



MINUTES

Farmersville City Council Regular Meeting Monday, February 22, 2016 • 7:00 p.m.

Gregorio Gomez, Mayor
Paul Boyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Don Rowlett, Council Member
Matt Sisk, Council Member
Leonel Benavides, Council Member

Meeting held in Civic Center Council Chambers – 909 W. Visalia Road
Farmersville, California

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM

2. **Invocation** *Led by Councilmember L. Benavides*

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** *Led by Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer*

4. **Roll Call Present:** *G. Gomez, P. Boyer, D. Rowlett, L. Benavides* *Excused: M. Sisk*

5. **Work/Study Session: Work Study Session on Fiscal Year 16 Mid-Year Budget presentation by Finance Director regarding the FY 16 Mid-Year Budget Review with possible direction to staff.**

Finance Director S. Huntley presenting. Annual mid-year budget report is to give Council an idea of how we are doing. This will show how we are staying on track. Included in this presentation is an economic update. Presenting with a PowerPoint.

Councilmember L. Benavides commented - what is the actual money figure that the Council has to work with?

Finance Director, S. Huntley commented - the best way to answer that, if you take Exhibit 1 and turn to page 5, there are highlighted rows in a darker blue, the third column is amended, you will see what is highlighted, revenues exceeding expenditures. In addition, on page 6 of the report I tried to give a breakdown of the cash, the very top number is 1.6 million, that is what is in your saving account to spend.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – it might be a good idea to have an unfunded liability column if that is possible.

Recessed until 7pm

6. Presentations

6.I Business Recognition and Appreciation to Ana Maria's Taqueria

Mayor G. Gomez is presenting a plaque to Ana Maria's daughter.

6.II Presentation by Lisa Whitworth, Principal of Farmersville High School on Career Pathways Project.

Principal Lisa Whitworth of FUSD – sharing her presentation. For every 100 students, 69 will graduate and get a diploma, only 31 will enter college, just 19 will return for a second year and out of that group just 14 kids will finish with any kind of degree. A question that educators have asked what is happening to all of those other kids and what are they doing? Pathways will be elective classes, auto mechanics, business or something like that. We need young adults ready to go to work with experience and trained skills. FUSD for the last 10 years, was focused on getting students into college. With this new project,

I am here to seek a partnership with the City, particularly in the law and justice departments. This was the #1 interest of the students. The future demand is great. The help I need is input, I need advisors.

Are there any questions?

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer – if a student wanted to be an intern do they get credit or paid?

Principal Lisa Whitworth commented - our students will be asked to do unpaid internships. Sometimes interviewing, observing, kind of like our Farmersville Explorers do now, they are engaged in events and activities. Additionally any teacher teaching in their “pathway” has to understand the language of the career, the traditions, etc. the adults involved also need to know what the career pathway is all about.

Discussion.

Mayor G. Gomez commented – it is no secret that I am a labor leader in my work place. I already talk to people I meet and they know about the program, it is something to be proud of here in Farmersville.

A. Lopez resident of Farmersville commented – at our California School Association conference several years ago, there was a carpenters union in the front, and on their table they featured Farmersville High School, I was so proud.

7. Public Comment

D. Valdovinos Jr. owner of Team KO of Farmersville commented - I come from a low income family and I want to be able to give back to the community. We work with kids to help provide what the kids need. We are in our 4th year. We want to keep kids off the street.

A. Torrez resident of Farmersville commented – I am a coach for Team KO and we are here for the kids.

J. Jimenez resident of Farmersville commented – born and raised here in Farmersville. I love my town with a passion I'm here to help the kids around here.

8. Consent Agenda

8. I Recommendation By City Clerk: Draft City Council Meeting Minutes Of 02-08-16 Consideration of Approval of draft meeting minutes from regular City Council meeting of 02-08-16.

8. II Recommendation By City Manager: Authorization for Memorial Day Parade Fly over Recommend that City Council authorize Mayor to sign Fly Over Application on behalf of City.

*8. III Recommendation By City Manager: Amend Resolution 2015-40
Recommendation that City Council approve amendment of Resolution 2015-40 approved on October 12, 2015.*

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.1-8.3 only. Second was made by Councilmember D. Rowlett. Motion passes with a 4-0-1.

8. IV Staff requested to pull this item to correct Resolution Number assigned to this item. City Manager clarifies that this item should be Resolution Number 2016-009. Mayor G. Gomez initiates discussion that the budget reflect the community and proposes amendment to this item to include but Not to Exceed \$10,000 in support of Library Internet and Not to Exceed \$7,500 for preliminary design work for skateboard park be added to FY 15/16 Budget from General Fund.

Motion by Mayor G. Gomez, second by Councilmember L. Benavides

Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, L. Benavides

Abstain: D. Rowlett

Excused: M. Sisk

Motion Passes - Ayes 3, Abstain1, Absent 1

9. Discussion Action Items (*New Business*)

9.1 Recommendation By City Manager: Review Youth Sports Grant That the City Council discuss award for youth sports grant and provide direction to staff.

City Manager J. Jansons – introducing item, it became clear that there are two well-meaning groups involved. I thought it made sense to bring it back to Council to make sure we know what the monies are intended for and make sure the group(s) you intended to provide is getting the finances.

T. Tomson commented – I am the President of the Boys & Girls Club. Originally we did apply for support from the City as Team KO. Since that time, there has been some fallout and we opened our new club as Farmersville Warriors. We simply needed more room. We have almost 40 kids at practices. We resubmitted a new application and there is confusion where the money should go.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – it sounds like both groups are doing great things for the kids.

J. Alvarez, resident of Farmersville commented– we separated both groups, they are making sure we have good organizations and not turning any kids away. I think we are moving in the right direction as long as we work together.

Discussion.

Councilmember L. Benavides commented- why don't we split the \$1000 in half?

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – that is what I was thinking.

Mayor G. Gomez commented – I support that stipulation.

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer made a motion to authorize \$500 to each group and to rescind what we passed earlier. Second was made by Councilmember L. Benavides. Motion passes with a 4-0-1 vote.

Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, D. Rowlett, L. Benavides

Excused: M. Sisk.

Mayor G. Gomez commented – a lot of what the City does goes unnoticed. The Streets department keep the streets safe and fill the holes. The FFD and FPD keep us safe. We have the county librarian here this evening as well, thank you for being part of the partnership. We hope to increase literacy rates for children ages 0-3. I make a motion that we pass the budget and add up to \$10,000 for internet service to the library.

The second piece is the Skate Park. I would like to ask Council to add \$7,500 for the design of a skate park. Second was made by Councilmember L. Benavides. Motion passes 3-1-1.

Ayes: G. Gomez, P. Boyer, L. Benavides

Abstain: D. Rowlett

Excused: M. Sisk

Mayor G. Gomez commented – any further discussion?

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – for the library if we can get it (the internet) going for \$10,000 I'm in favor of that. For Skate Park I'm wondering if it makes sense to have the Recreation Committee to vent it through rather than ourselves.

City Manager J. Jansons commented - Staff recommends that you pass the budget then go ahead and undertake the project. Right now we don't have any resources to go much further with anyone. If you can set aside a budget figure to pursue the work, once we get proposals back then we can fully engage the Recreation Committee.

9.11

Recommendation City Manager and City Engineer Hear project progress presentation on SR198 - Farmersville Blvd Round-Abouts from project team with possible direction to Staff.

City Manager J. Jansons introducing the Farmersville Blvd. Round-About progress. We thought it would be a good idea to have the project team in to share and talk about some dramatic changes that will be happening soon. Most importantly, on March 7 the off-ramps from 198 to Noble will be closed until April 7, 2016. Please pass on the word, and drive carefully. CM Jnaosn then introduces the project team.

Jeff Pallesen and Kirt Carr from Mendoza & Associates – sharing about the update on the roundabout. The reason we are on schedule and on budget is because we have all worked so well together. When we started you had three roads with congestion and safety issues.

PowerPoint discussion. Currently we are in Stage 1B and should be finished right around April. In construction we give estimates based on good weather. To date there have only been 2 Change Orders, that is on the low side. We have made it with minor hiccups. Financially our project is in great shape. We track the contractor's daily progress and can explain where every penny went. The contractor must finish by October per the contract.

April 15 re-open Farmersville overcrossing.

Closure of SR198 on and off ramps will be March 7, 2016 and we will be putting up message boards to alert the public.

Mayor Pro Tem P. Boyer commented – is there any way at all to delay the closing of the over cross?

Jeff Pallesen commented – it would take a lot of money, the PD would get involved and we would need flagmen. There would be a lot more involved.

Discussion...

Mayor G. Gomez commented - at 156 can we put some signs at that stop light and at the Shell station so people know they are still open and residents can get through?

Yes, additional signs have been added. We have N, E, S, W bound traffic signs. We can add additional but I think we have it pretty well set up.

City Manager J. Jansons commented – both Kurt and Jeff have been very good to work with the signs. Dale and Tom have both been involved so the project team is functioning very well. We don't have a weak link in the team it is nice to report that.

Mayor G. Gomez commented - thank you Tom and John for taking me out there to see the work being done. It looks very different than what you see on paper.

10. Council Reports

10.1 City Council Member Reports

Councilmember L. Benavides commented - Thank PD we couldn't find the source of music.

Officer Frausto drove around and found the source of the noise. Benavides concluded by saying, "Thank you, I appreciate that."

Mayor G. Gomez commented – TCAG met today for CMAC related work they are looking at doing over the next four ears.

11. City Manager Report

J. Jansons commented - I spoke with the Caltrans representative to make sure we get the ramp closure on our website.

Wednesday is our Community Outreach event at 881 Farmersville Blvd. and Front St. where the PD will engage with residents to see what they interested in.

Monday is our groundbreaking ceremony for the Sports Park Complex, we are encouraging everyone in the community and neighbors to join us as we leap forward.

March 5 is the Community Services Safety Recognition dinner in Exeter at 6pm. We have FD & PD involved in that. We will take care of the tickets for the Councilmembers.

A brief update, we are searching for the Planning Commission and Delta Vector positions. We are hoping that through word of mouth or the paper we will receive an expression of interest.

12. City Attorney Report

None.

13. Future Agenda Items

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Tentative: March 14, 2016.

A. Proposed strategies for Neighborhood Improvement and Code Assistance, Compliance and Enforcement.

B. Review of Utility Payment and Penalty Processes.

Councilmember L. Benavides commented – there is a car up against the house with a mattress, it is a fire issue.

14. Adjourn to Closed Session or Adjourn to Next Meeting 8:19pm

15. Reconvene to “Report Out” of closed session

A.) Conference with legal counsel – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code § 54956.9(d)).

Initiation of litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4)).

Number of potential cases is: 2.

On the matter listed above, the City Council received an update and voted 4-0 to reject Ruiz (Rodriguez) and Maciel (Gomez) claims. Ayes: Gomez, Boyer, Benavides, Rowlett. Sisk: Absent (Excused).

16. ADJOURN

ATTEST:

Gregorio Gomez
Mayor

Patricia F. Button
City Clerk