

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

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Diaz, Marquez & Castillo

ABSENT:

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marti Winkler, 551 Cypress Apt. 39, Woodlake – Miss Winkler expressed concern in the City moving the County library from its current location to the new community center which will be located downtown. She felt many students would not be able to access library if it was moved downtown. The traffic may also be an issue if kids are walking. She stated the current location is best for the students because it give kids a safe place to stay after school. If moved across town, some parents may not allow their kids to stay there. Miss Winkler asked what agency is making the final decision to move library. She attended a school board meeting and asked the board members and they stated they were not aware of the move of the county library. City Administrator Lara stated city staff has been communicating with both county staff and the school superintendent regarding the possibility of the relocation of the county library. Ultimately, the county will make the final decision if the relocation will be allowed. City Administrator Lara invited Miss Winkler to come and talk to him during regular business hours and he would be happy to share the details of the relocation

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on April 11, 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: Approval of the City of Woodlake's Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Amendment No. 2
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake
- F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project
- G. Action: Deny Claim for Damages from Paulino Carrasco Filed on April 18, 2016
- H. Action: Deny Claim for Damages from Raul Leon Guzman Filed on April 21, 2016

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Information: Water Updates

City Employee Waters reported the following: He has attended two water meetings today regarding the GSA program. The different agencies are discussing which GSA to join. There is still a lot of discussing going on. He will keep council informed as information becomes available.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Object to the Sale of the Tax Defaulted Property and Application to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement with the County of Tulare for the Property with APN No. 061-100-08500
City Administrator Lara asked Mayor Mendoza to go into closed session to discuss Item B.

MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:40 PM

MEETING RECONVEND AT 7:06 PM

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR. IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND OBJECT THE SALE OF THE TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTY AND ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF TULARE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Hafeltry Development Company, LLC for the Property with APN # 060-131-016

City Administrator Lara reported the resolution was needed to set May 9th as the public hearing date.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY ORTIZ IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH HAFELTRY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize Contract Negotiations with The Taylor Group Architects to Provide Architectural Services for the Woodlake Community Center Project

City Employee Waters reported the following: the City of Woodlake released a RFQ to find a firm that could provide architectural services for the design of the Woodlake Community Center. City staff conducted eight interviews to determine which firm would be the most qualified to provide these services. Based on the interviews, it was determined that The Taylor Group Architects was the most qualified consultant for the project. If the City cannot come to an agreement on cost or services with The Taylor Group Architects, staff will enter negotiations with the next qualified bidder.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTUION AND AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TAYLOR GROUP ARCHITECTS. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Administrator Lara – Updated council on the status of the City’s roundabout project.
City Clerk Zacarias – Reported the Step Up event is Friday at Miller Brown Park from 4 pm to 8 pm. The Rodeo parade is Saturday, May 7th and any councilmember interested in having a float, please let city staff know as soon as possible.

Student Representative Castillo – Updated Council on local sports.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. – Reported youth soccer will be starting soon. The high school Sober Grad committee is seeking donations both monetary and gifts for their event.

Joe Martinez – Reported he has received many complaints regarding the bollard lights being too bright at night and it impairs the driver’s vision. City Administrator Lara stated the lights are standard and mandated by caltrans.

Mayor Mendoza – Announced First Time Homebuyers event.

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 – Deciding whether or not basis exists for closed-session for anticipated litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(3)).
Number of potential cases is: 1 (APN# 061-100-085)
2. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:
Conference with legal counsel – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).
☐ Parties, case/claim no.
☒ Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.
3. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:
Conference with legal counsel – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).
☒ Parties, case/claim no. Sunset Waste
☐ Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.
4. **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 7:50 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:15 PM

Mayor Mendoza stated no action was taken on Items 1, 2 and 3. On a motion by G. Gonzalez Jr and second by Lopez it was voted to file a government claim against the Woodlake Cemetary. Approved Unanimously.

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, May 9, 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 8:20 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias
City Clerk