

**CITY OF SELMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 6:03 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.

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 March 5, 2012 regular meeting approved as written.
- b. Safe Routes to School (SR2S) application package funding cycle 10 approved by standard motion.
- c. PG & E's Economic Development Enhanced Utility Rate approved by standard motion.
- d. Check register dated March 15, 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: City Manager Heusser reviewed for Council all three resolutions, and stated at the March 5, 2012 council meeting, Council had asked that another meeting be held with the two proposed contractual entities. He then stated that two separate meetings had been held on March 14, 2012, and in attendance were City Manager Heusser, Mayor Grey, Council member Lujan, Chief Larkin, Todd Valeri, Financial Consultant Yribarren, and Mr. Hoagland from the Selma Enterprise. He also reviewed for Council that the recommendation of the Fire Chief, City Manager, and Financial Consultant is that of American Ambulance.

Mayor Grey stated that public testimony was heard at the previous Council meeting, and made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2012-10R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH K.W.P.H. ENTERPRISES (AMERICAN AMBULANCE) FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES and the City of Selma Fire Department for fire services for a period of three years, motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez. Council member Avalos then asked for further discussion on the matter.

Mr. Todd Valeri, American Ambulance General Manager, stepped forward to answer several questions from Council member Avalos regarding the American Ambulance agreement.

Cal Fire Chief Larken stepped forward to discuss the Cal Fire agreement with Council.

Mr. Jeremy Owens representing the Selma Fire Fighters Association, stepped forward and expressed the opinions of the Association, and stated that the Association supports the Cal Fire agreement.

Acting Fire Chief Kain and Financial Consultant Yribarren stepped forward to discuss the two agreements with Council.

Mr. Anthony Rivas, Mr. Stan Louie, Ms. Char Tucker, and Mr. Brandon Shoemaker all stepped forward in favor of the Cal Fire agreement.

After further discussion, Mayor Grey called for a vote on the previous motion. Motion then carried with the following vote:

AYES: Grey, Rodriguez, Derr

NOES: Avalos, Lujan

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH FRESNO COUNTY FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE EMERGENCY DISPATCHING SERVICES: City Manager Heusser reviewed the agreement for Council.

After discussion, motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2012-11R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH FRESNO COUNTY FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE EMERGENCY DISPATCHING SERVICES (EMS ONLY) was made by Mayor Grey, and seconded by Council member Derr. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Grey, Derr, Lujan, Rodriguez

NOES: Avalos

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council member Avalos reported on a meeting with Interim Police Chief Dyck regarding the neighborhood watch program. He also stated he had changed his mind on pulling the resource officer off campus. He thanked the Chamber for all their hard work.

Mayor Grey thanked police staff for the criminal information that was printed in a recent issue of the Selma Enterprise. He then thanked Council member Avalos for taking the time to go on a police ride-a-long. An update was given on the ongoing CID litigation. He noted that there had been very few problems with street flooding during the recent rains, and thanked the Public Works department for their hard work.

Council member Lujan stated that he was recently contacted by CID and asked for a joint meeting to discuss ongoing litigation issues. He also commented on reading Mayor Grey's recent letter in the Selma Enterprise and asked that a full explanation of the Redevelopment Agency be placed on a future agenda. He thanked the Public Works department and the Fire department for all their hard work.

Council member Derr thanked all the volunteers who helped remove the equipment from the old arts center.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez thanked Roseann Galvan, Administrative Analyst on her work with grants.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reyna Rivera
Acting City Clerk

Kenneth Grey
Mayor of the City of Selma