Agenda # 6.1

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
May 9, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held in Civic Center Council Chambers
909 W. Visalia Road Farmersville, California

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call – All Present,
Mayor Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Boyer, Council Members Rowlett, Sisk, and Benavides.

3. Invocation was led by Councilmember Benavides

4. Pledge Of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Boyer

5. Presentations

5.I. Recommendation By Mayor Gomez and Council: Recognition of Mr. Roberto Urquilla
Recognition of Farmersville resident Mr. Roberto Urquilla for completing the 120th Boston Marathon.

Mayor Gomez presented Mr. Urquilla with a Plaque of recognition by the City Council.

5.II. Proclamation By City Council Honoring National Public Works Week.
Proclamation By City Council Honoring National Public Works Week- May 15th to May 21st, 2016.

Tom McCurdy, Public Works Project Manager with Quad Knopf introduced this item in recognition of National Public Works Week and Mr. Dale Wyckoff, City Director of Public Works was presented with a Proclamation by Mayor Gomez and City Council in honor of public works employees.

5.III. Presentation: American Public Works Association National Awards Presentation by Tom McCurdy with Quad Knopf as American Public Works Association (APWA) Delegate for the Central California Chapter of APWA, with possible direction to Staff.

Tom McCurdy, Public Works Project Manager with Quad Knopf introduced this item as delegate from the America Public Works Association (APWA), Central California Chapter to inform the Council that the Cameron Creek Water Restoration Project will be receiving the National APWA Award for Small City Project of the Year in Minneapolis in August. City Manager Jansons encouraged the Council to consider sending a representative to accept the award on the City's behalf. Mayor Gomez motioned to name Councilmember Benavides as City's representative since he was Mayor at the time the project was initiated. Benavides declined due to difficulty for him to go out of town.

Mayor Gomez expressed his interest in being the City's representative. Discussion ensued by Mayor Pro Tem Boyer citing concerns with expense involved. City Manager Jansons said he looked in to fundraising or donations but that proved problematic for City officials.

Discussion ended with no decision or direction from City Council.

5.IV. Presentation by Police Chief on Police Explorers Activities Overview of recent Police Explorer Program highlights by Police Chief Mario Krstic.

Police Chief Krstic introduced this item and Sgt. Ralph Vasquez, Explorer Program Coordinator, presented an overview of the Explorer Program and recent highlights of their activities.

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.

Mary Maldonado, resident, inquired about responsibility for fences between adjoining properties. Staff responded that is between the adjacent property owners to agree on maintenance, repairs, replacement and costs. Ms. Maldonado also expressed concern about package theft from front porches. Mayor Gomez advised her to contact the Post Office. Police Chief Krstic and Code Officer to follow up with Ms. Maldonado.

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 Clerk Pro Tem: Draft City Council Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2016
Consideration of draft meeting minutes from regular City Council meeting of April 25, 2016.

7.II. Recommendation By Finance Director: Warrant Register Recommend approval of Warrant Register for the period April 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016.

7.III. Recommendation By City Engineer: Resolution 2016-019 - West Walnut Avenue Project
Recommend Approval of draft Resolution 2016-019, approving Notice of Exemption for West Walnut Avenue Safe Routes to Schools Project.

7.IV. Recommendation By City Manager: Extension of Lease For 143 E. Front Street
Recommend approval of request to extend lease for 143 E. Front Street with Turning Point of Central California.

Motion to approve by Boyer, 2nd by Sisk,
Consent Agenda Items 7.I, 7.III and 7.IV approved by vote of 5-0 (Gomez, Boyer, Sisk, Rowlett, and Benavides)

Consent Agenda Item 7.II, Warrants Approved by vote of 4-0-1 (Gomez, Rowlett, Sisk, Benavides in the affirmative, with Boyer abstaining from Warrants associated with Self Help Ent.)

8. Discussion Action Items (New Business)

8.I. Recommendation By City Manager: Recreation Fund Grant Request Recommend City Council consider request from Farmersville ASA Pee Wee and Girls Softball for $1,000 from City Recreation Fund.

Motion by Rowlett to approve, 2nd by Benavides. Approved by vote of 5-0 (Gomez, Boyer, Sisk, Rowlett, Benavides).

Mayor Gomez requested staff process grant checks to recipients faster.

8.II. Recommendation By City Engineer: Draft Resolution 2016-018 for Landscape and Lighting Districts for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Recommendation to approve draft Resolution 2016-018 to initiate approval and adoption process for Landscape and Lighting Districts for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Presentation of this item by Tom McCurdy, Public Works Project Manager with Quad Knopf. Discussion and questions by Council regarding areas covered by Districts and process by which rates can be raised.

Motion by Benavides to approve, 2nd by Rowlett. Approved by vote of 5-0 (Gomez, Boyer, Sisk, Rowlett, Benavides).

8.III. Recommendation By City Manager and Chief of Police Regarding Code Assistance, Compliance and Enforcement Program Recommend Council hear an updated presentation by City Manager and Chief of Police regarding Code Assistance, Compliance and Enforcement Program, with possible direction to Staff.

City Manager Jansons presented this time as an update to the Code Discussion form March reaffirming the Council's March direction and progress made in increasing the effectiveness of the program since then.

Comment contributed by Fire Chief Crivello regarding weed abatement and abandoned budding risk management.

Comments by Chief Krstic about Code Officer training and opportunity to adopt International Bldg., Maint. Code, and challenges associated with no value properties and abatements. Cited two recent cases where staff team has taken proactive measures to ensure safety and abate nuisance on Gene St. and Birch St.

Recent articles show that most cities and Fresno in particular, struggle with dilapidated properties and owner responsibility.

Chief Crivello added recognizing challenges of having only a half time code officer. In Porterville for example with a population of over 50, 00, they only have one full-time person. Countywide code officers meetings and networking to resume quarterly this year.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyer inquired about utilizing CDBG Program income for Code activities. Staff will look into that.

Mayor Gomez concerned about lack of enforcement on nights and weekends. Krstic responded he often adjust hours to fill that void and is talking with Woodlake about a sharing arrangement.

9. Council Reports

9.I. City Council Reports

Councilmember Benavides:

Councilperson Benavides expressed his concerns about having too many problems with landlords and renters who just don't care about their behavior. He suggested the City re-evaluate its efforts. He stated that senior citizens don't call the Police they call him for help. He cited examples of loud music, aggressive loose dogs, and that the Council needs to remain vigilant. Officers are good at responding, but these things still happen.

Benavides continues that condition of city is getting worse and it's because of outsiders who are coming in to live in town. Our priorities should be kids and seniors citizens and wonders is staff understands that. He stated that 14 years is long enough to wait for improvement since he's been on Council and stated that together, the Council can solve these problems.

Mayor Pro Tem Boyer:

Commented that Police officers responded well to recent accident with and run of parked car on hi street.

Councilmember Rowlett:

Praised the Police Dept. and shared an experience where he saw the police do a great job to ensure pedestrian safety by stopping traffic for children.

Councilmember Sisk:

No Report

Mayor Gomez:

Inquired about a situation he heard about in a neighboring community regarding impounding of car and what our process sis. Chief Krstic responding about Farmersville's process.

Thanked Police Dept. for attending Parade Planning meeting.

Interested in looking into the residential rental permit process and rules associated with that.

Notified Council of need to have Special City Council meeting on June 6, 2016 to review draft FY 16-17 budget.

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

10. City Manager Report

City Manager Jansons shred a few items including:

1. *That AB 1758, by Mark Stone supported by the Council, was defeated in Committee and will not advance. This bill would have aided rural communities with Broadband access.*
2. *Asked if there were any questions associated with the recent Council newsletter?*
3. *Distributed a copy of breaking news regarding continuance of Water Restrictions by the Governor.*

11. City Attorney Report

No Report by City Attorney Berry.

12. Future Agenda Items

12.I. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda Items - Dates to Be Determined:

1) Special City Council Meeting - Monday, June 6th: FY 16/17 Budget Workshop.

2) 2nd Reading and Adopt Ordinance 471 pertaining to Organic Waste Recycling.

3) First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 472 Amending Municipal Code Section 1.08 pertaining to Posting of Agendas and Notices

4) First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance 473 Amending Municipal

Code Section 2.21 pertaining to Meeting Schedule for Recreation Advisory Commission.

5) First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance considering Amendment to Zoning Code pertaining to Drive Thru uses in Downtown Commercial District.

6) No Parking on Terry Lane

13. Adjourn To Closed Session or Adjourn To Next Meeting

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No Closed Session, Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

14. Signature Line

ATTEST: _____ _____

Gregorio Gomez
Mayor

Paul Boyer,
City Clerk Pro Tem

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