



## MINUTES

### City Council Meeting

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

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:00PM**

Mayor: John Chavez

Mayor Pro Tem: Waseem Ahmed

Council Member: Ray Barragan, Dennis Haworth, Diana Palmer

**City staff and contract employees present:** Acting City Administrator David A. Riviere, Jr., City Attorney James Sanchez, Acting Police Chief Jeffrey Palmer, Fire Chief Harry Turner, Finance Director Rod Pruet, Public Works Director Jason Rogers, Recreation and Community Engagement Director Marty Piepenbrok, City Clerk Joann McClendon

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#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions and/or Deletions:

Motion by Council Member Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Haworth to Approve the Agenda as Presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION**

No one present.

#### **CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 PM CANCELLED**

#### ~~1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d) Paragraph (1)~~

~~Name of Case: California City Employees Association v. City of Chowchilla~~

~~PERB Case Number: SA-CE-1073M~~

#### **OPEN SESSION – 7:00 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Chavez

**INVOCATION:** Elder Alfred Hansen

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT:** Nothing to report as the Closed Session was cancelled. Cancellation Notice posted.

#### **PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOP - Section 1**

None.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Dave Lipinski addressed the Council regarding Berenda Reservoir clean up and two events he is interested in holding at the reservoir.

Nis Nissen addressed the Council regarding concerns over the business vacancies in the downtown area.

Dan Gudgel addressed the Council regarding his family's flight operations at the airport.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2****2.1 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Legislative Items

Oral / Written Reports

Council Member Palmer attended the Crossroads Christian School dinner and CAPMC orientation, Amy Varney's installment to the CESD School Board.

Council Member Barragan attended the Annual Stampede Cattel Drive on Robertson Boulevard and the Helping One Woman dinner.

Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed attended the Annual Stampede Cattle Drive.

Council Member Haworth attended a meeting with the Sons of the American Legion.

Mayor Chavez attended the California Department of Corrections Annual Crab Feed Dinner and the Helping One Woman dinner.

**2.2 STAFF REPORTS**

Written/Oral Reports

- Sessions Project Update – Acting City Administrator Riviere. A positive meeting was held. There may be an item regarding this project on the March 26, 2019 Council agenda.

City Clerk McClendon updated the Council on the Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax Citizen's Oversight Committee; appointments will be made at the next Council meeting. The City Administrator recruitment will open April 1, 2019 with ads in the Western City publication, CalOpps and other public forums. The Compensation & Classification Study bid award will be on the next Council agenda, as well.

Recreation and Community Engagement Director Piepenbrok announced the even season is about to begin again starting with the Easter event. Met with Girls Softball regarding use of the building at Ed Ray Park. New park rules signs will be popping up throughout all City parks. A "Dog Park Survey" has been created. Working with the Madera County Clerk on venues other than City Hall to hold public meetings related to elections. In IT, working on budgeted technology upgrades including a 3-year Master Replacement Plan.

Public Works Director Rogers updated the Council on the National Flood Insurance Program enrollment; new well and water storage site progress; JCI and the demolition of the water tower at the Corporation Yard.

Finance Director Pruett finalized the sale of POB's.

Acting Police Chief Palmer announced returning staff member who was off on a work-related injury.

**CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3**

- 3.1 Approval of the February 26, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**
- 3.2 Review of Monthly Check Register for February 2019 (Pruett)**
- 3.3 A City Council Resolution (17-19) Declaring the Existence of a Public Nuisance by Virtue of Certain Weed Growth (Turner)**
- 3.4 Consideration to Endorse a Letter Supporting Flexibility for Local Financing of Infrastructure and Affordable Housing Under Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 1 (Riviere)**
- 3.5 Consideration to Update the Job Descriptions and Salary Scale for Police Lieutenant and Police Commander (Riviere)**
- 3.6 Consideration to Approve the Close Out of the Rule 20A Undergrounding Project (Rogers)**
- 3.7 A City Council Resolution (18-19) Designating Eligible Projects for SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding (Rogers)**

**Motion by Council Member Barragan, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed to Approve the Consent Calendar as Presented. Motion passed by roll call vote with Council Member Palmer abstaining.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4**

- 4.1 A City Council Resolution (19-19) Authorizing a Submittal of an Application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Ability to use Reuse Funds, the Execution of a Standard Agreement, any Amendments Thereto, and of any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Pruett)**

Mayor Chavez opened the public hearing at 7:31 PM.

No one came forward for or against the item.

Mayor Chavez closed the public hearing at 7:32 PM.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, Seconded by Council Member Palmer to Approve Council Resolution # 19-19, Authorizing a Submittal of an Application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Ability to use Reuse Funds, the Execution of a Standard Agreement, any Amendments Thereto, and of any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5****NEW BUSINESS – Section 6**

- 6.1 Presentation of the City’s Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Financial Statement Audit (Pruett)
- 6.2 A City Council Resolution (20-19) Accepting a Proposed Budget Change to the City Budget as Part of the Mid-Year Budget Update for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year (Pruett)

**Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution # 20-19, Accepting a Proposed Budget Change to the City Budget as Part of the Mid-Year Budget Update for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

- 6.3 Consideration of the Madera County Economic Development Commission’s Proposed 2019-2020 Annual Basic Service Level Budget (Riviere)

**Motion by Council Member Palmer, Seconded by Mayor Chavez to Approve the Madera County Economic Development Commission’s Proposed 2019-2020 Annual Basic Service Level Budget. Motion passed by roll call vote with Council Members Barragan and Haworth voting “no”.**

- 6.4 A City Council Resolution (21-19) Declaring Certain Unused City Property as Surplus and Authorizing Staff to Dispose of Surplus Items by Sale at Auction (Turner)

**Motion by Council Member Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Approve Council Resolution # 21-19, Declaring Certain Unused Property as Surplus and Authorizing Staff to Dispose of Surplus Items by Sale at Auction. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

- 6.5 Consideration to Schedule a City Council Town Hall Meeting to Invite Public Discussion to Help Develop the Next Fiscal Year Budget (Piepenbrok)

It was the consensus of the City Council to hold a Town Hall Meeting in the Chowchilla City Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6PM.

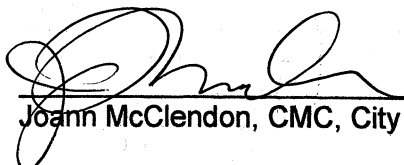
**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7**

- MAR 13 EDC STATE OF THE COUNTY LUNCHEON, MADERA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, 11:30AM
- MAR 15 CHOWCHILLA WESTERN STAMPEDE GYMKHANA, FAIRGROUNDS 6PM
- MAR 16 CHOWCHILLA LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY & BBQ 11AM & 1PM
- MAR 16 CHOWCHILLA LIONS CLUB SPRING ROUND-UP DINNER, EASTMAN HALL, FAIRGROUNDS 6PM
- MAR 16-17 CHOWCHILLA WESTERN STAMPEDE BARREL RACING, FAIRGROUNDS, ALL DAY
- MAR 17 SAINT PATRICK’S DAY \*

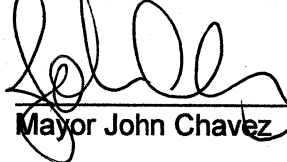
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Ahmed, Seconded by Council Member Barragan to Adjourn the March 12, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ATTEST:

  
 Joann McClendon, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
 Mayor John Chavez