

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

November 2, 2021

A Closed Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 5:30 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: Marc Mondell, Josh McDonnell, Mario Zamora, Wes Hensley, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Roxanne Yoder

5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Mayor Mederos called the Closed Session to order at 5:32 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 for the items as stated on the agenda at 5:32 p.m.

- (a) 54956.9(d)(2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation One (1)
[Submitted by: M. Zamora]

IV. RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mederos reconvened from Closed Session at 5:58 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (if any)

Mayor Mederos advised there was no reportable action.

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mederos adjourned the Closed Session at 5:58 p.m.

A Redistricting Public Hearing of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, November 2, 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: Marc Mondell, Josh McDonnell, Mario Zamora, Wes Hensley, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Darlene Thompson, Michael Miller, Jason Glick, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

6:00 p.m.

VII. CALL TO ORDER REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mederos called the Study Session 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.

Alex Gutierrez addressed the Council regarding the redistricting process and encouraged Council consider communities of interest, specifically, how the City can encourage Hispanic involvement.

IX. REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Public Hearing to receive input from the community regarding the Redrawing of Election District Boundaries, and receive a report from staff on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw same. [Submitted by: National Demographics, Corp.]** Consultant Kristen Parks of National Demographic Corporation provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Council's review and consideration and addressed questions related.

Mayor Mederos opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. Alex Gutierrez addressed the Council and the consultant regarding whether or not voter registration can be used when considering district boundaries. Ms. Parks responded thereto. Mayor Mederos closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Following the presentation, Council concurred that Mayor Mederos and Council Member Sigala would work in an ad hoc capacity reviewing proposed maps to be brought to Council for review.

X. ADJOURN REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mederos adjourned the Redistricting Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

A Regular Session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, November 2, 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. Harrell, Patrick Isherwood

STAFF PRESENT: Marc Mondell, Josh McDonnell, Mario Zamora, Wes Hensley, Doyle Sewell, Janice Avila, Traci Myers, Darlene Thompson, Michael Miller, Trisha Whitfield, Jason Glick, Jason Bowling, Ken Wales, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

XI. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Mederos called the Regular Session to order at 7:09 p.m.

XII. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Council Member Sigala led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in memory of City employee Peter Rodriguez.

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.

Michael Paul Mendoza, Xavier Avila, Mallory Korenwinder, Michael Mendoza, David Mendoza, Ty Korenwinder, Brandon Hanke, Terry Bessinger, *Lupe Mendoza, Jenna McGuire, Alberto Aguilar and Dominic Barteau addressed the Council and requested support and partnership with the Tulare Joint Union High School District for a 50-meter pool at Mission Oak High School.

Alex Gutierrez addressed the Council regarding the homeless issue and the status of the homeless committee, as well as climate issues and beautification on the west side of the community. *Lupe Mendoza echoed Mr. Gutierrez' concerns on the homeless.

Donnette Silva-Carter of the Tulare Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council on events and activities.

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 Isherwood, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented with the exception of item 3.

- (1) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- (2) Approve minutes of October 19, 2021 special/regular meeting(s).
[Submitted by: R. Yoder]
- (3) Adopt Ordinance 2021-03 for a zoning text amendment to Chapters 10.64, 10.72 and 10.76 of Title 10 of the Tulare Municipal Code, in order to add monitored electrified security fences to the list of uses permitted in Industrial zones and to establish design guidelines for use of monitored electrified security fences in Industrial zones. [Submitted by: T. Myers]
Mayor Mederos pulled the item for clarification purposes with regard to section (J)(3)(f). Following discussion, it was moved by Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Sigala, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 2021-03, as amended for this section to read as follows: Height: Monitored Electrified Security Fences shall be a minimum of 2 feet above the non-electrified perimeter barrier, but in no event, more than 10 feet in height.
- (4) Adopt Resolution 2021-47 authorizing the Mayor to execute City of Tulare-State of California Freeway Agreement for Route 99 from 0.5 miles south of Rankin Road to Cartmill Avenue, subject only to minor conforming and clarifying changes acceptable to the City Attorney and City Manager.
[Submitted by: M. Miller]
- (5) Adopt Resolution 2021-48 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute a Landscape Maintenance Agreement with the State of California for City landscape maintenance district improvements located within the right-of-way of State Routes 63 and 137, subject only to minor conforming and clarifying changes acceptable to the City Attorney and City Manager.
[Submitted by: M. Miller]
- (6) Receive the monthly investment report for September 2021. [Submitted by: D. Thompson]
- (7) Authorize the transfer of funds from the Fire Radio Replacement CIP fund to purchase 10 Bendix King BKR 5000 radios and accessories, from Vincent Communications, Inc. through Bendix King, CA NASPO contract 7-16-58-15 and will not exceed \$24,510.00. [Submitted by: D. Sewell]

XVI. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

XVII. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – G.C. 54954.2(c)

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) Engineering:

- a. **Provide direction to staff regarding the funding of utility relocation and undergrounding for Project EN0084, a street and utility improvement project on Pleasant Avenue, with staff's recommendation being the use of CPUC Rule 20B funds. Approve the revised project budget reflecting the use of this funding source. [Submitted by: M. Miller]** City Engineer Michael Miller and Senior Project Manager Nick Bartsch provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Council's review and consideration. Questions and comments posed by Council addressed by staff. Council, by consensus, directed staff to return with a revised budget and an amendment to the contract.
- b. **Receive update regarding the City's Street & Intersection Naming Policy, discuss the potential request to honor former US Olympians from the City of Tulare, and provide direction to staff as appropriate in accordance with the provisions of said policy. [Submitted by: M. Miller]** City Engineer Michael Miller provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Questions and comments posed by Council addressed by staff. It was the consensus that Council Member Sigala will serve as the sponsor for this item and work with staff as outlined in the policy.

XIX. STAFF UPDATES AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – G.C. 54954.2(c)

Council Member Sigala requested departments post an announcement on their social media pages about the November 16 ARPA fund discussion; he further requested, in line with the City's legislative policy, a letter of support for the State Route 99 expansion project, and lastly, he requested a letter to our legislators to help identify state funding for the high school district's 50-meter pool. Note: consensus was not verbalized.

XX. ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Mederos adjourned the regular session at 9:22 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