**WOODLAKE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES July 25, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Mendoza, Lopez, G. Gonzalez & Ortiz

**OTHERS:** Lara, Waters, Marquez, Diaz & Zacarias

**ABSENT:** Martinez

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

 A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 11, 2016

 B. Action: Approval of Warrants

 C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake

 D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project

 E. 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

 F. Action: Deny Claim for Damages from Sammy Medina Filed July 19, 2016

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Information: Recognition of Student Representative

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. presented Ms. Karissa Castillo with a plaque in appreciation for her great service as the City Council student representative for school year 2015-2016.

1. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Parkwood, Gentle Hills Estates, Olive Estates, Castle Rock Park, Olive Vista and Castle Rock Park Phase II Districts

**PUBLIC HEARING**

 City Administrator Lara reported the following: all assessment district property owners were notified of the public hearing date and location. The costs have not changed from the previous year. The costs allow for maintenance of grounds and lights plus incidental costs such as administration and engineering.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:34 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:35 PM**

Councilmember G. Gonzalez Jr. asked how the costs were determined for each district. City Administrator Lara stated costs are determined by size of lots and population of residents.

**ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR., SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Variance 2016-01, Bredd, Inc.

City Employee Waters reported the following: the applicant, Bredd Inc., has applied for a variance from the lot width standard of the RM-3 (multi-family residential, one unit per 1,500 square feet) district. The lot width standard for this district is 50 feet. The applicant is requesting a lot width of 35 feet. This will permit the applicant to construct a single family dwelling on a proposed lot that would have the dimensions of 35 feet by 135 feet. Councilmember Ortiz asked how many bedrooms the homes will have. City Administrator Lara stated 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a detached garage.

 **ON A MOTION BY G. GONZALEZ JR., SECOND BY LOEPZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE VARIANCE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

 D. Information: Nomination of a City of Woodlake Resident to Serve on the Measure R Citizens’ Oversight Committee

 City Clerk Zacarias reported the following: the City of Woodlake was previously represented on the Measure R Citizens’ Oversight Committee by Ms. Lucy Cardenas. Her term expired on June 30, 2016 and she is eligible for another two year term. Ms. Cardenas has expressed interest in continuing to serve as the City of Woodlake representative on the Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The term will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. City Staff has published the vacancy in the Foothill Sun Gazette. The deadline to complete an application for consideration is August 12. Council can then review applications and appoint a representative at the August 22, 2016 council meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Employee Waters – Reported city staff continues to do outreach to the community regarding the newly installed water meters.

City Administrator Lara – Reported there is a new refuse schedule. All residents will receive the new schedule with their next utility bill. The new schedule will take effect September 12th. MidValley Disposal will also do outreach to residents to inform them of the new schedule. Landscaping will begin next week at the Roundabout. The Plaza should be complete by September. September 11th is the 3rd annual Mariachifest at Miller Brown Park. On September 24th various activities will be held at Miller Brown Park for the City of Woodlake 75th anniversary celebration.

City Clerk Zacarias – Reported the Summer Night Lights program held their last event last Friday. The Wednesday swim nights averaged about 200 in attendance. The Friday swim and activities nights averaged about 400 in attendance.

B. Information: Items from Council

Mayor Mendoza – Reported he had attended the Council of Cities meeting and the discussion was the air pollution and how we measure up. There was also discussion regarding watering schedules in the various cities in Tulare County. The City of Tulare is the only city that allows 3 days of watering. They are going to review their schedule and ask their council to amend to only allow 2 watering days. Congressman Nunes will be hosting an event on August 31st to distribute information. More information regarding the event will be reported at the next council meeting. Mayor Mendoza stated he would like the City of Woodlake to form an advisory board. He asked city staff to bring this subject back to the next council meeting for discussion.

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 – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d) (1)).

[x]  Parties, case/claim no. Sunset Waste

[ ]  Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

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[x]  Parties, case/claim no. Garibay vs. City of Woodlake

[ ]  Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:56 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:10 PM

Mayor Mendoza stated no action was taken and there is 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, August 8, 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 7:11 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk