

CITY OF SELMA
WORKSHOP/PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 2012

The workshop/pre-council meeting was called to order at 5:35 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.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Mayor Grey stated that there was a request to change the order of agenda items, placing the Regular Business items before the Executive Session. It was the consensus of Council to begin with the workshop/pre-council regular business.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MEASURE "S": City Manager Heusser reviewed for Council the history of Measure "S", and introduced Mr. Louis Franco, who stepped forward to the podium.

Mr. Franco read and presented Council with some recommended implementations for Measure "S." Mr. Franco clarified that he is not implying that Measure "S" funds are being used improperly, he is only looking for transparency. He also stated that he is not representing the Oversight Committee; but only speaking for himself.

Mr. Stan Louie, Measure "S" Oversight Committee Chairman stepped forward and gave a summary to Council of what the Oversight Committee does and the similarities to the guidelines that Mr. Franco has presented to Council.

It was the consensus of Council to compare the current verbiage in the Ordinance with the guidelines presented and to bring this back at a future date.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CHAPTER 20 OF TITLE 5 OF THE SELMA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FORTUNE TELLING AND REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL: City Manager Heusser explained the issue and reviewed for Council the proposed guidelines. He reiterated that Council has to abide by the Constitution.

Council member Avalos reviewed the City of Fresno regulations for fortune tellers. He asked various questions regarding the proposed guidelines and possibly implementing additional restrictions similar to those of the City of Fresno.

Mr. Dennis Beaver stepped forward and questioned the legality regarding the proposed guidelines.

After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez and seconded by Council member Derr to approve the conditions of approval for fortune telling applicants and advise Council to take into consideration the additional recommendations by Council member Avalos, and bring the item back at a later date.

Ms. Nancy Flores stepped forward and asked Council to add additional requirements to restrict minors.

Mr. Ken Rasmussen stepped forward and stated that he agrees with the City of Fresno requirements that Council member Avalos had reviewed, and asked Council to place a moratorium on the issue.

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

AYES: Rodriguez, Derr, Grey

NOES: Avalos, Lujan

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Grey stated that due to time the Executive Session for the workshop would be postponed until after the Regular Business items of the Regular Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reyna Rivera
City Clerk

Kenneth Grey
Mayor of the City of Selma