



## AGENDA

### City Council Meeting

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

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

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

**This meeting was closed to the public and broadcast live via WebEx.**

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 6:06 p.m.

Mayor: Waseem Ahmed

Mayor Pro Tem: Diana Palmer (remotely)

Council Members: Ray Barragan (remotely), John Chavez, Dennis Haworth (remotely)

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

#### CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions and/or Deletions:

Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

None.

#### CLOSED SESSION – 6:09 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: 1
- 2. LIABILITY CLAIMS – Government Code Section 54956.95**  
Claimant: Law Office of Roger D. Wilson on behalf of Davinder Singh, Cigarettes Outlet 2 & 3

#### OPEN SESSION – 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Ahmed

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Richard Walker

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT:** Nothing to report.

#### PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOP - Section 1

- 1.1 Police Officer of the Year and CSO/Dispatcher of the Year: Police Officer Josh Cobb and CSO/Dispatcher Monica Blanc**
- 1.2 Certificate of Recognition: Salter’s Distributing**
- 1.3 2020 / 2021 Budget Workshop (Pruett)**

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

No one spoke.

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

**2.1 COUNCIL VERBAL REPORTS**

Legislative, Collaborative Agency, Ad Hoc

Mayor Pro Tem Palmer has attended various meetings and webinars; Senator Caballero reached out and was a voice for the valley to Governor Newsome to advance our phase to 2.5.

Mayor Ahmed attended special meetings with Madera County Economic Development Commission and Madera County Transportation Commission and participated in a conference call with the White House regarding COVID-19.

**2.2 STAFF VERBAL REPORTS**

City Administrator Pruett attended multiple webinars and phone conferences regarding COVID-19 including daily and special meetings of outside agencies; completed a couple of continuing education webinars regarding risk-based government audits and government financial updates and putting the 20/21 budget.

City Clerk McClendon viewed COVID-19 webinars related to safe re-opening of public agencies.

Public Works Director Rogers attended COVID-19 related webinars; MCTC meeting; Madera County was awarded a grant to develop public safety flood maps and the City is participating with the County to help develop those maps for Chowchilla; Caltrans provided sidewalk material to repair several sidewalk areas along Robertson; they also replaced light pole along Robertson.

Community & Economic Development Director Hamilton viewed webinars; had a conference call with Rancho Calera over their project; gave an update on the Chowchilla Pistachio expansion project report; spoke with Housing and Community Development advisor for CARES Act funds to develop another loan program.

Battalion Chief Gaumnitz reported on the emergency web map that Director Rogers mentioned; fire activity over the weekend; thanked the Volunteer Firefighters for their public relations outreach.

**CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3**

- 3.1 Approval of the May 12, 2020 Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency Minutes (McClendon)**
- 3.2 Review of April 2020 Financial Report (Pruett)**

**3.3 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution (38-20) Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds - LEAP Grant Application (Hamilton)**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4**

**4.1 Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Master User Fee Schedule (Pruett)**

Mayor Ahmed opened the public hearing at 8:41 p.m. No one came forward for or against the item. Mayor Ahmed closed the public hearing at 8:41 p.m.

**Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve Council Resolution #39-20, Amending the Master User Fee Schedule. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**4.2 Consideration of Abatement Notice Objections or Protests from Affected Property Owners; and, Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Accepting a Bid Proposal to Abate Non-Compliant Properties in the City, Authorizing Abatement by the Contractor, Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Related Documents (2020 Weed Abatement) (Gaumnitz)**

Mayor Ahmed opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m. No one came forward for or against the item. Mayor Ahmed closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, Seconded by Council Member Haworth to Approve Council Resolution #40-20, Accepting a Proposal in the Amount of \$8,660 from Bee's Lawn Service to Abate Non-Compliant Properties in the City and Authorize the City Administrator to Execute Necessary Documents (2020 Weed Abatement Program). Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5**

**5.1 Adoption and Option to Waive the Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Chowchilla, California, Amending Section 18.60.180 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code Relating to Shipping Containers (Hamilton)**

It was the consensus of the City Council to table the item and bring it back at a future date; reposting of the public hearing is required.

**NEW BUSINESS – Section 6**

**6.1 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving Cooperative Agreement #06-1724 for Development of the State Route 99 / State Route 233 Interchange Project Through Project Approval and Environmental Determination (PA&ED) (Rogers)**

**Motion by Council Member Chavez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer to Approve Council Resolution #41-20, Approving Cooperative Agreement #06-1724 for Development**

**of the State Route 99 / State Route 233 Interchange Project Through Project Approval and Environmental Determination (PA&ED). Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

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


**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7**

MAY 25      MEMORIAL DAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED  
JUN 9        CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CITY HALL VIA WEBEX, 7PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Chavez, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Adjourn the May 26, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting at 9:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ATTEST:

  
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Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Waseem Ahmed