to initiate litigation)
Number of Cases: 2

OPEN SESSION – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION: Ms. Laurie Harry

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOP - Section 1**1.1 Presentation of the State Route 233/Robertson Boulevard Corridor Planning Study Final Report (Rogers)****PUBLIC ADDRESS**

No one spoke.

COUNCIL AND STAFF VERBAL REPORTS – Section 2**2.1 COUNCIL VERBAL REPORTS**

Legislative, Collaborative Agency, Ad Hoc

Council Member Chavez attended a High Speed Rail meeting via Zoom.

Council Member Ahmed also attended a High Speed Rail meeting and a LAFCO meeting where they authorized a study on the Chowchilla and Madera cemeteries. This type of study is completed every few years.

Mayor Palmer attended several meetings, as well, however no decisions affecting the City were made. She thanked staff for getting and keeping things going through this COVID era, noting the fatigue that it has brought to many.

2.2 STAFF VERBAL REPORTS

City Administrator Pruettt attended weekly High Speed Rail meeting/negotiations; some housing development agreements will be coming through; Chowchilla Task Force meetings; potential new software for the Police Department; meeting regarding a proposed cell tower presented by AT&T; met with underwriters regarding refunding or recreating a new Community Facilities District, possible need for a new study; attended the Wye Task Force meeting regarding the High Speed Rail; reported that the audit should be finalized by the end of this month; worked on mid-year budget that will be presented at next meeting; Tyler software is still implementing different modules; attended a Project Sunset meeting, with staff, went over permitting processes, etc; attended a meeting for a potentially large industrial development.

City Clerk McClendon reminded the Council to submit their Form 700 before the April 1 deadline.

Police Chief Riviere announced a food giveaway to be held at the fairgrounds on April 6. He thanked staff for help with the new paint job on the Police building; it will match more with the civic center design.

Fire Chief Gaumnitz proudly reported that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) report rating went from a 6 to a 4. He alerted homeowners and business owners to request new property insurance quotes due to the better ISO rating as they may receive a discount. He thanked the Volunteer Firefighters for additional hours they have been having to complete for training. Council Member Smith thanked the Fire Chief for his professional contact with a resident.

Public Works Director Rogers gave a Police Department Security Fence Project Update – The Geotech specialist completed boring in order to obtain soil samples for the design engineering and we are currently working on getting an architect sub-contracted but the project is still moving forward.

Self Help Enterprises recently submitted the draft Environmental, Technical and General Packages for the Fairmead Sewer Consolidation funding request application. Staff is currently reviewing and will provide comments back.

Public Works equipment operators have returned from various personal leaves and as of yesterday, we are back to completing our street sweeping. In fact, an operator will be sweeping throughout the City every day this week in order to catch up on the missed activity. Speaking of Street Sweeping, the Director was recently informed by the Greenhills HOA, that they have voted to contract with the City for street sweeping services within Greenhills. He will work with legal to develop a service agreement that we can bring back for Council approval.

And finally, Madera County will be doing a street reconstruction project this summer on Road 16 from SR 152 to Ave 24. He met with Madera County Public Works to discuss and they agreed to include an add/alternate task in their bid document to extend the project down to Avenue 25, which is where our 5th Street Curve Project ended. This will allow us to receive bids for this 1-mile section at a potentially discounted cost due to scales of economy, which the City could then potentially enter into a reimbursement agreement with the County if the quote is acceptable.

Hamilton reported that he is working with three different home developers to build homes within the community; just completed the Jack in the Box approval letter after a site plan review which will enable them to begin pulling permits to start development of the lot; still working with the incoming car wash; industrial projects continue to come in for review including numerous phone inquiries from vendors. The first round of the REAP funds for Chowchilla is \$9000. It was suggested to partner with City of County of Madera to use combined funds; Togo's submitted an application to install another car washing facility; issued a building permit for 900 block of Kings Avenue for a new single family dwelling.

Mayor Palmer added there was a study for cottage funds that if there is a shortfall of money for this study the City can apply the REAP funds to it.

Recreation Manager Wisener reported that park reservations and youth sports have all opened up; she is preparing for the Easter drive thru event. She has been working on a farmers market to premier this year; hopefully in conjunction with Music and Movies in the Park. The Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce, Chowchilla Lions Club, the American Legion and VFW are all setting up alternative fundraising events throughout town.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3

- 3.1 Approval of the February 23, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**
- 3.2 Consideration and Approval of the February 2021 Check Register (Pruett)**
- 3.3 Consideration and Approval of the Reappointment of Mr. David Bump to the Madera County Mosquito and Vector Control District (McClendon)**
- 3.4 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Declaring Certain Unused City Property as Surplus and Authorize Staff to Dispose of by Sale at Auction (Rogers)**
- 3.5 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator or Designee to Execute a Spur Track Maintenance Agreement with Snyder Containers (Rogers)**

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

4.1 Introduction, First Reading with the Option to Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance Deleting Chapter 12.26.056 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code and Adding Chapter 8.26 to Regulate Smoking in Certain Areas Including Public Areas Within the City of Chowchilla (Rogers)

Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Spoke for the item:

Stephane Gonzalez

Cristina Rendon

Amber Morris

Anna Song

Bao Xiong

Glorimar Cortes-Velasquez

Simon Paul

Jenifer Acidera

Alan Lomar

Jasmine Gallegos

No one spoke against the item.

Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing at 8:38 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Chavez, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance Deleting Chapter 12.26.056 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code and Adding Chapter 8.26 to Regulate Smoking in Certain Areas Including Public Areas Within the City of Chowchilla, as Amended, Adding Reference to Labor Code 6404.5. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4.2 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Adopting the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the Fairmead Sewer Consolidation Project (Rogers)

Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Spoke for the item:

Michael Claiborne

No one spoke against the item.

Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Mayor Palmer to Approve Council Resolution #16-21, Adopting the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the Fairmead Sewer Consolidation Project. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4.3 Consideration of a Public Hearing to Discuss and Provide Direction Regarding Submittal of a 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application (Rogers)

Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing at 8:53 p.m. No one came forward for or against the item. Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing at 8:53 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Ahmed, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan to Approve the Item as presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

6.1 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving a Modified Lease Agreement with Madera County for the Property Located at 145 Robertson Boulevard in Chowchilla, California, and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute said Agreement (Pruett)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve Council Resolution #17-21, Approving a Modified Lease Agreement with Madera County for the Property Located at 145 Robertson Boulevard in Chowchilla, California, and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute said Agreement. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.2 General (Verbal) Update Regarding the State of Emergency and COVID-19; Direction and/or Action (Pruett)

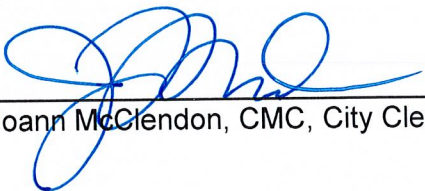
ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

- MAR 15 GOAL SETTING & 2021/22 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP, 3PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS & ZOOM
- MAR 17 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, 7PM, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS & ZOOM
- MAR 23 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7PM, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM

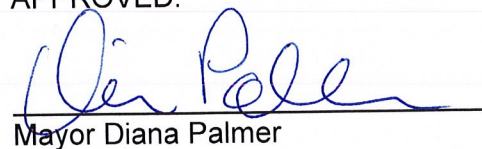
ADJOURNMENT

The March 9, 2021 City Council / Redevelopment Successor Agency Joint Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

ATTEST:


Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Mayor Diana Palmer