



MINUTES

City Council / Redevelopment Successor Agency Joint Meeting ~ via WebEx

Council Chambers, Chowchilla City Hall
130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla, CA 93610

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Closed Session: 6:00 p.m. - Open Session: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 6:02 p.m.

Mayor/Chair: Diana Palmer

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: Ray Barragan

Council/Board: Waseem Ahmed, John Chavez

City staff and contract employees present: City Administrator Rod Pruett, City Attorney Mary Lerner, Police Chief David A. Riviere, Jr., Fire Chief Fred Gaumnitz, Community & Economic Development Director Mark Hamilton, Public Works Director Jason Rogers, City Clerk Joann McClendon

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions and/or Deletions:

Motion by Council Member Ahmed, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan to Approve the Agenda as Presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

No one spoke.

CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 PM

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Potential cases: 2
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of Litigation 54956.9 – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Paragraph (4) Subdivision (d) (deciding whether to initiate litigation)
Number of Cases: 1

OPEN SESSION – 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Palmer

INVOCATION: Chad Middleton, Chowchilla Volunteer Firefighter/Fire Department Chaplain

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOP - Section 1

1.1 Madera County Economic Development Commission Update by Bobby Kahn, MCEDC Executive Director

Spoke: Cheryl Salter

PUBLIC ADDRESS

No one spoke.

COUNCIL AND STAFF VERBAL REPORTS – Section 2

2.1 COUNCIL VERBAL REPORTS

Legislative, Collaborative Agency, Ad Hoc

Council Member Ahmed attended the weekly High Speed Rail meeting with staff; met with legal regarding ongoing issues; attended a Madera County Transportation Commission meeting in which it was announced that the last day to comment on SR 233 Corridor Study is January 27.

Mayor Palmer participated in a weekly call-in with Madera Hospital where it was reported that ICU beds are at capacity, no elective surgeries being scheduled, age 65+ vaccines are coming soon, military personnel assisting. She received a letter from a class from Fuller Room 32 about how they feel a dog park would benefit the community.

2.2 STAFF VERBAL REPORTS

City Administrator Pruett attended Caltrans and Madera County Transportation Commission meetings; met with bond counsel regarding bond delinquencies and how to manage them; attended the weekly High Speed Rail meeting with staff and Council Member Ahmed; attended a Rancho Calera meeting with staff; attended a staff meeting regarding incoming businesses; participated in the County Oversight Board meeting; reported that the Finance Department staff is diligently completing the annual year end reports;

Fire Chief Gaumnitz reported on hydrant specialists completing one year of hydrant maintenance, and that the department have installed new officers.

Public Works Director Rogers reported that staff followed up on Council's direction from the last meeting in regards to the Ave 24 ½ Shoulder Paving Project and any possible Legacy Ranch obligations. Staff found a development agreement for Legacy Ranch but it was never approved by Council. Additionally, there was no obligation from the City to pave the shoulders included in the draft agreement. He also attended an MCTC meeting last week and one of the bigger discussion items was related to renewing the Measure T Road Sales Tax. The MCTC Board directed staff to begin the process of extending the measure, with the goal of having it potentially placed before voters in 2022. As Councilmember Ahmed stated, The State Route 233 Corridor Planning Study public comment period ends tomorrow. As a reminder, the intent of this plan is not to force any planning efforts or changes to Robertson Blvd. on Chowchilla. Instead, the exact opposite. The purpose was for MCTC to assist Chowchilla in an effort to allow for future funding opportunities by developing a corridor plan. Since most transportation funding is grant based, having a completed study allows for an agency to apply and compete for future funding. The plan does not select a preferred option. In fact, per discussion with Caltrans, elements from any of the options can be selected and reassembled if a future project is needed, while being supported by data. Ultimately though, any proposed changes would need to be approved by Caltrans prior to implementation as they are the owner/operator of Robertson Blvd. Yesterday, the City received delivery of our Sewer Vector Truck. Once staff has received training on safety and proper operation from the manufacturer, it will be placed into City service to assist us with storm water and sewer management and maintenance. A large storm is coming through the area starting

tonight to the weekend, with estimates of up to 3 inches of rain for our area. He will inform the public that they can obtain sand for sandbags at two locations in Chowchilla. One at the Chowchilla Public Works Yard on 1st Street, at the Madera County Public Works Yard on Colusa and out in the County on Ave 24 and Road 19. A map of these locations is on our website and social media. Finally, he thanked the Chowchilla Fire Department for putting out a dump truck fire last week at the Corp Yard. A Mid valley Disposal caught fire during their route and had to eject the load at our yard. The Fire Department was able to put out the fire and ensure staff safety and limited equipment damage.

Community & Economic Development Director Hamilton gave an update regarding code enforcement activities around the community, mentioned staff held the Leap Grant Kickoff meeting, mentioned staff received the PLHA Grant Agreement from HCD to be signed and returned, that Tesla and PG&E submitted site plan review applications for EV Charging Stations which were approved this past week, that staff has a meeting with Project Sunset Team members later this week, that staff received an application for a tire recycling center that processes used tires and makes turns them into rubberized bark. Lastly, one of the tractors working at the StorMax facility caught fire.

IT Systems Administrator Berrocal reported on major projects: re-evaluated back up system for data and switched the backup system to a more robust one. The department started virtualizing current hardware infrastructure for higher server availability; this is the main focus on network infrastructure as it is outdated, with much of the hardware needing to be updated.

CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3

- 3.1 Approval of the January 12, 2021 City Council / Redevelopment Successor Agency Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**
- 3.2 Approval of the January 14, 2021 Special Closed Session Meeting (McClendon)**
- 3.3 Review of November and December 2020 Monthly Financials (Pruett)**
- 3.4 a) Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving the Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Period from July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 on Behalf of the Successor Agency of the Chowchilla Redevelopment Agency (Pruett)**
 - ★ b) A Redevelopment Successor Agency Resolution Approving the Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Period from July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022 (Pruett)**
- 3.5 Consideration of the Quarterly Fee Waiver Report (Pruett)**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve the Consent Calendar as Presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

6.1 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Delegated Maintenance Agreement (DMA) with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for the Maintenance of Landscape Areas Within the State Highway Right-of-Way (Rogers)

Motion by Council Member Ahmed, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan to Approve Council Resolution # 08-20, Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Delegated Maintenance Agreement (DMA) with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for the Maintenance of Landscape Areas Within the State Highway Right-of-Way. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.2 Informational Item – Excel Project Management Program (PMP) Update (Pruett)

6.3 Consideration and Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Initiate a Transition to District-Based Election System Following the Release of the 2020 Census Data (Lerner)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Mayor Palmer to Approve Council Resolution #09-21, to Initiate a Transition to District-Based Election System Following the Release of the 2020 Census Data. Motion passed with Council Member Chavez voting “no”.

6.4 General (Verbal) Update Regarding the State of Emergency and COVID-19; Direction and/or Action (Pruett)

6.5 Consideration of Filling a Council Member Vacancy by Appointment (McClendon)

After the applicants were allowed time to address the Council, it was the consensus of the City Council to form an ad hoc and set up a Special City Council meeting where the applicants will be interviewed and a final decision made. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are the ad hoc members for this. The Special City Council meeting was set for February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

6.6 Consideration to Ratify Council Member Appointments to Collaborative Agencies Made by the Mayor (McClendon)

Minor changes were made and reflected in the 2021 list that is kept by the City Clerk.

6.7 Discussion and Recommendation to Form a Centennial Ad Hoc Committee, and Review Current Ad Hocs for Potential Reassignments (Pruett)

According to the historical list of ad hocs, the Council kept the following active ad hocs:

- Berenda Reservoir Multi-Agency Project Maintenance, Palmer/Barragan
- CalTrans, Ahmed/Palmer
- High Speed Rail, Barragan/Ahmed
- Intergovernmental Collaboration, Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem
- Shipping Container, Chavez/Palmer
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, Barragan/Chavez
- Chowchilla Centennial, Chavez/Palmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

- FEB 9 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7PM, VIA WEBEX
- FEB 15 PRESIDENTS DAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- FEB 17 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, 7PM VIA WEBEX

ADJOURNMENT

The January 26, 2021 City Council / Redevelopment Successor Agency Joint Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

ATTEST:



Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Mayor Diana Palmer