

PRESENT: Councilmembers G. Gonzalez Jr., Martinez & Mendoza

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Diaz, Marquez, Zacarias and Castillo

ABSENT: Lopez

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items (IV. A-D)

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 8, 2016
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Right of Way Agreements, Grant Deeds, Temporary Construction Easement Deeds and Funds Disbursements for Those Properties Associated With the City of Woodlake South Valencia ADA Project
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reappoint Paul Lira, Johnny Varela and Joe Perez to the Planning Commission Board

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR. IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDER. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Acquisition for the Property with APN # 060-131-016.

City Administrator Lara reported the following: the Woodlake City Council instructed staff to look at the acquisition of bare land that may be used in the future to promote improvements, development and commercial opportunities. City staff engaged Union Pacific to look at the possibility of acquiring the property with APN# 060-131-016. The property is located at the corner of southwest corner of Naranjo Blvd. and Acacia St. As part of the City's due diligence the City obtained a Natural Hazard Disclosure Report (Attachment No. 1), a Preliminary Title Report (Attachment No. 3) and did not find the site in question on the Cortese List provided by the California EPA, the Geotracker List provided by the State Water Resource Control Board, the County of Tulare List of solid waste disposals and active cease and desist orders and cleanup abatement orders. City staff found no environmental issues with the property.

After months of negotiations Union Pacific agreed to sell the property with APN# 060-131-016 for one hundred fifty one thousand four hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$151,497.00). The property is 33,666 square feet and the City would be paying \$4.50 a square foot. The City will also acquire 3,704 square feet of right-of-way on Acacia St. at no cost.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY WITH APN # 060-131-016. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake
ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR., IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND CONTINUE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAKE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project
ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR., IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND REAFFIRM THE APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY OF WODDDLAKE WELL PROJECT.
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reject All Bids for the Construction of the City of Woodlake Plaza Project and Authorize Staff to Rebid the Project
 City Administrator Lara reported there was only one bid submitted and it was \$285,000 over budget. He asked council to reject bid and allow staff to go out to bid again on March 2nd. Mayor Mendoza asked what type of license the city requires. City Administrator Lara stated Class A. Councilmember Martinez asked if the City was in the legal right to reject bid and go out to bid again. City Attorney Diaz stated yes.
ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR., IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AND REJECT ALL BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REBID THE PROJECT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- E. Information: Code Enforcement
 City Employee Waters gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding code enforcement (see attached)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Items from Staff
City Employee Waters – reported the installation of water meters has started and all is going well. There is a total of 315 meters installed.
City Administrator Lara – reported KSEE 24 news will be doing a story on the bald eagle and Caltrans will be available for any questions they may have. The Roundabout is moving along, there have been some minor issues near Magnolia, but we will know more tomorrow. Rite Aid will have their Grand Opening on Thursday, February 25th at 10:00 am.
Chief Marquez – reported an arrest has been made regarding the arson at the Citrus Packing House and they are still waiting for the arrest of one more individual. There was a hit and run near Dollar General. The individual was later arrested.
Student Representative Castillo – reported girls soccer is playing in Fowler on Tuesday night for semi-finals. A rooster's bus is available and the cost is \$10. Boys Baseball is away in Farmersville and Girls Softball is in Exeter. This is FFA week and various activities will be going on all week. Senior Parent night is tonight and also a band concert.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember Martinez – reported there will be an alumni game on Friday, March 5th Woodlake vs. Tranquility. Also, some house numbers not visible, which could be a problem for police or fire personnel. He asked staff to look into who could repaint numbers for residents.

Councilmember Ortiz – reported she will be out of town on Thursday, her brother passed away and she will be attending the services in Arizona.

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. – thanked City Administrator Lara and Police Chief Marquez for how they handled the situation with the skaters last week. He stated the skaters were very receptive and wanted to know what they could do to help with the vandalism situation. Youth soccer is starting soon and he will have information for City Clerk Zacarias to post on Facebook and city website.

Mayor Mendoza – reported he attended a TCAG meeting in Woodlake and most of the talk was about the roundabout project. A traffic study was conducted and studies show there are a lot of speeders. Mayor Mendoza invited everyone to attend his State of the City address on March 8th, at 6 pm. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers.

C. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items

VII. CLOSED SESSION

1. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:

Conference with legal counsel – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)).

Initiation of litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d) (4)).

Number of potential cases is: 1 .

MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:27 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:30 PM

Mayor Mendoza stated no action was taken and there was nothing to report.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Governing Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by members of the public. The matters the Council will meet on in closed session are identified below or are those matters appropriately identified in open session as requiring immediate attention and arising after the posting of the agenda. Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1

“Documents: If distributed to the Council less than 72 hours before a regular meeting, any public records which are subject to public inspection and pertain to an open-session item on the regular meeting agenda shall be available at the following address at the time they are distributed to a majority of the Council: 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, California 93286. Public records distributed to the Council at a public meeting will be available to the public at such meeting if they were prepared by the City. Exemptions and details in Government Code § 54957.5 (a) shall apply.”

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, CA 93286.

City Council:

Rudy Mendoza - Mayor

Frances Ortiz - Vice Mayor

Louie Lopez - Councilmember

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk

Code Enforcement Update

City Code Enforcement Efforts

- Over the last month, city staff increased code enforcement efforts
- City has primarily focused on three issues:
 - Lawn Parking
 - Property Storage & Abandoned Vehicles
 - Downtown Design Rules
- To do this, staff has created a new Code Violation notification forms, created a spreadsheet to track violations, and a file system that can be easily accessed for each violation

Process

- City staff will first notify the resident of their violation
 - Notice grants them a certain amount of time to comply
- If the resident is unwilling to comply, the City will begin the citation process
 - The citation usually includes some type of fee and has a hearing process, if the resident would like to appeal the citation

Lawn Parking

- City has banned lawn parking
- Issued 39 notifications
- 36 complied before we issued a citation
- 3 citations issued



Residential Storage

- Residents cannot leave abandoned vehicles or items on their property
- Issued 24 notifications
- 22 complied before citations
- 2 citations issued



Abandoned Vehicles

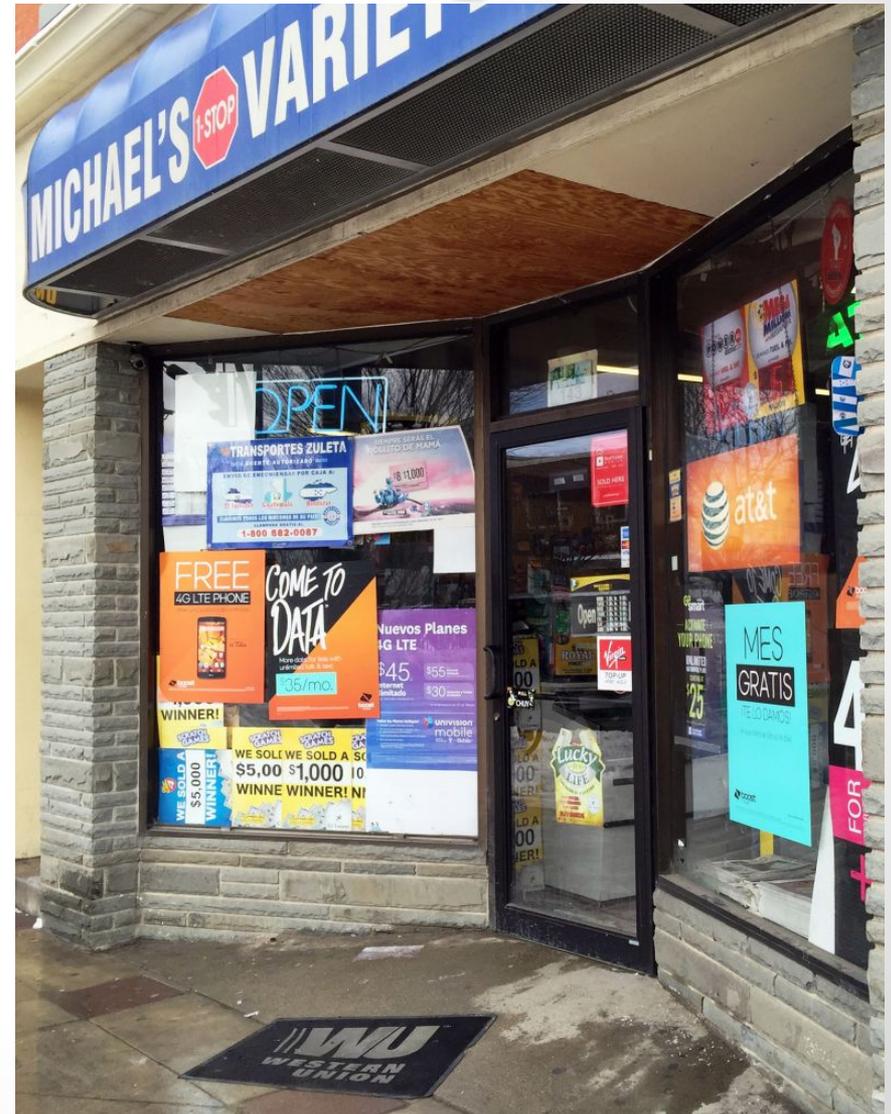
- Residents cannot leave abandoned vehicles or items on their property
- Issued 8 notifications
- 8 complied before towing
- 17 other notifications have been issued, compliance date has not lapsed



Downtown Design

- City rules regarding commercial business:
 - Windows can only have 10% coverage
 - Vinyl/Cloth Banners can only be used for 30 days out of the year and only 1 is allowed, requires permit. This includes “feather banners”
 - Downtown signs must receive a permit
 - Signs must comply with certain design standards

Example of Non-Compliance



Example of Compliance





Downtown Design

- City has started enforcing existing design rules for commercial businesses
- Issued 11 notifications
- 8 complied before we issued a citation
- 3 extensions granted

Continued Effort

- City hopes to add a Code Enforcement officer via grant funding that will continue and increase these efforts
- A presentation will also be given to the EDB and local businesses

Questions/Comments