

**CITY OF SELMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Council chambers. Council members answering roll call were: Avalos, Derr, Lujan, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez and Mayor Grey.

Also present were City Manager Heusser, City Attorney Costanzo, Interim Police Chief Dyck, Acting Fire Chief Kain, Financial Consultant Yribarren, the press, and interested citizens.

The agenda for this meeting was duly posted in a location visible at all times by the general public seventy-two hours prior to this meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2012 COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND MARCH 2, 2012 TO BE DRESS IN BLUE DAY: Mayor Grey read and presented Ms. Selena Martinez with a proclamation declaring March 2012 Colon Cancer Awareness Month and March 2, 2012 to be Dress in Blue Day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Mercedes Zamora, owner of Rodolfo's Restaurant, stepped forward to report a parking issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, and seconded by Council member Derr. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Rodriguez, Derr, Avalos, Lujan, Grey

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- a. Minutes of the February 21, 2012 workshop/pre-Council meeting approved as written.
- b. Minutes of the February 21, 2012 regular meeting approved as written.
- c. Denial of claim for damages approved by standard motion.
- d. Check register dated February 28, 2012, approved by standard motion.

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (CAL FIRE) FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES and CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH K. W. P. H. ENTERPRISES (AMERICAN AMBULANCE) FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES and CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH FRESNO COUNTY FOR FIRE

AND AMBULANCE EMERGENCY DISPATCHING SERVICES: City Manager Heusser reviewed for Council the history of the City's ambulance service and the proposed agreements. He also stated the recommendation of staff is to approve the agreement with American Ambulance.

Selma Fire Fighter Association President Anthony Rivas stepped forward and asked Council if the two proposals were going to be made available for comparison, he then read and presented Council and the public with a comparison the Association made of the two proposals. He stated the Association supports the Cal Fire agreement.

Selma Fire Captain Rob Petersen stepped forward and spoke on behalf of the Selma Mid-Management group, and stated that they support the American Ambulance agreement.

Selma Volunteer Fire Department President Ashley Riedel stepped forward and spoke on behalf of the Reserves, and stated that they support the American Ambulance contract.

Cal Fire Chief Keith Larkin stepped forward and reviewed for Council the Cal Fire proposal. He stated Cal Fire currently has agreements with entities throughout the state.

American Ambulance General Manager Todd Valeri stepped forward and reviewed for Council the American Ambulance proposal, and stated the price is firm, and it would give the City maximum local control.

Acting Fire Chief Kain stepped forward and explained to Council the need for change in the department. He stated after reviewing the two proposals, he is recommending the American Ambulance Contract.

Financial Consultant Yribarren stepped forward and reported to Council the outcome of analyzing both proposals as well as the City's current budget. He explained there was a significant financial difference with the Cal Fire proposal that would make it more expensive than the American Ambulance proposal and the City's current budget.

After discussion, Mayor Grey asked for public testimony from Selma residents.

Mr. Don Mavis stepped forward and asked Council to further research the matter prior to making a decision.

Mr. Phillip Carpio stepped forward and explained to Council the reason he was against the American Ambulance proposal.

Ms. Lanch Duran and Ms. Theresa Herrera stepped forward and asked Council to approve the American Ambulance proposal.

Mr. Brandon Shoemaker, Ms. Janet Williams, Ms. Theresa Pallares, and Mr. Stanley Louie stepped forward and asked Council to approve the Cal-Fire proposal.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Grey brought the issue back to Council for discussion, and reassured the public that all details have been reviewed by Council. He also stated that the questions asked by Council tonight are simply for public information.

At this point in the meeting, motion to approve the Resolution approving the agreement with Fresno County Fire Protection District (Cal Fire) for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services was made by Council member Lujan, and seconded by Council member Avalos. The motion did not carry. The vote was:

AYES: Lujan, Avalos
NOES: Derr, Rodriguez, Grey
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

After much discussion, Council member Lujan moved to table all three resolutions recommending management staff and possibly one or two council members meet with both American Ambulance and Cal Fire representatives to review the matter further. Council member Avalos seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Avalos, Derr, Rodriguez, Grey
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON FIRST AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AGREEMENT WITH FRESNO

COUNTY: City Manager Heusser reported that this is only an amendment to a current agreement from Fresno County. Motion to approve the amendment to Emergency Medical Services Agreement with Fresno County was made by Council member Lujan, and seconded by Council member Derr. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Derr, Avalos, Rodriguez, Grey
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council member Avalos reported on a police ride along, and meeting with Ms. Margaret Mims regarding various issues including crime and lack of funding. Mayor Grey then recommended that Interim Police Chief Dyck work with Council member Avalos to revitalize the neighborhood watch program.

Council member Lujan asked various questions on the downtown awnings.

Council member Derr reported on an upcoming SKF meeting.

Council then discussed the proposed rate increase by Cal-Water. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to ask Cal-Water to explain the issue at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez reported on receiving some concerns from citizens regarding the proposed arts center building. He stated the citizens were not in opposition of the arts center, simply concerned about the scope of the building.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Acting Fire Chief Kain reported on securing a grant for mobile data terminals for the fire engines.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reyna Rivera
Acting City Clerk

Kenneth Grey
Mayor of the City of Selma