



## MINUTES

### Chowchilla City Council Meeting

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

**Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 6:06 PM

Mayor: Dennis Haworth

Mayor Pro Tem: Ray Barragan

Council: Waseem Ahmed, John Chavez, Mary Gaumnitz

**City staff and contract employees present:** City Administrator Brian Haddix, City Attorney Scott E. Huber, Police Chief Dave Riviere, Fire Chief Harry Turner, Community & Economic Development Director David Hanham, Finance Director Rod Pruett, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve the Agenda as Presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION

No one present.

#### CLOSED SESSION – 6:08 PM

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**  
Agency Designated Representatives: City Administrator, City Attorney  
Employee Organizations: Chowchilla Police Officer Association, Chowchilla City Employee Association, Chowchilla City Office Employees Association, Chowchilla Mid-Management/Confidential Association and Non-Represented Staff

#### OPEN SESSION – 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** City Attorney Scott Huber

**INVOCATION:** Madera County Sheriff Jay Varney

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT:** No reportable action taken.

#### PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOP - Section 1

- A. Presentation by First 5 Madera County: Preschool Mobile Vision Pilot Project**

First Five Madera County Executive Director Chinayera Black introduced the presentation and Special Projects Manager Diane Sandoval presented a PowerPoint showing a mobile vision unit pilot program at the local elementary schools.

**B. Presentation by the Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce: Local Business Update**

Paige Hill spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce regarding local business preferred vendor and if the City has this language in the bid policy.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce Manager Stacy Wisener updated the Council on their upcoming events.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2**

**2.1 COUNCIL REPORTS**

Legislative Items  
Oral / Written Reports

Council Member Chavez attended Concerts in the Park.

Council Member Ahmed attended Concerts in the Park and the Madera County Transportation Commission meeting.

Mayor Haworth attended Concerts and Movies in the Park and the Community Action Partnership of Madera County Board meeting.

**2.2 STAFF REPORTS**

Written/Oral Reports

City Administrator Haddix attended and/or met with the following: Full Circle Renewables Energy Plant, Amond World, west side land owners regarding status of their projects.

Recreation and Community Engagement Director Piepenbrok gave an update of upcoming events including stats.

Public Works Director Rogers reported the following: staff is still working on Well 1A; the city is back to a 2-day watering schedule; moving forward with other water improvement projects that include the water storage tank at the Corporation Yard; Well 5A perforations are clogged and will take a few weeks to repair; working on a Request for Proposal for Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition System Design and Management; sustainable communities grant application in progress; collaborating with the County for the Fairmead Sewer Consolidation plan.

Chowchilla Resident Michael Hahn asked how many total wells there are and how many of those are working. Director Rogers reported there are eight total wells; five running wells and three wells not running.

Chowchilla Resident Constantino Herrera asked about watering, what it would take to be able to have additional days of watering. Rogers replied the water storage project, booster pumps, along

with other projects planned for this fiscal year should allow the City to run more than two days per week of watering by next summer.

Michael Hahn stated the areas in Greenhills look bad.

Paige Hill requested that the City Administrator explain the progress occurring with development as there are people in the audience who may not understand how the process works.

Finance Director Pruett is coordinating the annual audit; collaborating with Director Hanham for the Community Development Block Grant Program Income application and HOME grant.

Community and Economic Development Director Hanham is currently working on the following: Specific Plan comments being addressed; Sessions subdivision environmental in progress; Zoning Ordinance comments being processed; site plan reviews for Subway, Togo's, Panda Express, and several automotive businesses.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR – Section 3**

**3.1 Approval of the July 10, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes (McClendon)**

**3.2 Review of Monthly Financial Report for June 2018 (Pruett)**

**3.3 Authorization to Issue and Circulate a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Professional Legal Services (Haddix)**

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Gaumnitz recusing her vote for Item 3.1 as she was not present at that meeting.**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4**

**4.1 First Reading/Waiver of First Reading and Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Ordinance Adding Chapter 3.13, a “Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax” to the Chowchilla Municipal Code; and, Possible Adoption of a Resolution (65-18) to Place a Ballot Measure Before the Voters in November 2018 (Ritchie)**

Mayor Haworth opened the public hearing at 8:09 PM.

Spoke for:

Eddie Simpson, with additional education to the community

Madera Sheriff Jay Varney

Constantino Herrera, by changing the title from “loss” of services to “enhance” services

Stacy Wisener

Fred Gaumnitz

Sharon Bump

Marlene Holst

Sergeant Daniel Denny

Ray Haney, if selection of oversight committee is NOT appointed by the Council

No one spoke against the item.

Mayor Haworth closed the public hearing at 9:19 PM.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve Council Resolution #65-18, Ordering that a Measure to Adopt a Special Tax be Submitted to the Voters of the City of Chowchilla at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018 and Directing the City Attorney to Prepare an Impartial Analysis of the Measure, Amending Measure Title from “preventing the loss of Chowchilla’s local Police Department” to “Enhance Chowchilla’s Local Police Department”. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**4.2 First Reading/Waiver of First Reading and Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 1.20 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code to Create and Implement Cost Recovery Program for all Nuisance Abatement Actions (Haddix)**

Mayor Haworth opened the public hearing at 9:25PM.

No one came forward for or against the item.

Mayor Haworth closed the public hearing at 9:25PM.

**DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5**

None

**NEW BUSINESS – Section 6**

**6.1 A City Council Resolution (66-18) Authorizing an Extension of Council Resolution #64-15, Authorizing a 50% Rebate of the City’s Share of General Sales Tax for the First Three Years of Operation to New Businesses that Occupy Vacant Buildings in the City of Chowchilla (Hanham)**

Mayor Pro Tem Barragan recused himself from this item.

**Motion by Council Member Gaumnitz, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve Council Resolution #66-18, Authorizing an Extension of Council Resolution #64-15, Authorizing a 50% Rebate of the City’s Share of General Sales Tax for the First Three Years of Operation to New Businesses that Occupy Vacant Buildings in the City of Chowchilla. Motion passed by roll call vote with Mayor Pro Tem abstaining.**

**6.2 City Council Resolutions Authorizing a Waiver of the Lien for a) 309 Sonoma in the Amount of \$338.00; and, b) 8020 Lakeshore Drive in the Amount of \$193.34 (Turner)**

Mayor Pro Tem Barragan recused himself from this item.

**Motion by Council Member Gaumnitz, Seconded by Council Member Chavez to Approve Council Resolution #67-18, Authorizing a Waiver of the Lien for 309 Sonoma in the Amount of \$338.00. Motion passed by roll call vote with Mayor Pro Tem Barragan abstaining.**

**Motion by Council Member Gaumnitz, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve Council Resolution #68-18, Authorizing a Waiver of the Lien for 8020 Lakeshore in the Amount of \$193.34. Motion passed by roll call vote with Mayor Pro Tem Barragan abstaining.**

**6.3 A City Council Resolution (69-18) Authorizing the City Administrator and Finance Director to Waive Liens With Special Circumstances up to \$1000.00 (Turner)**

**Motion by Council Member Gaumnitz, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Approve Council Resolution #69-18, Authorizing the City Administrator and Finance Director to Waive Liens With Special Circumstances up to \$1000.00. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**6.4 A City Council Resolution (70-18) Adopting the Madera County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (Turner)**

**Motion by Council Member Ahmed, Seconded by Council Member Gaumnitz to Approve Council Resolution #70-18, Adopting the Madera County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**6.5 A City Council Resolution (71-18) Appointing an Administrative Hearing Officer (Rogers)**

**Motion by Council Member Ahmed, Seconded by Council Member Gaumnitz to Approve Council Resolution #71-18, Appointing an Administrative Hearing Officer. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**6.6 Request to Form an Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Improvements and Opportunities at Berenda Reservoir (Piepenbrok)**

**Motion by Mayor Haworth, Seconded by Council Member Ahmed to Form an Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Improvements and Opportunities at Berenda Reservoir for the 2019 Season and Appoint Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Chavez to the Committee. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**


**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7**

- JULY 26 MUSIC IN THE PARK, "QPOP RADIO" CONCERT, VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, 7:30PM
- JULY 27 MOVIE IN THE PARK, "JUMANJI", VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, 8:30PM
- AUG 14 CITY COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETING, CESD BOARD ROOM, 6PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Barragan, Seconded by Council Member Gaumnitz to Adjourn the July 24, 2018 City Council Meeting at 9:57PM. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

ATTEST:

  
Joann McClendon, CMC,  
City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Mayor Dennis Haworth