

**ACTION MINUTES OF TULARE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF TULARE**

July 20, 2021

A closed session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dennis A. Mederos, Terry A. Sayre, Jose Sigala, Stephen C. Harrell, Patrick Isherwood

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Megan Dodd, Josh McDonnell, Mandy Jeffcoach^(Special Counsel), Wes Hensley, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Janice Avila, Roxanne Yoder

5:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mederos called the closed session to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Speakers will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

There were no public comments.

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):

Mayor Mederos adjourned to closed session at 5:02 p.m., for those items as stated by Assistant City Attorney Megan Dodd.

- (a) 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (1) [Submitted by: M. Jeffcoach] Name of Case: City of Tulare v. Del Lago Place, TCSC Case No. 286863
- (b) 54957 Public Employment
Title: City Manager

IV. RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mederos reconvened closed session at 5:56 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (if any)

Mayor Mederos advised there was reportable action.

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mederos adjourned closed session at 5:56 p.m.

A Redistricting Public Hearing of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North “M” Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dennis A. Mederos, Terry A. Sayre, Jose Sigala, Stephen C. Harrell, Patrick Isherwood

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Megan Dodd, Josh McDonnell, Michael Miller, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Wes Hensley, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Roxanne Yoder

6:00 p.m.

VII. CALL TO ORDER REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mederos called the Redistricting Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Speakers will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

There were no public comments.

IX. REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING (2 of 4)

- a. **Public Hearing to receive input from the Community regarding the Redrawing of Election District Boundaries receive a report from staff on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw same. [Submitted by: R. Hunt, R. Yoder & NDC]** City Manager Rob Hunt and Chief Deputy City Clerk Roxanne Yoder introduced Consultant, Dr. Jeff Tilton, Senior Consultant for National Demographics Corporation, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the redistricting process. Mayor Mederos opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. Receiving no public comment, Mayor Mederos closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. Following discussion, the Council, by consensus, directed the Consultant to schedule an additional hearing between the time the data is released and the January 2022 meeting.

X. ADJOURN REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mederos adjourned the Redistricting Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.

A regular session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dennis A. Mederos, Terry A. Sayre, Jose Sigala, Stephen C. Harrel, Patrick Isherwood

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Megan Dodd, Josh McDonnell, Michael Miller, Trisha Whitfield, Brian Beck, Wes Hensley, Luis Nevarez, Nick Bartsch, Traci Myers, Janice Avila, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Roxanne Yoder

XI. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Mederos called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m.

XII. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Sigala led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Susan Henard led the invocation.

XIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Mederos requested those who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council, or to address or request a matter be pulled from the consent calendar to do so at this time. He further stated comments related to general business matters would be heard at the time that matter is addressed on the agenda.

Vicki Gordon addressed the Council with concerns regarding drugs, mental health issues, trash, crime, and homeless issues affecting their business. Requested solutions from the Council on these matters.

Donnette Silva-Carter, CEO Tulare Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council on their continued efforts to support local businesses and on upcoming events.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

XV. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Sigala, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

(1) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.

(2) Approve minutes of July 6, 2021 special/regular meeting(s) [Submitted by: R. Yoder]

- (3) **Authorize the City Manager to execute a Public Improvement Agreement and Release with SE Land, LLC and Sunmet Juice Company, LLL.**
[Submitted by: M. Zamora]
- (4) **Accept as complete the contract with 99 Pipeline, Inc. of Porterville, CA for work on Project EN0086, a street and utility improvement project on Tulare Avenue. Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Notice of Completion, and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office.** [Submitted by: N. Bartsch]
- (5) **Accept Grant of Easement for water main purposes from GGH 1, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company and IN-N-OUT Burgers, a California Cooperation, for the repair and maintenance of an onsite water main associated with the Prosperity Center Development and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the Certificate of Acceptance for same.**
[Submitted by: M. Miller]
- (6) **Award and authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Jaxon Enterprises, DBA Deer Creek Asphalt (Deer Creek), of Redding, CA in the amount of \$49.10/ton for ½" Hot Asphalt Concrete; subject to minor conforming or clarifying changes acceptable to the City Attorney.**
[Submitted by: T. Whitfield]

XVI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

- (1) **Community & Economic Development Update.** Community & Economic Development Director Traci Myers provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Council's review and consideration.

XVII. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST - G.C. 54954.2(3)

XVIII. GENERAL BUSINESS

Comments related to General Business Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Council.

- (1) **Public Hearing:**
 - a. **Public hearing to adopt Resolution 2021-35 regarding placing costs of constructing utility connections and/or sidewalk, curb, gutter, and driveway construction on property rolls in installments.** [Submitted by: D. Thompson] Finance Director Darlene Thompson provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Mayor Mederos opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. Receiving no public comment, Mayor Mederos closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. Questions and comments posed by Council were addressed by staff. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Sayre, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2021-35 as presented.

- b. **Public hearing to adopt Resolution 2021-36 confirming diagram and landscape maintenance assessments and levying assessments for fiscal year 2021-22 and authorize the City Manager to execute a Compliance Certification and Hold Harmless Statement in connection thereto. [Submitted by: M. Miller]** City Engineer Michael Miller provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Mayor Mederos opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. Receiving no public comment, Mayor Mederos closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. Following comments by Council, it was moved by Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Isherwood, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2021-36 as presented.

(2) City Manager:

- a. **Consider the cancellation or rescheduling of Tulare City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021, due to the League of California Cities Annual Conference scheduled Wednesday, September 22 through Friday, September 24, 2021, in Sacramento. [Submitted by: R. Hunt]** City Manager Rob Hunt provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to cancel the regular meeting of September 21, 2021, and schedule a special meeting for September 20, 2021.

XIX. STAFF UPDATES AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – GC 54954.2(3)

Council Member Sigala requested and received consensus to direct staff to add an item on the review, prioritizing and finalization of the Council's draft goals from the annual team building session. Mayor Mederos added the caveat, that Council consider any potential ramifications for the unvetted items on the draft goals list.

XX. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Mederos adjourned the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

President of the Council and Ex-Officio
Mayor of the City of Tulare

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Tulare