



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

Draft Minutes

Farmersville City Council
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Call To Order

By Mayor Gomez

2. Roll Call

Gomez, Sisk, Benavides – Present

Rowlett - Absent

Boyer (Absent w Notice) - Excused by Motion of Sisk, 2nd by Benavides. Vote 3-0: Gomez, Sisk, and Benavides. Rowlett - Absent

3. Invocation

By Benavides

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Gomez

4.i.

Declaration Of City Clerk Pro Tempore
Appoint City Clerk Pro Tempore.

Sisk volunteers, 2nd by Benavides. Vote 3-0: Gomez, Sisk, and Benavides. Rowlett – Absent, Boyer excused.

5. Presentations

5.i.

1) Update on Sports Park Progress.

Kay Hutmaker with Sierra Landscape Design provides update on project status and addresses questions and comment by Council.

2) Update on Round-About Project and Traffic Concerns and Mitigation.

Jeff Pallesen with Mendoza Associates, Project Construction Manager and Resident Engineer provides an update of the Project and addresses comments and question of Council. Report project approximately 69% complete, with 2 to 3 months to go. Roundabout will be open by mid-June for vehicular use as project winds down.

Discusses concerns with traffic detours and delays. Possible mitigation measures include:

Accelerate the work through night and weekend work which might advance the schedule by two to three weeks, but could lead to fatigue/ carelessness accidents and would cost \$25,000 extra and is not recommended.

Hire Flagging crews at est. cost of \$195,000 for three months. Not recommended.

Install temp traffic signals at Walnut / 156 with est. cost of 45,000 for three months. Not recommended.

Important to remember what drivers are experiencing are minor delays of 3- 5mins and that there are no safety concerns so recommendation to maintain status quo because delays are subsiding as drivers increasingly avoid the construction zones as a through-route.

Mayor Gomez praises the Project Team for the progress and safety, but remains concerned about impact to local business.

6. Public Comment

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.

Ms. Billie Shawl addressed the Council about the upcoming Memorial Bench Dedication in memory of Sophia Acosta as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sophie's Story and the Community for Child Well Being Project. All Council and community are invited to attend the April 28 dedication at 3:30 PM at the Museum Event Center located at 881 N. Farmersville Blvd and Front Street.

Ms. Alice Lopez voiced her concern for dangerous crossings of major streets in town. Has seen too many people take chance crossing in traffic and with children in tow and encourages driver s and pedestrians to be safe. Also praised the Police Dept. for stepped up enforcement and ticketing near schools.

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.

7.I.

Recommendation By City Manager: Consideration Of Draft Minutes Of March 28, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Consideration of approval draft minutes of March 28, 2016 City Council meeting.

Documents: [ITEM 7.I DRAFT MINUTES CC 03-28-16.PDF](#)

7.II.

Recommendation By Finance Director: Approval Of Warrants March 1, 2016 Through March 31, 2016.

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Documents: [ITEM 7.II WARARNTS.PDF](#)

7.III.

Recommendation By City Manager: Resolution 2016-012 Regarding CoBank Loan And Updated Signatories.

Recommend approval of draft Resolution 2016-012 Regarding CoBank Loan and Updated Signatories.

Documents: [ITEM 7.III CO-BANK RESOLUTION 2016-012.PDF](#)

Consent Agenda Items 7.I – 7.III approved by Motion of Benavides, 2nd by Sisk with Vote of 3-0: Gomez, Benavides and Sisk.

8. Discussion Action Items (New Business)

8.I.

Consideration Of Request For Sponsorship Of Farmersville High School Football Program
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Documents: [ITEM 8.I FHS FOOTBALL REQUEST.PDF](#)

Coach Gonzalez of FHS spoke in support of the request.

Item 8.I approved by Motion of Gomez, 2nd by Sisk with vote of 3-0: Gomez, Sisk and Benavides.

8.II.

Recommendation By City Manager: Letter Of Support For Improved Internet Access Via AB 1758
Recommend that City Council sign and send letter of support for Assembly Bill 1758, encouraging improved internet and broadband access for rural communities.

Documents: [ITEM 8.II SUPPORT AB 1758 INTERNET FOR ALL NOW.PDF](#)

***City Manager Jansons presented this item encouraging Council support of AB 1758
Item 8.II approved by Motion of Benavides, 2nd by Sisk with vote 3-0: Gomez, Benavides and Sisk.***

8.III.

Recommendation By City Manager: Consideration Of Draft Resolution 2016-013 Authorizing Participation For Farmersville Residents In HERO Energy Program.

Recommend approval of draft Resolution 2016-013 authorizing participation for Farmersville residents in HERO Energy Program.

Documents: [ITEM 8.III HERO PROGRAM AND RESOLUTION 2016-013.PDF](#)

Item 8.III approved by Motion of Sisk, 2nd by Gomez with 3-0 vote: Gomez, Sisk and Benavides.

8.IV.

Recommendation By City Manager And Public Works Manager To Adopt Contractor Pre-Qualification Policy Guidelines.

Recommend approval of contractor pre-qualification policy and guidelines.

Documents: [ITEM 8.IV CONTRACTOR PRE QUALIFICATION.PDF](#)

City Manager Jansons introduces Tom McCurdy, Project Manager from Quad Knopf who presents and explains contractor pre-qualification item. Was developed in close coordination with City attorney. Mayor Gomez if this can / should be used on small projects? McCurdy responds, no too burdensome. For small projects we would use existing procurement policies.

Gomez agrees should not be used on small projects. We want to remain swift and agile.

Rowlett arrives at 7:45 PM.

Item 8.IV approved by Motion of Gomez, 2nd by Benavides by vote of 3-0-1: Gomez, Sisk and Benavides with Rowlett present, but abstaining.

9. Council Reports

9.I.

Individual Councilmember Comments And Reports As City's Committee Representatives

City Council Representatives to External / Internal

Organizations and Committees

Council of Cities: Mayor Gomez
Alternate: Councilmember Benavides

TCAG: Mayor Gomez
Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Boyer

TCAG Rail Comm: Councilmember Sisk

CWMA Board: Mayor Gomez
Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Boyer

EDC: Councilmember Benavides
Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Boyer

Delta Vector: VACANT (Recruitment pending)

Home Loan Approval Committee: Mayor Gomez & Councilmember Benavides

SJVAPCD: Councilmember Benavides
Alternate: Mayor Gomez

2016 Community Funding Ad-Hoc Committee
Mayor Gomez
Councilmember Benavides
Alternate: Councilmember Sisk

Council members present provided updates of their recent attendance and participation at local and regional meetings and events.

Councilmember Benavides attended March EDC meeting, EDC Summit, Event and SJV Nominating Committee Meeting, all were good informative meetings.

Mayor Gomez has been meeting with the School District with Mayor Pro Tem Boyer and has been productive and building a stronger relationship. Praised the Police Dept. for doing a good job with traffic assistance and enforcement. Praised the Crab Feed success. Inquired about CUP

process for existing tattoo business simply wanting to move a few doors down from where they have been operating. CM Janson will looking into a simplified process with Planning.

10. City Manager Report

City Manager Jansons updates the Council and community of several items include:

- *Successful Volunteer Fire Co. Crab Feed*
- *Will bring forward a Planning Commission member candidate at next Council meeting: Mr. Candelarion Becerra*
- *Town Hall and Bench dedication on April 28th.*
- *Opportunities to attend several upcoming League of Cities events and trainings.*
- *The Dump that Junk event on April 14 through 16.*
- *Update efforts on economic development and grocery store recruitment prompted by Councilman Rowlett's inquiry from previous Council meeting.*

11. City Attorney Report

No Report

12. Future Agenda Items

12.I.
Future Agenda Items

Dates Tentative:

1) April 23, 2016 - Special City Council Meeting: Discussion of Council Goals and Priorities.

Council discussed conflicts in their schedules that would not allow for Strategic Planning the weekend of April 23rd or April 30, so CM will look for date in May that might work for all.

2) April 25, 2016 - Public Hearing for Adoption of Housing Element

3) April 25, 2016 - 2nd Reading and Adopt Ordinance 471 pertaining to Organic Waste Recycling.

4) April 25, 2016 - First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 472 Amending Municipal Code Section 1.08 pertaining to Posting of Agendas and Notices

5) April 25, 2016 -First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 473 Amending Municipal Code Section 2.21 pertaining to Meeting Schedule for Recreation Advisory Commission.

13. Adjourn To Closed Session Or Adjourn To Next Meeting

Announced and Adjourned to Closed Session

13.I.
Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S) (Government Code § 54957.6). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session to review its position and to instruct its designated representatives:

Designated representatives: John Jansons, City Manager

Name of employee organization: Farmersville Professional Firefighters (Teamsters Local 517)
Position title(s) of unrepresented employee(s): Fire Chief.

2. PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:
Conference with legal counsel – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)). Significant exposure to litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)).
Number of potential cases is: 1.

14.
Reconvene To "Report Out" Of Closed Session And Adjournment

The City Council received updates on the preceding two items listed under Closed Session, with no reportable action.

15. Adjourn
8:45 PM.

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Minutes By:

Attest:



John Jansons, City Manager



Matt Sisk, City Clerk Pro-tempore