



**November 8, 2011 Minutes**  
**Regular Joint City Council/★ Redevelopment Agency Meeting**  
**130 S Second St., Civic Center Plaza, Chowchilla**  
**6:00 PM Closed Session - 7:11 PM Open Session**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor/Chairman: ALEXANDER  
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair: JACKSON  
Council/Board Members: HAWORTH, HEBERT, KOPSHEVER

**City staff and contract employees present: City Administrator Mark Lewis, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Wayne Padilla, Contract City Attorney Tom Ebersole, Police Sergeant Dave Riviere, Fire Chief Harry Turner, Contract Engineer Mike Giersch, Chief Deputy City Clerk Cindy Black.**

**PUBLIC ADDRESS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

None.

**6:00 pm CLOSED SESSION**

**1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Gov Code Section 54956.9 (a)**

Number of Cases: 3

Chowchilla District Historical Society v. City of Chowchilla  
Madera County Superior Court Case Number MCV-045680

City of Chowchilla v. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Madera County Superior Court, Case number MCV-057653

Greenhills Holdings, LP v. City of Chowchilla  
Madera County Superior Court, Case number MCV-058019

**2: Public Employment, Gov. Code Section 54957**

Titles: City Engineer/Public Works Director  
Community and Economic Development Director

**7:00 pm OPEN SESSION**

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Walker

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Sgt. David Riviere

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

**CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS**

- **Veterans Week Proclamation**

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

John Kirwin, 808 Trinity Avenue, explained how there was a separate Veteran's District that legislature allowed to combine with a Hospital District. The local Veteran's are requesting Council's help to look into separating the two Districts, reinstating the Veteran's District. The funds from the Veteran's District can help pay for upkeep of Veteran's Park.

Joyce Costa, 404 Riverside, reported that FMAS will tour the Chowchilla animal facility next Saturday between noon and 2pm. She invited Council to attend as well. She also noted that the Chowchilla animal shelter is in need of electrical wiring repairs to run a clothes dryer. She was quoted \$900 from an electrician. She requested Council's assistance with ideas to raise the funds for repairs.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS – Section 2**

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

On October 27, Mayor Pro Tem Jackson attended a meeting with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**2.2: COLLABORATIVE AGENCY COMMITTEE UPDATES:** Oral / Written Reports:

**2.3: STAFF REPORTS:** Written/Oral Reports:

Asst. City Administrator Padilla noted details regarding the new Express Bill Pay: 150 signed up with 300 successful payments. The City has received positive reports from customers.

Chief Turner reported on the Washington Road project. There will be intermittent closures as undergrounding electrical lines begin.

Ebersole presented a staff report regarding the City's graffiti ordinance. He will meet with the Chief next week on fine-tuning the city's current graffiti ordinance and should be ready to present to Council in a December Council meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - Section 3**

- 3.1: Consideration of Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 20, 2011 (Black)**
- 3.2: Consideration of Minutes of the Joint Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting of October 25, 2011 (Black)**
- 3.3: Consideration of Monthly Check Listing for General Payments and Payroll (Padilla)**
- 3.4: Consideration of Resolution #109-11 Acceptance of \$200 from Vern Moss for the ongoing operational expenses of the Chowchilla PD K9 Unit (Varney)**

- 3.5: **Consideration of a Resolution #110-11 Approving the Sale of the Mariposa Apartments and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute all Documents Related to the Sale (Padilla)**
- 3.6: **Consideration of a Resolution #111-11 Approving the Application for Cal EMA Funding and Identifying the City's Authorized Designees to Sign Related Documents (Padilla)**
- 3.7: **Consideration of Resolution #112-11 Canceling the November 22, 2011 and December 27, 2011 City Council Meeting (Black)**
- 3.8: **Consideration of Resolution #113-11 Appointment to the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Black)**

*A motion was made by Council Member Haworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jackson to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passed by roll call vote.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – Section 4**

None

**DEFERRED BUSINESS – Section 5**

None

**NEW BUSINESS – Section 6**

- 6.1: **Discussion of High Speed Rail and the Economic Impact on the City of Chowchilla, Review of the City's Position on High Speed Rail, Update on Madera County Task Force, Appropriate Action/Direction to City Staff and Authorization for the Mayor to Send Correspondence (Lewis)**

Council Member Kopshever attended several meetings with the Madera County Task Force. Madera County put together a response to the Draft EIR/EIS, much like the City of Chowchilla. The Task Force looked at mitigations for all the proposed alignments.

*A motion was made by Council Member Kopshever, seconded by Council Member Haworth to authorize staff to draft a final letter of comments to the California High Speed Rail Authority addressing the Draft EIR/EIS that will include the Table of Impact estimates for traffic mitigation. Motion passed by roll call vote.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Section 7**


Nov	Chowchilla Fairgrounds Market Place, see City website for hours of operation
Nov 9	Chowchilla District Chamber of Commerce Board Mtg, Civic Center, 12:00 PM
Nov 10	Furlough Day, City Offices Closed
Nov 11	City Offices Closed in observance of Veterans Day
Nov 11	Annual Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony, Veterans Memorial Park, 11:00 AM
Nov 16	Planning Commission Meeting, Civic Center, 7:00 PM
Nov 18	City Offices, with the exception of Public Safety, will be closed
Nov 19	Chowchilla Market Place Movie Night at the Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Park area, 7:00 PM

Nov 22 CANCELLED-City Council Meeting, Civic Center, 7:00 PM  
Nov 23 Furlough Day, City Offices Closed  
Nov 24&25 City Offices Closed In observance of Thanksgiving

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Council Member Kopshever, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jackson to adjourn the November 8, 2011 Joint City Council/RDA Meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed by voice vote.***

ATTEST:

  
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Mark Lewis, City Administrator

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor David Alexander

**Next Council Resolution: 114-11**  
**Next RDA Resolution: 10-11**  
**Next Ordinance: 461**