

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

April 16, 2019

A regular session of the City Council, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Jose Sigala, Dennis A. Mederos, Carlton Jones, Greg Nunley,

COUNCIL ABSENT: Terry Sayre

STUDENTS ABSENT: Greg Garcia, Alex Arroyo

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Mario Zamora, Janice Avila, Wes Hensley, Luis Nevarez, Steve Bonville, Traci Myers, Brian Beck, Trisha Whitfield, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Sigala called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Community Development Deputy Director Traci Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given by Chamber CEO Donnette Silva-Carter.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Sigala 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, Chamber CEO invited Council to the new Escape Room in Tulare and introduced Leadership Tulare participants.

Euler Torrez addressed the Council regarding the upcoming Viva Tulare Street Fair beginning May 3.

James Province addressed the Council regarding the upcoming National Police Week May 12 – 18, 2019.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Council Member Nunley, seconded by Council Member Jones and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Sayre absent) that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented with the exception of item(s) 4, 7, 8, 9 & 10.

- (1) **Authorization to read ordinances by title only.**
- (2) **Approve minutes of April 2, 2019 special/regular meeting. [Submitted by: R. Yoder]**
- (3) **Approve a request by Vice Mayor Mederos to reimburse the Economic Development Assistance Fund in the amount of \$650 from the discretionary portion of his travel funds 001-4010-2416, as allowed per policy adopted by Resolution 18-02. [Submitted by: R. Hunt]**
- (4) **Accept the required public works improvements for the Quail Creek No. 5 Subdivision located west of Morrison Street, south of East Bardsley Avenue as complete, authorize the City Engineer to sign the Notice of Completion, and direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Tulare County Recorder's Office. [Submitted by: M. Miller]** Council Member Nunley pulled the item to recuse himself due to a business conflict and left the room. With no discussion it was moved by Council Member Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor Mederos and carried 3 to 0 (Council Member Sayre absent; Council Member Nunley recused) to approve the item as presented.
- (5) **Conditionally approve the final map and subdivision improvement agreement for Phase 1 of the Kensington Estates subdivision for recordation, and accept all easements and dedications offered to the City, subject to receipt of the signed final map, all fees, and other required items prior to June 15, 2019. [Submitted by: M. Miller]**
- (6) **Adopt Resolution 19-13 authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for an electric vehicle grant from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) and sign all applicable paperwork. [Submitted by: S. Bonville]**
- (7) **Reject the liability claim for damages filed by Jacob Adney on April 5, 2019. [Submitted by: J. Avila]**
- (8) **Reject the liability claim for damages filed by Jerod M. Boatman on April 4, 2019. [Submitted by: J. Avila]**

- (9) **Reject the liability claim for damages filed by Fred Ynclan on April 4, 2019. [Submitted by: J. Avila]**

Items 7, 8 & 9 were pulled at the request of City Attorney Zamora due to a legal issue that requires additional research. These items will be reagendaized for the April 23 special meeting.

- (10) **Reject the liability claim for damages filed by Attorney James H. Wilkins on behalf of Greg Nunley, Great Valley Builders, et. al. [Submitted by: J. Avila]** Council Member Nunley pulled the item to recuse himself due to being the claimant and left the room. Vice Mayor Mederos requested discussion on the item. City Attorney Zamora commented on the law regarding 1090 violations. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor Mederos and carried 3 to 0 (Council Member Sayre absent; Council Member Nunley recused) to reject the claim as presented.

VI. SCHEDULED CITIZEN OR GROUP PRESENTATIONS

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- (1) **Consideration to establish an ad hoc committee for the upcoming visit of the Mayor of Inverell Shire Council, Australia, Tulare's Sister City during June 29 through July 1, 2019 and identify available funding to be utilized toward welcoming and touring during said visit, authorizing any necessary budget transfers. [Requested by: J. Sigala]** Mayor Sigala provided a brief report for the Council's review and consideration. Vice Mayor Mederos and Mayor Sigala expressed interest in serving on the ad hoc committee. Following discussion and comments it was moved by Mayor Sigala, seconded by Vice Mayor Mederos and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Sayre absent) to form the committee and allocate \$200 from each travel budget for a total of \$1,000 toward the upcoming visit.

VIII. STUDENT REPORTS

IX. 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) Community Development:

- a. **Review and adoption of Resolution 19-14 adopting the City of Tulare's Program Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and Program Year 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan Amendment and provide direction to staff for the submission of the final reports to Housing and Urban Development (HUD). [Submitted by: T.**

Myers] Community Development Deputy Director Traci Myers provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Mederos, seconded by Mayor Sigala and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Sayre absent) to adopt Resolution 19-14 as presented.

(2) City Manager:

- a. **Approve a request to allocate \$3,000 from the Social Service Fund as the City of Tulare's cost share to Tulare County Task Force on Homelessness for the purposes of hiring HomeBase to prepare a 10-year strategic plan. [Submitted by: R. Hunt]** Interim City Manager Rob Hunt provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. With no discussion, it was moved by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Nunley and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Sayre absent) to approve the item as presented.
- b. **Provide clarification of attendees for the International Council of Shopping Centers ("ICSC") RECon event in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 19 – 22, 2019. [Submitted by: R. Hunt]** Mayor Sigala provided a clarification that at the meeting of March 5, 2019, that the Mayor be the only member to attend. Discussion ensued. Staff was directed to reagendaize this matter for the special meeting of April 23.

X. COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES, REPORTS OR ITEMS OF INTEREST – GC 54954.2(3)

Mayor Sigala sought support to place an item on the May 7 agenda in recognition of National Police Week May 12 – 18, 2019, with no objection made, staff was directed to place the item on the May 7 agenda.

XI. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Sigala adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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