

**Farmersville City Council
Regular Meeting**

Paul Boyer, Mayor
Tina Hernandez Mayor Pro Tem, Gregorio
Gomez, Council Member
Ruben Macareno, Council Member
Danny Valdovinos, Council Member

Monday, January 25, 2021 6:00 PM
Meeting held in Civic Center Council Chambers –
909 W. Visalia Road Farmersville, California

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the City of Farmersville will be allowing the public, staff, and
City Council to attend this meeting via Zoom Meeting.**

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- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Roll Call:**
- 3. Invocation:**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- 5. Public Comment:**

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6. Presentations:

- A. Tulare County Association of Governments: Overview of TCAG,
Measure R and City Projects**

7. Consent Agenda:

Under a CONSENT AGENDA category, a recommended course of action for each item is made. Any Council Member or Member of the Public may remove any item from the CONSENT AGENDA in order to discuss and/or change the recommended course of action, and the Council can approve the remainder of the CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of January 11, 2021.**

Recommend approval of minutes.

Documents: Draft Action Minutes of January 11, 2021.

8. General Business

A. Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 507, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 and adding Section 2.12.030 pertaining to Council Member Salaries

Recommend that the City Council introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 507, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 and adding Section 2.12.030 pertaining to Council Member Salaries.

Documents: Ordinance 507

B. Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 508, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.20, Section 2.20.050 pertaining to Planning Commission Compensation

Recommend that the City Council Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 508, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.20, Section 2.20.050 pertaining to Planning Commission Compensation

Documents: Ordinance 508

C. Resolution 2021-003 Approving Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds

Recommend that the City Council adopt Resolution 2021-003 approving application for, and receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Funds.

Documents: Resolution 2021-003

9. Council Reports

A. City Council Updates and Committee Reports

10. Staff Communications:

11. Future Agenda Items

1. Naming of Property located at 881 N. Farmersville Blvd.
2. Christmas Decorations
3. Speeding on Streets

12. Adjournment:

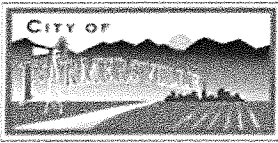
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Drafted by: J. Gomez

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1. **Call to Order:** 6:00pm
2. **Roll Call:** *Boyer, Hernandez, Boyer, Valdovinos, Macareno*
3. **Invocation:** *Councilmember Valdovinos*
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** *Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez*
5. **Public Comment:** *none*

Provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the City Council on items of interest to the public within the Council’s jurisdiction and which are not already on the agenda this evening. It is the policy of the Council not to answer questions impromptu. Concerns or complaints will be referred to the City Manager’s office. Speakers should limit their comments to not more than two (2) minutes. No more than twenty (20) total minutes will be allowed for Public Comment. For items which are on the agenda this evening, members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the council as each item is brought up for discussion. Comments are to be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any individual Council Member.

6. Presentations:

- A. **Overview of preparation of Downtown Specific Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update**

Karl Schoettler gave presentation of Downtown Specific Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion took place.

7. Consent Agenda:

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- A. **Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of December 14, 2020.**

Recommend approval of minutes.

Documents: Draft Action Minutes of December 14, 2020.

B. Finance Update for December 2020: Warrant Register and Investment Summary

Recommend that the City Council:

1. Approve the Warrant Register as presented for the period. This reporting period represents warrants issued for the current Fiscal Year (2020/2021); and
2. Accept the Investment Summary as presented for the period. This reporting period represents investment summary for the previous month.

Documents: December 2020 Warrant Register
Investment Summary December 2020

C. Review of March 20, 2020 Local Emergency Declaration

Recommend that the City Council review the March 20, 2020 Local Emergency Declaration and continue with said declaration as previously adopted by Resolution 2020-010 and Urgency Ordinance 501

Documents: Resolution 2020-010
Urgency Ordinance 501

D. Authorization to advertise Farmersville Boulevard Widening Project for bidding purposes

Recommend that the City Council authorize staff to advertise the Farmersville Boulevard Widening Project for bidding purposes.

Councilmember Gomez pulled this item from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Gomez wanted to know if there were going to be prequalifying bids only and the timeline of construction.

City Manager Gomez- Prequalifying bids will only be taken and timeline is going to take about a year.

Motion to approve as presented.

Result: Approve
Mover: Councilmember Gomez
Seconder: Councilmember Valdovinos
Ayes: Boyer, Hernandez, Gomez, Valdovinos, Macareno
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent : 0

E. Approve Resolution 2021-001 Authorized Signers on the City's Bank Accounts

Recommend that the City Council review and approve Resolution 2021-001, updating the authorized signers on the City's banking accounts.

Documents: Resolution 2021-001

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, E

Mayor Boyer abstained from any warrants regarding Self Help Enterprises

Result: Approve

Mover: Councilmember Gomez

Secunder: Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez

Ayes: Boyer, Hernandez, Gomez, Valdovinos, Macareno

Noes: 0

Abstain: Mayor Boyer from any warrants regarding Self Help Enterprises

Absent : 0

8. General Business

A. Consideration of new Trash Utility Rates and Second Amendment to Contract with MidValley Disposal for Waste Hauling Services Related to Changes associated with SB 1383

Steve Huntley, Director of Finance and Administration gave presentation along with Joe Heisdorf, CFO and Joseph Kalpakoff, CEO of MidValley Disposal.

Recommend that the City Council:

1. Consider report and presentation regarding the Proposed Rate Increases needed for Trash Hauling Services, attached, and give direction regarding the required Prop 218 hearing process for new City Trash Utility rates
2. Consider approval of the draft amendment to the contract with MidValley Disposal (MVD) to cover new costs for commercial recycling and organics collection due to SB 1383.

Documents: Trash Rate Analysis Worksheet
Second Amendment to MVD Contract
Proposed New Rate Sheet

Council would like to move forward with process.

Motion to Approve item A part 1 & 2

Result: Approve
Mover: Councilmember Gomez
Secunder: Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez
Ayes: Boyer, Hernandez, Gomez, Valdovinos, Macareno
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent : 0

B. Pursuant to prior Urgency Ordinance 501 and Chapter 2.28 of the Municipal Code, consider adoption of Resolution No. 2021-002 authorizing Urgency Ordinance 506, authorizing the City Manager to suspend Municipal Code Sections 17.053.030(B)(3) and 17.053.077(J), and create and enforce regulations for the delivery of Cannabis within the City of Farmersville

Recommend that the City Council adopt Resolution 2021-002, authorizing Urgency Ordinance 506, ratifying the authority of the City Manager to suspend Municipal Code Sections 17.053.030(B)(3) and 17.053.077(J), and create and enforce regulations for the delivery of Cannabis within the City of Farmersville.

Documents: City Attorney Memo
Resolution 2021-002
Urgency Ordinance 506

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-002

Result: Approve
Mover: Councilmember Gomez
Secunder: Councilmember Valdovinos
Ayes: Boyer, Hernandez, Gomez, Valdovinos, Macareno
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent : 0

Motion to approve Urgency Ordinance 506

Result: Approve
Mover: Councilmember Gomez
Secunder: Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez
Ayes: Boyer, Hernandez, Gomez, Valdovinos, Macareno
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent : 0

9. Council Reports

A. City Council Updates and Committee Reports

Councilmember Macareno- Inquired about process for stray cats in the City. He would like to set an example of being safe during COVID.

Councilmember Valdovinos- Would like a memo sent out to businesses regarding guideline for being open during COVID. (City Manager Gomez advised Councilmembers to give County Public Health's phone number when business inquire about guidelines.)

Councilmember Gomez- Would like to know where the process is regarding COVID vaccine. (City Manager Gomez advised to go to the County Web page to get follow up information.)

Mayor Boyer- Would like to see Council social distance more during Council meetings. Attended a Greater Kaweah Ground Water Sustainability Agency meeting.

10. Staff Communications:

City Manager Gomez- The part time Chief Plant Operator has been filled for Public Works. Grade two operator will be opening soon for Public Works.

Finance Director Steve Huntley- Audit has been completed and will be presented at next month's council meeting.

Chief Stewart- The 2 open fire positions will be filled soon, written exam will be 19th, interviews will be 20th and Chief interview will be 27th or 28th. New Fire Engine will be in next phase for in person review. New Fire Chief truck has been ordered. Reimbursement for this summer's strike teams was received for \$128,000. Has received both vaccine shots for COVID.

11. Future Agenda Items

1. Stipends for Planning Commission and City Council
2. Naming of Property located at 881 N. Farmersville Blvd.
3. Christmas Decorations
4. Speeding on Streets

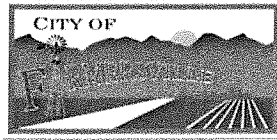
12. Adjournment:

Mayor Boyer adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rochelle Giovani
City Clerk

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City Council

Staff Report 8A

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jennifer Gomez, City Manager

DATE: January 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 507, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 and adding Section 2.12.030 pertaining to Council Member Salaries

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 507, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 and adding Section 2.12.030 pertaining to Council Member Salaries.

BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36516 a city council may enact an ordinance providing that each member of a city council shall receive a salary based on the population of the city. The current Government Code Section allows cities up to and including 35,000 in population, up to and including \$300 per month.

Several years ago, the Farmersville City Council received a salary but subsequently waived that benefit. The request was recently made to revisit this topic. The City Manager has prepared the attached Ordinance in compliance with the Government Code Section which would establish salaries for the City Council.

The new section to Chapter 2.12 of the Farmersville Municipal Code will read as follows:

2.12.030 Authority for Council Member Salaries

Salaries for City Council Members may be fixed in accordance with Section 36516 of the California Government Code. Salaries may not be increased beyond the amount provided in Section 36516. Council Members may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses pursuant to City policies and shall not be included for purposes of determining salary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As this is not in the budget for the current fiscal year, staff will make the salaries effective July 1, 2021 and budget it accordingly. At \$300 a month, the total would be \$18,000 a year.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 507

ORDINANCE NO. 507

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.12 AND ADDING SECTION 2.12.030 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE – AUTHORITY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER SALARIES

The City Council of the City of Farmersville does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2.12 of the Farmersville Municipal Code shall be amended and Section 2.12.030 added as follows:

2.12.030 Authority for Council Member Salaries

Salaries for City Council Members may be fixed in accordance with Section 36516 of the California Government Code. Salaries may not be increased beyond the amount provided in Section 36516. Council Members may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses pursuant to City policies and shall not be included for purposes of determining salary.

Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 2.12 of said Code shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption and summary shall be published once in the newspaper within fifteen (15) days after its passage.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 507 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmersville on the 25th day of January, 2021, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

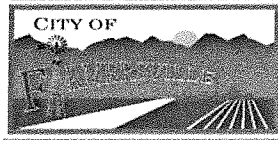
ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



City Council

Staff Report 8B

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jennifer Gomez, City Manager

DATE: January 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 508, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.20, Section 2.20.050 pertaining to Planning Commission Compensation

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance 508, amending Farmersville Municipal Code Chapter 2.20, Section 2.20.050 pertaining to Planning Commission Compensation.

BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION:

To compensate Planning Commission Members for their services, it was requested by the City Council to consider a monthly stipend. As the Commissioners only have one scheduled meeting a month and the meetings will occasionally be cancelled due to lack of business, staff recommends \$50.00 per meeting that a Commissioner attends. If a meeting is cancelled or a Commissioner is absent, then no compensation will be provided.

The City Manager has prepared the attached Ordinance amending Section 2.20.050 pertaining to Expenses for Planning Commission Members which previously prohibited compensation except for expenses incurred in the performance of their duty and which was previously approved by the City Council.

Amended section 2.20.050 to Chapter 2.20 of the Farmersville Municipal Code will read as follows:

2.20.050 Compensation

Planning Commission Members shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting as compensation for their services. If a meeting is cancelled or a Commissioner is absent, no compensation will be provided. Expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and previously approved by the City Council may be reimbursed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As this is not in the budget for the current fiscal year, staff will make the compensation effective July 1, 2021 and budget it accordingly. At \$50.00 per meeting, the budget would be \$3,000 a year.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 508

ORDINANCE NO. 508

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.20, SECTION 2.20.050 OF THE CITY CODE
OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE – COMPENSATION

The City Council of the City of Farmersville does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.20.050 of Chapter 2.20 of the Farmersville Municipal Code shall be amended and read as follows:

2.20.050 Compensation

Planning Commission Members shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting as compensation for their services. If a meeting is cancelled or a Commissioner is absent, no compensation will be provided. Expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and previously approved by the City Council may be reimbursed.

Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 2.20 of said Code shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption and summary shall be published once in the newspaper within fifteen (15) days after its passage.

The foregoing Ordinance No. 508 was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmersville on the 25th day of January, 2021, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

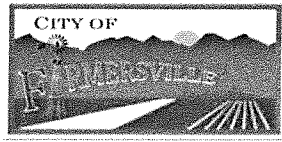
ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



City Council

Staff Report 8C

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lisa Wallis-Dutra, City Engineer

DATE: January 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution 2021-003 Approving Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 2021-003 approving application for, and receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Funds.

BACKGROUND:

In the 2019-2020 Budget Act, Governor Newsom allocated \$250 million for all regions, cities, and counties, to do their part to increase the availability of affordable homes statewide by prioritizing planning activities that accelerate housing production to meet the identified needs of every community. With this allocation, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) established the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant Program with \$119 million for cities and counties. LEAP provides one-time grant funding to cities and counties to update their planning documents and implement process improvements that will facilitate the acceleration of housing production and help local governments prepare for their 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

The RHNA is a countywide assessment, which surveys the existing housing stock. In turn, the RHNA provides the groundwork to estimate the number of housing units cities and counties will need to plan for over the next decade. The information obtained is then used to prepare the next Housing Element.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Farmersville is eligible for \$65,000 to assist with these efforts. The grant activities must be related to planning and accelerating the production of housing by streamlining processes and preparing for the production of housing for the next 10 years. These available funds will be used to update City improvement standards and prepare development submittal processes and guidelines to streamline and accelerate the City approval process, particularly for housing production.

To apply for the grant, a resolution is required to be approved by City Council prior to submittal. The application is due by January 31, 2021, and the deadline to spend funds is December 31, 2023.

COORDINATION & REVIEW:

Staff has worked with the City Manager and Finance Departments to make sure that this project meets the needs of the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

The receipt of grant funds will avoid the use of funding from the City's General Fund and streamline our processes to accelerate development, in particular housing production. Alternatively, City Council could decline to apply for the grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A grant application of \$65,000 is proposed. No City match is required.

CONCLUSION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution 2021-003 approving application for, and receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2021-003

RESOLUTION NO 2021-003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE
APPROVING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL
GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code 50515 et. Seq, the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is authorized to issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) as part of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (hereinafter referred to by the Department as the Local Early Action Planning Grants program or LEAP); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmersville desires to submit a LEAP grant application package ("Application"), on the forms provided by the Department, for approval of grant funding for projects that assist in the preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Department has issued a NOFA and Application on January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$119,040,000 for assistance to all California Jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the Application package;
2. In connection with the LEAP grant, if the Application is approved by the Department, the City Manager of the **City of Farmersville** is authorized to submit the Application, enter into, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Applicant, a State of California Agreement (Standard Agreement) for the amount of **\$65,000**, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the LEAP grant, the Applicant's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto; and
3. The Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the NOFA, and the Standard Agreement provided by the Department after approval. The Application and any and all accompanying documents are incorporated in full as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the Application will be enforceable through the fully executed Standard Agreement. Pursuant to the NOFA and in conjunction with the terms of the Standard Agreement, the Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses and allowable expenditures in the manner presented and specifically identified in the approved Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Farmersville approves the application for, and receipt of, local government planning support grant program funds.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-003 was duly approved and adopted by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE on January 25, 2021, following a roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED:

Mayor Paul Boyer

ATTEST:

ROCHELLE GIOVANI – CITY CLERK