



MINUTES

City Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

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

This meeting was broadcast live on Facebook Live.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor: Waseem Ahmed

Mayor Pro Tem: Diana Palmer (via phone)

Council Members: Ray Barragan, John Chavez, Dennis Haworth

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

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions and/or Deletions:

It was the consensus of the City Council to amend the City Council agenda by removing Item 1.2 from the agenda.

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

No one spoke.

CLOSED SESSION – 6:01 PM

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Citizens for Responsible Development v. The City of Chowchilla; Madera Superior Court Case No. MCV080961

OPEN SESSION – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Waseem Ahmed

INVOCATION: Council Member Haworth

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: Nothing to report.

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOP - Section 1

1.1 Madera Community Hospital Presentation

1.2 ~~Water and Refuse Rate Study Presentation by Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants~~**1.3 Madera County Economic Development Commission's Quarterly Presentation****PUBLIC ADDRESS**

No one spoke.

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

Legislative, Collaborative Agency, Ad Hoc

Mayor Ahmed joined a Washington D.C. COVID-19 conference call; attended a Madera County Transportation Commission teleconference meeting; attended a Madera County Economic Development Commission teleconferenced meeting.

2.2 STAFF VERBAL REPORTS

City Administrator Pruett participated in several phone conferences related to COVID-19 at different levels/multiple agencies within Madera County, staying up to date as much as possible; attended the LOCC Central Valley Division Quarterly Meeting/Dinner that included a speaker with information about the 2020 Census and its importance; Berenda Reservoir meeting at the reservoir with Chowchilla Water District and Madera County staff; the City applied for the GFOA Budget Award, and the City won for the 2019/2020 Budget; met with Self Help Enterprises regarding the CDBG application.

Community & Economic Development Director Hamilton RFP for consultant services for the economic development program that is on the agenda; working with corporate companies to bring them into the community (Denny's and confidential); reported on Burger King and O'Reilly.

Public Works Director Rogers updated Council regarding PG&E doing work on water tank by highway 99 ending April 24; Mid Valley Disposal is postponing the annual curbside event due to COVID-19. Seeing more grease and non-toilet paper products being flushed. Please do not flush any type of wipes; only toilet paper.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3

- 3.1 Approval of the February 25, 2020 Special Strategic Planning Workshop Minutes (McClendon)**
- 3.2 Approval of the February 25, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**
- 3.3 Approval of the March 16, 2020 Special City Council Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**
- 3.4 Review of Monthly Check Register for February 2020 (Pruett)**
- 3.5 Review of Monthly Financials for February 2020 (Pruett)**
- 3.6 Option to Waive the Second Reading and Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.26 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code to Reduce the Number of Members from Seven to Five of the Airport Advisory Committee (Rogers)**

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

4.1 Introduction and Option to Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Chowchilla, Amending Section 18.60.180 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code Relating to Shipping Containers (Hamilton)

Mayor Ahmed opened the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. No one came forward for or against the item. Mayor Ahmed closed the public hearing at 8:08 p.m. The Second Reading will be postponed at least 6 weeks out.

Motion by Council Member Chavez, Seconded by Council Member Haworth to Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Chowchilla, Amending Section 18.60.180 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code Relating to Shipping Containers. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4.2 Authorization to Submit Three Separate Applications Requesting an Amount of up to \$1,000,000 from the 2019-2020 Funding Year of the State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into, Execute, and Deliver a Standard Agreement and an and all Other Documents Required to Secure the Grant with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Hamilton)

Mayor Ahmed opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. No one came forward for or against the item. Mayor Ahmed closed the public hearing at 8:23 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution # 19-20, Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement in the Amount of \$500,000 and any Amendments Thereto from the 2019-2020 Funding Year of the State CDBG Program and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute all Related Documents Thereto; and,

Approve Council Resolution # 20-20, Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement in the Amount of \$250,000 and any Amendments Thereto from the 2019-2020 Funding Year of the State CDBG Program; and,

Approve Council Resolution # 21-20, Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement in the Amount of \$250,000 and any Amendments Thereto from the 2019-2020 Funding Year of the State CDBG Program. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

6.1 Consideration of the Madera County Economic Development Commission's Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Basic Service Level Budget (Kahn)

Motion by Council Member Chavez, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve MCEDC's Proposed 2020-2021 Annual Basic Service Level Budget. Motion passed by roll call vote with Council Member Barragan and Council Member Haworth voting no.

6.2 A City Council Resolution Declaring K9 Rocky Retired and as Surplus Property with Transfer of Ownership to Nathaniel Cooper for the Consideration of \$3,000.00 (Riviere)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution # 22-20, Declaring K9 Rocky Retired and as Surplus Property with Transfer of Ownership to Nathaniel Cooper for the Consideration of \$3,000.00, and to Include an Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.3 A City Council Resolution Adopting a Plaques and Monuments Policy (Piepenbrok)

Motion by Council Member Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Haworth to Approve Council Resolution # 23-20, Adopting a Plaques and Monuments Policy. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.4 A City Council Resolution Adopting a Memorial Program Policy (Piepenbrok)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution # 24-20, Adopting a Memorial Program Policy. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.5 Presentation and A City Council Resolution Accepting a Proposed Budget Change to the City Budget as Part of the Mid-Year Budget Update for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (Pruett)

Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution # 25-20, Accepting a Proposed Budget Change to the City Budget as Part of the Mid-Year Budget Update for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.6 General Update Regarding the State of Emergency (Pruett)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Haworth to Adjourn the March 24, 2020 City Council Meeting at 9:54 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ATTEST:


Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Mayor Waseem Ahmed