

CITY OF SELMA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 6:24 p.m. Council members answering roll call were: Avalos, Derr, Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, and Mayor Grey.

Also present were City Manager Heusser, City Attorney Costanzo, Community Services Director Kirchner, Financial Consultant Yribarren, Fire Chief Kain, Police Chief Garner, 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 REGARDING TRANSIT: City Manager Heusser introduced Mr. Jeff Webster, General Manager of the Fresno County Rural Transit Authority.

Mr. Webster stepped forward to provide a Transit Update for Council. He also discussed options of removing fixed routes and implementation of an automated dispatch program.

Ms. Lisa Franco, 1064 Mill Street stepped forward to inquire on the automated system.

Mr. Moses Stites, Operations Manager stepped forward to answer the questions, and stated that the neighboring cities of Sanger and Kingsburg successfully implemented the automated system.

Council thanked Mr. Webster and Mr. Stites for the presentation and commended them on the advanced technology upgrades.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: It was announced that the Beautification Award was given to Ms. Chelsey Salazar (not present) for the property at 2829 Olive Street, and that the certificate would be mailed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. John Shea, Selma Disposal LLC owner stepped forward and inquired if Council had any concerns. Mr. Robert Allen, stepped forward to commend Mr. Shea on the recent State inspection. Council member Robertson thanked Mr. Shea on the recent landscaping changes.

Senator Vidak's Fresno District Representative, Mr. Nathan Elizondo stepped forward and stated that he was available to discuss any issues or concerns that Council may have. Council thanked Mr. Elizondo for his time.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: City Attorney Costanzo reported that an item needed to be added to the agenda. He stated that the issue had been brought to his attention after the agenda was distributed, and required immediate attention.

After discussion, motion to add to Regular Business the Consideration and Necessary action on budget discussion and possible transfer of funds was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez and seconded by Council member Derr. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: Council member Robertson requested that agenda item 1.d. be pulled for separate discussion. Motion to approve the remainder of 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, Robertson, Grey
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- a. Minutes of the May 5, 2014 workshop/Pre-Council meeting, approved by standard motion.
- b. Minutes of the May 5, 2014 regular meeting, approved by standard motion.
- c. Resolution NO. 2014-11R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA DECLARING CERTAIN ARTS COUNCIL EQUIPMENT/ COSTUMES SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR SALE, DONATION OR DISPOSAL. Resolution approved by standard motion.
- d. Pulled for separate discussion.
- e. Check Register dated May 27, 2014, approved by standard motion.

AGENDA ITEM 1.d. CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE BID FROM MPI PRIME CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE VINCENT HOUSE PORCH AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT: After discussion, motion to APPROVE THE BID FROM MPI PRIME CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE VINCENT HOUSE PORCH AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT was made by Council member Robertson, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE XII OF THE SELMA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED GROUNDWATER OVERDRAFT MITIGATION FEES – public hearing and adoption:

City Attorney Costanzo explained the Ordinance amendment. He also provided Council with detailed information about the overage and shortages of the groundwater overdraft mitigation fees that are associated with flat fee customers.

Mayor Grey opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:03 p.m. There being no public comment, the public hearing portion of the meeting was then closed at 7:04 p.m.

After discussion, motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 2014-5, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE XII OF THE SELMA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED GROUNDWATER OVERDRAFT MITIGATION FEES was made by Council member Robertson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES (USER FEES):

City Manager Heusser reviewed for Council the updated list of fees and charges for City Services.

After discussion, motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 22R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES (USER FEES) was made by Council member Derr and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON REQUEST FOR MEMBER AGENCY FEEDBACK, FRESNO COG POLICY BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL BY CITY OF FRESNO TO AMEND MEASURE “C” EXPENDITURE PLAN: City Manager Heusser explained that COG had received a request from the City of Fresno asking for consideration on an amendment to the existing Measure “C” Expenditure Plan.

After discussion, motion to REJECT THE REQUEST OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING MEASURE “C” EXPENDITURE PLAN was made by Council member Avalos and seconded by Council member Derr. Motion carried with the following vote:

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

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON BUDGET DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez distributed and discussed possible proposals to remedy various issues throughout the City.

Mr. Robert Allen, 1314 Maple, stepped forward and discussed the ending balance of the Pioneer Village Fund and upcoming improvement projects for Pioneer Village.

Ms. Virginia Lees, Pioneer Village Chairwoman stepped forward to discuss the upcoming Vincent House restorations.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of Council that no action be taken on the matter.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Manager Heusser discussed an amendment to the Tier changes for the Measure “C” Extension Expenditure Plan.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of Council to keep current tiers and make no changes to the Measure “C” Extension Expenditure Plan.

Fire Chief Kain provided an update on the injured firefighter, Chris Nelson.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council member Avalos reminded everyone that tomorrow was election day, and encouraged everyone to vote. He discussed the budget workshop and thanked staff, volunteers, and the citizens of Selma for their input.

Council member Derr reported on an upcoming Policy Committee meeting in Sacramento.

Council member Robertson reported on an upcoming comedy/magic show at the Arts Center supporting the Animal Shelter. He also thanked Mike Crews who volunteers at the Second Chance Animal Shelter.

Mayor Grey reported on an upcoming event at the Arts Center.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Lisa Franco stepped forward to request transparency on the Measure S funds.

Mayor Grey informed Ms. Franco that the Measure S Oversight Committee meets once a year to discuss the information.

City Manager Heusser further stated that the reason the committee meets once a year is that the funds are expended annually and there is no action to discuss during the year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:54 p.m., Mayor Grey recessed the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the pending litigation case pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 California Water Service Company CPUC General Rate Case No. 12-07-007 moved from the Pre- Council meeting.

At 8:26 p.m., Mayor Grey recused himself from the Executive Session, and left the building, with no action to declare regarding the pending litigation case.

At 8:27 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez continued the Executive Session to discuss Public Employment of the City Manager. The Executive Session meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m., with Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez announcing no action had been taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reyna Rivera
City Clerk

Kenneth Grey
Mayor of the City of Selma