

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

**April 23, 2019**

**A joint session of the City Council and Board of Public Utilities, City of Tulare was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chambers, 491 North "M" Street.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jose Sigala, Dennis A. Mederos, Terry Sayre, Carlton Jones<sup>6:08 p.m.</sup>

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Greg Nunley

**BPU PRESENT:** Jim Pennington, Howard Stroman, Tom Griesbach, Chris Harrell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rob Hunt, Mario Zamora, Janice Avila, Wes Hensley, Luis Nevarez, Steve Bonville, Josh McDonnell, Michael Miller, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Nick Bartsch, Roxanne Yoder

**I. CALL TO ORDER JOINT MEETING**

Mayor Sigala and Board President Pennington called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Sigala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mayor Sigala requested public comment.

No public comment presented.

**IV. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BUDGET REVIEW PRESENTATION  
GENERAL DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE DIRECTION RELATED THERETO**

Interim City Manager Rob Hunt provided a brief report for the Council's review and consideration and introduced Finance Director Darlene Thompson who provided a PowerPoint presentation related to Fund 601. Mr. Hunt reported on Fire Facilities Fund 210. General Services Director Steve Bonville provided an update on Fleet Services Fund 004 and Airport Fund 605. IT Manager Jason Bowling provided an update on Technology Fund 603. Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield provided an update for the Board and Council's review and consideration of Water Fund 610, Groundwater Fund 027, Water Supply Facility Fund 260, Sewer/Wastewater Fund 615, Surface Water/Storm Drain Fund 647 and Solid Waste Fund 612.

Staff responded to questions and comments posed by the Board and Council.

Senior Project Manager Nick Bartsch provided an update and addressed questions posed by the Council regarding the 17-19 Completed Transportation & Utility Projects, proposed 19-24 Transportation & Utility Projects, Fund 643, funding assumptions, annual transportation, maintenance projects, current projects, proposed potential projects and next steps. Council requested staff to look at an item to identify funding for a city-wide study to calm traffic and address safety issues related thereto.

With no further discussion, Council by consensus directed staff to move forward as presented.

#### **V. ADJOURN JOINT MEETING AND REMAIN SEATED AS THE TULARE CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Sigala and Board President Pennington adjourned the joint meeting at 7:40. Mayor Sigala advised of remaining seated as the Tulare City Council.

#### **VI. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION**

Mayor Sigala called to order the Special General Business Session at 7:45 p.m. and asked for public comment.

Sheri Hayes addressed the Council regarding safety and accessibility of the street conditions at 241 S. Silva.

Robert & Michelle Duran and other residents addressed the Council regarding traffic concerns in their neighborhood specific to speeding vehicles.

#### **VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **(1) Engineering/Project Management:**

- a. **Receive a list of proposed projects to be funded through Senate Bill No. 1 (SB 1) revenues; and adopt Resolution 19-15, which includes the 2019/20 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funds in the City's 2019/20 Capital Improvements Projects program budget and identifies a list of proposed projects that will utilize those funds. [Submitted by: N. Bartsch]** Senior Project Manager Nick Bartsch provided a report for the Council's review and consideration. With no discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Sayre and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Nunley absent) to approve the item as presented.

**(2) City Manager:**

- a. **Clarification and selection of attendee(s) to represent the City of Tulare at the ICSC ReCon event scheduled for May 19 – 22, 2019, in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Submitted by: Per Council direction]** Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Sayre and carried 4 to 0 (Council Member Nunley absent) to send Mayor Sigala and Council Member Jones to ICSC as noted.

**(3) Human Resources/Risk Management:**

- a. **Reject the liability claim for damages filed by Jacob Adney on April 5, 2019. [Submitted by: J. Avila]**
- b. **Reject the liability claim for damages filed by Jerod M. Boatman on April 4, 2019. [Submitted by: J. Avila]**
- c. **Reject the liability claim for damages filed by Fred Ynclan on April 4, 2019. [Submitted by: J. Avila]** Council Member Jones recused himself and left the room at the suggestion of City Attorney Mario Zamora, as he is named in the claims. With no discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Mederos, seconded by Council Member Sayre and carried 3 to 0 (Council Member Jones recused, Council Member Nunley absent) to reject the claims in items a, b and c, as requested.

**VIII. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Sigala called to order closed session at 8:25

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

Mayor Sigala adjourned to closed session at 8:25 p.m. for those items as stated by City Attorney Mario Zamora. Council Member Jones left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

- (a) 54957(b)(1) – Public Employment/Appointment: City Manager
- (b) 54956.9(d)(2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1) no further facts to state [Submitted by: M. Zamora]

**X. RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Sigala reconvened from closed session at 10:31 p.m.

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

Mayor Sigala advised there were no reportable actions.

**XII. ADJOURN SPECIAL SESSION**

Mayor Sigala adjourned the special meeting at 10:31 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