



August 9, 2010 Minutes
Regular Joint City Council/★ Redevelopment Agency Meeting
130 S Second St., Civic Center Plaza, Chowchilla
6:00 PM Closed Session - 7:00 PM Open Session

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mayor/Chairman: Kopshever
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: Alexander
Council/Board Members: Chavez, Haworth, White

City staff and contract employees present: Acting City Administrator/Police Chief Jay Varney, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Wayne Padilla, Fire Chief/Interim Deputy Director of Public Services Harry Turner, Contract Engineer Mike Giersch, Acting City Clerk Cindy Black, Contract Attorney Neal Costanzo.

PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

6:00 pm CLOSED SESSION

- 1: **Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation, Gov. Code Section 54956 (a)**
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Number of Cases: 4
- 5: **Public Employee Evaluation, Gov. Code Section 54957**
Position: All Public Employees

7:05 pm - OPEN SESSION

INVOCATION: Police Chief/Acting City Administrator Varney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Fire Chief/Interim Deputy Director of Public Services Turner

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: **Meeting of 07/26/2010:** It was reported that the pending litigation of Chowchilla Historical Society vs. City of Chowchilla was dismissed.

CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

Stephen Qualls, Central Valley Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities reported on Proposition 22: the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act to keep the state from taking, borrowing and/or redirecting more local funds. He asked Council for their support in funding the proposition. He also asked for the community's support noting there will be a golf tournament fundraiser to help raise funds to see the proposition through.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

David Jones, Madera Disposal Systems, presented Council with current and upcoming projects. The City's oil recycling program is successful. A new initiative, part of AB32, Global Warming Solution Act of 2006, is in the works for commercial recycling within the city limits with an implementation start date of January 2012. Another

new program in the works, in conjunction with the Chowchilla Chamber of Commerce, is an electronics and battery waste recycling program. Also, September 18 is the next citywide cleanup day.

Joyce Costa, 404 Riverside, spoke in behalf of Friends of Madera Animal Shelter (FMAS). FMAS is working with different local companies on obtaining an estimate for shelter repairs. FMAS has raised funds for the repairs. She also asked for any monetary donations to assist with ongoing repairs. Chief Varney asked to direct any FMAS questions to Michelle Boyle, Animal Control Officer.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2

2.1: COUNCIL REPORTS: Legislative Items:
Oral / Written Reports:

Councilman White attended the Madera Coalition meeting, an economic development meeting (in place of mayor pro tem), the Lioness Casino Night Annual Fundraiser, the presentation of the new courthouse in Madera, and the Southeast Garden Club Scholarship Dinner. He requested staff to post salaries on the City's website to provide transparency to the public.

2.2: AD HOC/COMMITTEE UPDATES: Oral / Written Reports: None.

2.3: STAFF REPORTS: Written/Oral Reports: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Section 3

- 3.1: Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Joint Council/Redevelopment Agency Meetings of July 26, 2010 (Black)**
- 3.2: Consideration of General Payments and Payroll for the Month of August 2010 (Padilla)**
- 3.3: Consideration of a Resolution #58-10 Approving an Agreement with the State of California Controller's Office for the Preparation of the Annual Street Report (Padilla)**
- 3.4: Consideration of a Proclamation "In Honor of the Vietnam War Veterans and the Vietnam War Memorial Wall Exhibition" (Black)**
- 3.5: Consideration of Resolution #59-10 Ratifying a Revised Lease Agreement for Photocopiers with Zoom Imaging Solutions, Inc. (Padilla)**
- 3.6: Consideration of Resolution #60-10 Confirming the Basis for Establishing the Fiscal Year Assessments for the Pheasant Run, Greenhills and Community Facility Special Districts (Padilla)**
- 3.7: Consideration of Resolution #61-10 Approving an Agreement with Madera County to Create a Fee Schedule Related to the Processing of Special Assessments Placed on the County Tax Roll (Padilla)**

Jackie Flanagan, Chowchilla Chamber Manager, spoke on item 3.3, noting that she did not receive the bid for this item to be able to distribute to local accountants. She asked for the opening and closing dates when the bid went out.

Assistant City Administrator Padilla clarified that this report is prepared annually and its format is designed by the State Controller's Office in which the information is collected from all local agencies and compiled into one extensive information packet.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Haworth, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended, including Council Resolution #58-10, #59-10, #60-10 and #61-10. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4

4.1: Consideration of a Resolution #62-10 Confirming Diagram and Assessment of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Levy for Landscape Maintenance and Lighting District No. 90-1 (Giersch)

Glenn Pace, Penbrook Development Manager, owns the 560 acres located on the north side of E Robertson Blvd, east of Highway 99. They requested to set up a meeting with the attorney's and staff to resolve the assessment dispute.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman Haworth, to approve Council Resolution #62-10, Confirming Diagram and Assessment of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Levy for Landscape Maintenance and Lighting District No. 90-1. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5

5.1: Continued Discussion of the FY 2010-2011 Budget and Cost Reduction Alternatives (Padilla)

Jeff Palmer, 1544 Roosevelt, presented handouts in regards to recent police department statistics.

Jackie Flanagan, Chamber of Commerce Manager, spoke in regards to cost reduction item 14, eliminating funding to the Chamber of Commerce. The Board understands the City's current financial position and hopes that when the economy recovers, the City will help support the Chamber again.

Eric Yancy, 913 Lake, spoke in favor of keeping the police department.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman White, to Implement Budget and Cost Reduction Alternative numbers 3) Sell Mariposa Apartments, 5) Restructure Debt Service on old City Hall, 6) Sell Corporation Yard to RDA, 7) Review last grant effecting cash balance, 13) Cancel janitorial contract and replace with unclassified position or use existing staff through furlough reduction, 18) Shop lease reduction - Landlord offered \$480/mo. Savings, 19) Reduce operating budget based on further review of programmed costs, 26) Reduce operating budget based on further review of programmed costs, 29) Donations to cover K-9 overtime for 10 months, 32) Reduce operating budget based on further review of programmed costs, 33) Utilize Madera County for counter help with planning/permit issuance; building inspector handles code enforcement & utility site inspections, 34) Reduce operating budget based on further review of programmed costs, 35) Reduce operating budget based on further review of programmed costs, 36) Reduce operating budget based on further review of programmed costs relating to office supplies (\$300); Conferences (\$600) and 37) Reduce operating budget based on further review of programmed costs for Safety Equip. (\$100); Internet/website (\$300). Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Added Cost Saving Items for additional research and analysis: Nextel cell phones, or 14A; Campus Resource Officer, or item 30A; and uniforms, or 14B.

Council asked that staff keep them informed on any additional cost saving items not listed or mentioned this evening.

NEW BUSINESS – Section 6

6.1: Consideration of Resolution #63-10 Approving Requested Deferments of the Annual Assessment for Landscape Maintenance and Lighting District No. 90-1 of the City of Chowchilla for the 2010-2011 Tax Year (Padilla)

Glenn Pace, Penbrook Development Manager, encouraged staff to move this forward for approval, including their Specific Plan.

Motion by mayor Kopshever, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander to approve item 6.1, including Resolution #63-10, as presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.2: Consideration of Acceptance of 2009 Alley Improvements, CML-5258 (018), 11th & Robertson Improvements, SR2SL 5258 (022) (Giersch)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Alexander, seconded by Councilman White to approve Item 6.2 as presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

6.3: Consideration of Resolution # -10 of Intention to Approve an Amendment to Contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council City of Chowchilla to include Industrial Disability Retirement (Black)

Motion by Mayor Kopshever, seconded by Councilman White to move this item to Closed Session. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7

Aug 11	Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, Civic Center, 12pm
Aug 13	City of Chowchilla Parks & Recreation's 21st Annual Community Block Party, Sports & Leisure Park, 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Aug 13	City Offices, except Public Safety, will be closed every Friday during August 2010
Aug 14-16	Vietnam Moving Wall Display, Veterans Memorial Park, 600 W. Robertson Blvd Special Opening Ceremony Aug 14 at 10:00 am
Aug 18	Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7:00 PM
Aug 20	Furlough Friday, City Offices Closed
Aug 21	Community Volunteer Clean-Up Day, Veterans Memorial Park, 8:30 AM
Aug 21	Chowchilla Fairgrounds E-Cycle Event, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 9:00 PM - 12:00 PM
Aug 23	Council/RDA Meeting, Civic Center, 6PM Closed, 7PM Open Session
Aug 27	City Offices, except Public Safety, will be closed every Friday during August 2010
Aug 21	Trinity Crisis Pregnancy Center Benefit Dinner, 9:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION – Continued if Necessary

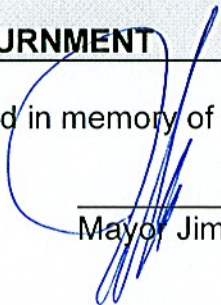
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Alison A. Thiel.



Cindy Black, Acting City Clerk



Mayor Jim Kopshever

Next Council Resolution: 64-10
Next RDA Resolution: 11-10
Next PFA Resolution: 02-10