

**CITY OF SELMA**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 16, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 7:00 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.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** Brandi L. Orth, Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters stepped forward to introduce herself and gave a brief explanation on the June primary election.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr. Ray Carpio Jr, and Mr. Ray Carpio Sr., 2258 Chandler, stepped forward and expressed their frustration over an ongoing noise complaint with a neighbor. City Manager Heusser stated that two letters had been sent to the property owner regarding the matter. After discussion, it was stated that when police officers arrive to the disturbance Mr. Carpio would sign the citation.

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

AYES: Rodriguez, Lujan, Avalos, Derr, Grey

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- a. Minutes of the April 2, 2012 regular meeting approved as written.
- b. Check register dated April 12, 2012, approved by standard motion.

**CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR FENCE PLACEMENT VARIANCE BY JESUS CASTELLANOS, 2801 E. STREET:** City Manager Heusser stated that the applicant has requested to have this approved for the security of his vehicle. After discussion, motion to approve the Fence Placement Variance at 2801 E. Street was made by Council member Lujan and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Rodriguez, Avalos, Derr, Grey

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL CLOSING OF THE SELMA P.G. & E. SERVICE YARD:**

City Manager Heusser reviewed for Council that this was an informational item only. He stated he had received a number of calls from former and current employees of P.G. & E. that the service yard was going to close. He also stated that he received a letter from P.G. & E. informing him this was not going to occur. The item has once again come up after receiving more complaints about the possible closure.

Ms. Jeannette Ishii stepped forward to introduce Ms. Cyndi Pollard, Mr. John Parks, and Mr. Joe Metcaff all representing P.G. & E. She stated they do not have plans to close and consolidate the service yard in Selma.

Mayor Grey asked if any written notifications had gone out to employees stating the yard would be closing.

Ms. Jeanette Ishii confirmed that there was only verbal discussion with managers regarding the cost feasibility of closing the Selma location.

Mr. John Parks stepped forward and formally stated to Council that the Selma location would remain open.

The consensus from Council was to direct City Manager Heusser to send a letter to P.G. & E. in appreciation for the continued service and location in Selma, and the importance of keeping them located here.

Council thanked the representatives for their attendance.

**CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED BIKE PATH ALONG WEST FRONT STREET:**

City Manager Heusser explained the history of the project, and the problems Council brought up with the initial proposal. He also stated that there is a new proposal that would make West Front a one-way street, but with the opposition from the businesses, he is bringing this to Council for direction on whether or not to proceed with the project.

Mr. Michael Knopf, the consultant for the Bike Path stepped forward to discuss and answer various questions from Council on the matter.

Council member Lujan then moved to drop the project, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion to approve the proposed Bike Path with the one-way street change, and to request the extension of Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds was made by Mayor Grey, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Grey, Rodriguez, Avalos

NOES: Lujan

ABSTAIN: Derr

ABSENT: None

Mr. Michael Knopf asked Council if the motion serves as authorization for the City Manager to go out for bid. City Attorney Costanzo stated that the approved motion on the proposed Bike Path would serve as authorization for City Manager Heusser to go out for bid.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Council member Avalos stated that both he and Council member Lujan had attended the recent Sikh celebration. He also presented Council with a plaque from the Selma Sikh Temple.

Council member Derr asked about the recent swap-meet that took place in the park.

Council member Lujan reported on several questions Mr. Harvey Singh had on the zoning of his property, and on various broken streetlights. He also reported on attending the recent Sikh celebration.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez inquired about the streetlight on Grove Street, and requested a budget update during the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Grey commented about the recent inundation of rain, and thanked Supervisor Romeo Shiplee and the rest of the Public Works Department on their hard work.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reyna Rivera  
Acting City Clerk

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Kenneth Grey  
Mayor of the City of Selma