



MINUTES

Joint City Council / ★ Redevelopment Successor Agency Meeting

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Mayor/Chair: Waseem Ahmed (7:24 p.m.)

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: Diana Palmer

Council/Board: Ray Barragan, John Chavez, Dennis Haworth (absent)

City staff and contract employees present: City Administrator Rod Pruet, 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 Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve the Agenda as Presented. Motion passed by roll call vote with Mayor Ahmed and Council Member Haworth absent.

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

No one spoke.

CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 PM

- ★ 1. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**
Property: APN 002-250-053; 26.28-acre parcel located at Hwy. 99 and Chowchilla Boulevard
Agency Negotiators: City/Successor Agency Attorney, City Administrator
Negotiating Parties: Madera Industrial Development Partnership (Robert Sullivan and Steve Sagousse), Greenhills Holdings, LLP (C.K. Kwan), and Amon World
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)**
Name of Case: Citizens for Responsible Development v City of Chowchilla, Case No. MCV079873
- ★ 3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d)**
Potential cases: 4
- ★ 4. **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 cases

OPEN SESSION – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Chavez

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Palmer

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: No reportable action; however, the Council will adjourn to Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOP - Section 1**1.1 First and Second Quarter Recycling Updates, Irma Capistran of Mid Valley Disposal****PUBLIC ADDRESS**

No one spoke.

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

Legislative, Collaborative Agency, Ad Hoc

None.

2.2 STAFF VERBAL REPORTS

City Administrator Pruett completed recruitment process for Fire Chief and selected Fred Gaumnitz. Concluded the Finance Director interview. Attended several Economic Development ad hoc meetings with positive results. The California High Speed Rail responded to stakeholder's comments on the EIR, EIS and NEPA and staff is reviewing. The City is still partnering with HSR and grant funding for the Fairmead Consolidation project. Met with Rancho Calera; met with staff regarding the PD fencing project; met with the County and CWD to have the reservoir open next summer.

Community & Economic Development Director Hamilton reported that his department has received 6 Temporary Use Permits to move restaurant seating outside; Michael Baker International is drafting two different Housing & Community Development applications. The August Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Public Works Director Rogers met with Caltrans and consultants regarding the roundabout project; staff is removing gang graffiti; well 10 is completely rehabbed, but positive tests for chloroform, staff has brought back online by superchlorination; attended a Measure T meeting; attended the Madera County Transportation Commission's State Route 99/233 Corridor Study public workshop.

Fire Chief Gaumnitz recommended that people and pets stay indoors as much as possible due to particulates caused by the surrounding wildfires.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3**3.1 Approval of the July 28, 2020 Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**

- 3.2 Review of July 2020 Monthly Check Register (Pruett)
- 3.3 Review of July 2020 Financial Report (Pruett)
- 3.4 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution (66-20) Adopting the Updated City of Chowchilla Title VI Program for the Chowchilla Area Transit Express (CATX) Title VI Update (McClendon)
- 3.5 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution (67-20) Reviewing the Continued Existence or Threatened Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19) and Proclaiming the Continuation of the Existence or Threatened Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19) (Lerner)

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

4.1. Consideration and Adoption of Two City Council Resolutions:

- a. **Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) Funds; and,**
- b. **Authorizing and Adopting the Local Government PLHA Reuse Account Plan and Certifying that the Public had Adequate Opportunity to Review and Comment on the Plan (Hamilton)**

Mayor Pro Tem Palmer opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.; no one spoke for or against the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Palmer closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve Council Resolution #68-20, Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) Funds; and,

Motion by Council Member Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve Council Resolution #69-20, Authorizing and Adopting the Local Government PLHA Reuse Account Plan and Certifying that the Public had Adequate Opportunity to Review and Comment on the Plan. Motion passed with Council Member Haworth absent.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

- 6.1 **Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving an Industrial Incentives Program to Reduce the Startup Cost of Businesses Constructing New Facilities on Land Within the City that is Zoned I-L or I-H (Hamilton)**

Motion by Council Member Chavez, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution #70-20, Approving an Industrial Incentives Program to Reduce the Startup Cost of Businesses Constructing New Facilities on Land Within the City that is Zoned I-L or I-H. Motion passed with Council Member Haworth absent.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

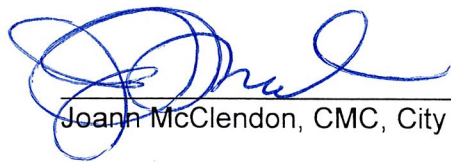
- SEP 7 LABOR DAY, CITY HOLIDAY
- SEP 8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA WEBEX, 7PM
- SEP 16 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING VIA WEBEX, 7PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer to Adjourn the August 25, 2020 City Council Meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed with Council Member Haworth absent.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk



Mayor Pro Tem Diana Palmer