



## Farmersville City Council Regular Meeting

Tina Hernandez, Mayor  
Danny Valdovinos, Mayor Pro Tem  
Gregorio Gomez, Council Member  
Paul Boyer, Council Member  
Armando Hinojosa, Council Member

**Monday, April 24, 2023 6:00 PM**  
Meeting held in Civic Center Council Chambers  
– 909 W. Visalia Road Farmersville, California

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1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call:**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tina Hernandez	Mayor	Present	6:00 pm
Danny Valdovinos	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	6:00 pm
Greg Gomez	Council Member	Present	6:00 pm
Paul Boyer	Council Member	Present	6:00 pm
Armando Hinojosa	Council Member	Present	6:00 pm

3. **Invocation:** *Mayor Hernandez*
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** *Mayor Hernandez*
5. **Public Comment:** *none given*

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. **Introduction of Commander Evrett and Sergeant Pacheco**

*Chief Brock introduced and gave a brief history of Commander Evrett's accomplishments to the Councilmembers. Commander Evrett's son pinned him with his Commander badge.*

*Chief Brock introduced Sergeant Pacheco to the Councilmembers. Chief Brock gave a brief description of Sergeant Pacheco's qualifications and training. Sergeant Pacheco's family members pinned him with his Sergeant badge.*

**B. Special Recognition of Officer Manzano and Officer Mendoza and Letters of Commendation**

*Chief Brock gave a brief history of a call that involved Officer Manzano and Officer Mendoza. Because of the quick and life-saving actions that Officer Manzano and Mendoza performed on a resident of Farmersville, the officers were recognized with letters of Commendations; Chief Brock gave each officer "Life Saving" pins to wear on their uniforms.*

**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. Authorization to waive full reading of ordinances and resolutions and to identify by title only.**

Recommend that the City Council approve the full reading of all ordinances and resolutions be waived and to identify by title only.

**B. Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of April 10, 2023.**

Recommend approval of minutes.

Documents: Draft Action Minutes of April 10, 2023

**C. Finance Update for March 2023: 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 (2022/2023); and
2. Accept the Investment Summary as presented for the period. This reporting period represents investment summary for the previous month.

Documents: March 2023 Warrant Register  
Investment Summary March 2023

**D. Adopt Resolution 2023-014 Approving Agreement with Tulare County OES for a Subaward regarding the FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Programs (SHSGP) Funding for Equipment, Planning, Administration, Training and Exercises**

Recommend that the City Council adopt Resolution 2023-014 to approve and execute the Agreement with Tulare County OES for a Subaward regarding the FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Programs (SHSGP) Funding for Equipment, Planning, Administration, Training and Exercises.

Documents: Award Letter  
Email from Frank Martin, OES  
Subaward Agreement  
Equipment Quote  
Memo from Battalion Chief  
Resolution 2023-014

**E. Measure R Program Supplement to Cooperative Agreement with Tulare County Associations of Government (TCAG) for advance of funds to pay for plant establishment period of the North Farmersville Blvd Widening Project with Resolution 2023-015**

Recommend that the City Council adopt Resolution 2023-015 approving a Supplement to the Measure R Program Cooperative Agreement with Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) to fund the Construction Phase of the North Farmersville Blvd Widening Project.

Documents: Plant Establishment Pay App.  
North Farmersville Blvd Supp. Agreement  
Resolution 2023-015

*Motion to approve as presented.*

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER</b>	Councilmember Gomez
<b>SECONDER</b>	Councilmember Boyer
<b>AYES</b>	Hernandez, Valdovinos, Gomez, Boyer, Hinojosa
<b>ABSENT</b>	0
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	0

**8. General Business**

**A. Adopt 2023-2025 Strategic Plan**

Recommend that the City Council adopt the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan.

Documents: Strategic Plan

*City Manager Jennifer Gomez reviewed with the Council the various priorities that were identified in the three Strategic Planning meetings.*

*Discussion occurred regarding the Strategic Plan.*

*Council recommended these changes:*

- Acknowledge staff for excellent levels of service through employee events and personal recognition.*
- Continue efforts to communicate and collaborate more with staff.*
- Protect the Sphere of Influence to maintain separation from other developments outside city limits.*

*Motion to approve with suggested changes from the Council.*

<b>RESULT</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER</b>	Councilmember Gomez
<b>SECONDER</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Valdovinos
<b>AYES</b>	Hernandez, Valdovinos, Gomez, Boyer, Hinojosa
<b>ABSENT</b>	0
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	0

**B. Review of Draft Budget for General Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-24**

Recommend that the City Council accept, and review materials presented regarding the draft budgets for the General Fund of the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Documents: Draft General Fund Budget Presentation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

*Director of Finance and Administration Steve Huntley presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the budget for the General Fund by department. Mr. Huntley informed the Council that the General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. The overview provided an estimated list of revenues and expenses for the following year.*

*No voting or resolution was needed, this item was just a discussion.*

## **9. Council Reports**

### **A. City Council Updates and Committee Reports**

*Councilmember Hinojosa would like staff to respond to email requests that he sends, letting him know that his recommendations have been completed. He also inquired about dates for the community cleanup. Public Works Director Jeff Dowlen let him know that the cleanup will be sometime in October.*

*Councilmember Boyer thanked Public Works for all their hard work keeping the parks looking nice and keeping up with weed control.*

*Councilmember Gomez attended a TCRTA meeting where an interim was appointed Transit Manager.*

*Mayor Hernandez let staff know that a Farmersville resident inquired about the Community Center's use; she asked about the process. City Manager Gomez informed the Mayor that the resident needed to contact the Boys and Girls Club.*

## **10. Staff Communications:**

*City Manager Gomez updated the Council on the request that the City sent to Congressman Jim Costa and Senator Padilla regarding the street light project and the electrical vehicle structure; the recommendations have been agreed upon and are being forwarded to the appropriation committee. Ms. Gomez also stated that Senator Hurtado and Assemblyman Mathis's offices are still reviewing the requests sent to them from the City. Ms. Gomez informed the Council that FEMA has moved into the County Building next door; FEMA will be there for at least two months, depending on the snow melt.*

*Public Work Director Jeff Dowlen informed the Council that the lake is down to 18%. He also told Council that May and June are peak months for snow melt.*

*Battalion Chief Thomas advised the Council that the fire call volume is over what it was last year at this time. He also let the Council know that the water tender would be ready and delivered at the end of June.*

*Chief Brock informed the Council that training is taking place with all the new promotions. He also told the Council that he is going to be implementing social media and a drone program.*

## **11. Future Agenda Items**

1. Amend Ordinance – Temporary Outdoor Use Permits

**12. Adjourn To Closed Session**

*Mayor Hernandez adjourned to closed session at 7:52 pm.*

**A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APN 130-030-017

Agency Negotiators: Jennifer Gomez and Michael Schulte

Negotiating Parties: Neal Hester

Under Negotiation: Terms and Price

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representative:

Jennifer Gomez, Steve Huntley, Teqia Velyines, and Michael Schulte

Employee organization:

Miscellaneous Employees

Police Officers Association

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 517

Mid-Management Employee Association

Department Heads

**13. Reconvene to Open Session:**

*Mayor Hernandez reconvened the regular session at 9:30 pm. with nothing to report.*

**14. Closed Session Report (if any):**

**15. Adjournment:**

*Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Rochelle Giovani, City Clerk

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