

**ACTION MINUTES OF TULARE  
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF TULARE**

**April 18, 2017**

**A closed session meeting of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North “M” Street.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Carlton Jones, Maritsa Castellanoz, David Macedo, Greg Nunley, Jose Sigala

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Carlini, Heather N. Phillips, Janice Avila, Roxanne Yoder

**I. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Jones called the closed session to order at 6:40 p.m.

**II. CITIZEN COMMENTS** - Comments from the public are limited to items listed on the agenda (GC 54954.3a). Speakers will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

There were no citizen comments presented.

**III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):**

Mayor Jones adjourned to closed session at 6:40 p.m. for items as noted on the agenda as stated by Interim City Manager Joe Carlini.

(a) 54957(b)(1) – Public Employment: City Attorney

**A regular session meeting of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North “M” Street.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Carlton Jones, Maritsa Castellanoz, David Macedo, Greg Nunley, Jose Sigala

**STUDENTS PRESENT:** Ashley Logue, Yash Bhakta

**STUDENTS ABSENT:** Mirian Espinoza

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Carlini, Darlene Thompson, Janice Avila, Wes Hensley, Cameron Long, Rob Hunt, Michael Miller, Steve Bonville, Nick Bartsch, Traci Myers, Jason Bowling, Roxanne Yoder, Melissa Hermann

**IV. RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Jones reconvened from closed session at 7:27 p.m.

**V. CLOSED SESSION REPORT (if any)**

Mayor Jones advised staff was directed to prepare a Request for Proposals for City Attorney Services.

**VI. ADJOURN SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Jones adjourned closed session at 7:27 p.m.

**VII. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Jones called the regular meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

**VIII. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIAND AND INVOCATION**

Interim City Manager Joe Carlini led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by City Engineer Michael Miller.

**IX. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mayor Jones requested those who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Council, or to address or request a matter be pulled from the consent calendar to do so at this time. He further stated comments related to general business matters would be heard at the time that matter is addressed on the agenda.

Donnette Silva-Carter of the Chamber of Commerce reported on upcoming Chamber events, advising of Rosa's ribbon cutting scheduled for April 19 and the State of the City event scheduled for May 19.

**X. COMMUNICATIONS**

- (1) **Communication from Soroptimist of Tulare regarding Summit Against Human Trafficking, April 25, 2017.** Marmie Fidler and Callie Tripp addressed the Council regarding the upcoming Summit.

**XI. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**It was moved by Council Member Macedo, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz, and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar by approved as presented.**

- (1) **Authorization to read ordinances by title only.**

- (2) **Approve minutes of March 31, April 4 and 6, 2017 special/regular meeting(s).**
- (3) **Authorize Piggy Back purchase using the City of Visalia Contract RFB-16-17-19/ P.O. # P01457 for Purchase of 2017 Dodge Police Pursuit Vehicle from McPeck Dodge and contract with Lehr in Sacramento for the outfitting of the car for a total expenditure of \$38,488.69.**

## **XII. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

### **XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- (1) **Certificate of Recognition honoring Jaden Enriquez, Mission Oak High School Wrestling.** Mayor Jones presented Jaden Enriquez with a certificate of recognition.
- (2) **Certificates of Recognition honoring the Mission Oak High School CIF Winter Section Division 3 Girls Soccer Championship.** Mayor Jones presented the Mission Oak High School Girls Soccer team with certificates of recognition.

### **XIV. STUDENT REPORTS**

Ashley Logue and Yash Bhakta reported on various school related activities.

### **XV. CONVENE JOINTLY AS TULARE CITY COUNCIL AND TULARE CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE TULARE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY –**

Mayor Jones convened as the Successor Agency and Tulare City Council at 7:56 p.m.

- (1) **Successor Agency:**
  - a. **Recommend a purchase offer to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the Tulare Redevelopment Agency for purchase of Assessor Parcel Number (“APN”) 176-031-001, Property #21 for the amount of \$22,900 to Laura Sanchez De Zaragosa.** General Services Director Steve Bonville provided a report for the Joint Bodies’ review and consideration. It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz, and unanimously carried that the item be approved as presented.
  - b. **Recommend a purchase offer to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the Tulare Redevelopment Agency for purchase of Assessor Parcel Number (“APN”) 176-076-004, Property #22 for the amount of \$220,000 to Rithy Lin.** General Services Director Steve Bonville provided a report for the Joint Bodies’ review and consideration. Mayor Jones raised a question regarding the Broker’s Opinion of Value versus the sale price.

General Services Director Steve Bonville stated that due to the condition of the building, staff felt the sale price was fair being that the buyer would be rehabbing the property to improve its commercial use. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Council Member Macedo and unanimously carried that the item be approved as presented.

- c. **Recommend a purchase offer to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the Tulare Redevelopment Agency for purchase of Assessor Parcel Number (“APN”) 181-050-043, Property #25 for the amount of \$25,000 to Ron Vander Weerd.** General Services Director Steve Bonville provided a report for the Joint Bodies’ review and consideration. It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Council Member Macedo and unanimously carried that the item be approved as presented.

**XVI. ADJOURN AS TULARE CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND REMAIN SEATED AS THE TULARE CITY COUNCIL –**

Mayor Jones adjourned as the Successor Agency and remained seated as the Tulare City Council at 8:01 p.m.

**XVII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Comments related to General Business Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Council.*

**(1) City Manager:**

- a. **Receive update on AB 2 Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities and provide direction to staff.** Interim City Manager Joe Carlini provided a report for Council’s review and consideration. Council Member Sigala provided additional information regarding the item. Following a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sigala to direct staff to develop a report that would identify areas within the city that would meet the criteria established in the legislation and the feasibility of implementation, costs and staff time associated with implementation. The motion failed for lack of a second. It was further moved by Council Member Nunley, seconded by Council Member Sigala to direct staff to conduct a small amount of research (one or two days) to determine if the city qualifies and provide a one to two page example of pros and cons of how this would be good or not for the City of Tulare, and carried 4 to 1 (Mayor Jones voting no) to direct staff as stated on the record.

- b. **Consideration of appointment of Police Review Board Members by Mayor Jones and Council Member Macedo for terms ending December 31, 2018.** With no discussion, Council Member Macedo nominated Dick Johnson to serve as his appointment. Mayor Jones nominated Chris Soria to serve as his appointment.
- c. **Appointment of Board of Public Utilities Member by the Mayor, one for a term ending December 31, 2019 to be confirmed by the Council as outlined in the Tulare City Charter Section 52.** Mayor Jones invited Thomas Griesbach and Stephen Fagundes to address the Council as to their interest to serve. Following short interviews, Mayor Jones nominated Thomas Griesbach to be appointed to the BPU. It was moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Council Member Sigala, and unanimously carried to confirm the appointment.

**(2) Finance/Transit/General Services:**

- a. **Approve an extension with MV Transportation, Inc. for the management and operation of the city's fixed-route and dial-a-ride transit services for an additional year (August 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).** General Services Director Steve Bonville provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Finance Director Darlene Thompson provided additional information regarding questions posed by Council. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Sigala to approve the item as amended instructing staff to work with area cities in the development of an RFP for metro type services, the motion was seconded by Council Member Nunley, but failed 2 to 2 (Mayor Jones and Vice Mayor Castellanoz voting no). It was further moved by Mayor Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz and carried 3 to 1 (Council Member Sigala voting no) to approve the item as presented.

*[Council Member Macedo left the meeting at 8:50 p.m. prior the following items:]*

**(3) Engineering:**

- a. **Accept the findings and recommendations of the speed zone studies for segments of Cartmill Avenue and Bardsley Avenue prepared by Peters Engineering Group and city staff, set the public hearing for the Ordinance implementing the study for the Council meeting of May 2, 2017, to consider the pass-to-print for the Ordinance amending the existing speed zones.** City Engineer Michael Miller provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz, and unanimously carried 4-0 (Council Member Macedo absent) to approve as presented.

- b. **Review design alternatives and cost estimates for improvements to the Cartmill Avenue and Hillman Street intersection and the potential improvements to the Cartmill Avenue corridor between the Cartmill Avenue Interchange at Highway 99 and Hillman Street; and provide direction to Staff regarding potential phasing and funding of these improvements.** Senior Project Manager Nick Bartsch and City Engineer Michael Miller provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council present to select Option 3.

**XVIII. COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES, REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – GC 54954.2(3)**  
Council Member Sigala requested the Council add the following items to the meeting agenda of May 16, 2017, as follows:

Consideration of a Letter of Support for AB 431, which would require all national armories remain open for warming shelters in winter months. It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Macedo absent) to add the item as stated on the agenda for May 16.

Direct Fire and Parks to provide a report on City of Tulare Cooling Center policies for review, discussion and possible changes. It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Macedo absent) to add the item as stated on the agenda for May 16.

Request the Chief of Police Wes Hensley provide a report on how the police department addresses homelessness in the City of Tulare, and request Community Development Deputy Director Traci Myers to work with Council Member Sigala on identifying various agencies that provide services to the homeless and invite them to present those services to the Council. It was moved by Council Member Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Castellanoz and clarified by Mayor Jones that the motion is for the Police Chief to give a presentation on what they currently do for the homeless, that's it. Following that clarification, it was carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Macedo absent) to add the item as requested on the agenda for May 16.

**XIX. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Jones adjourned the regular meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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President of the Council and Ex-Officio  
Mayor of the City of Tulare

**ATTEST:**

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Chief Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of the  
Council of the City of Tulare