

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mendoza, Lopez, Martinez & Ortiz

OTHERS: Lara, Marquez, Waters, Diaz & Zacarias

ABSENT: G. Gonzalez Jr.

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rudy Garcia, 154 Pepper, Woodlake – Mr. Garcia spoke as a representative from the Woodlake Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is asking City Council for a donation to their annual car show. In past years, the city has donated \$100 to the Chamber. Chamber is asking for a donation of \$250 for this year to help with the car show and additional future projects. The car show will be held July 15th. Mr. Garcia also reminded everyone that the Chamber will be “arresting” residents tomorrow for the Chamber jail fundraiser. Bail is \$25.00.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 24, 2017
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Monthly Report of Investments
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project
- F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the City of Woodlake’s Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Appropriations Limit
- G. Action: Adoption of Proclamation: Proclamation from the City of Woodlake Proclaiming the Week of May 21-27, 2017 as National Public Works Week

ON A MOTION BY LOPEZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ, IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize Staff to Proceed with the Process of Placing a Woodlake General Sales Tax Measure and a Marijuana Tax Measure on the Ballot

City Employee Waters reported the following: The Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) held a meeting on May 1st to further discuss two potential tax measures within the City of Woodlake. At the meeting, City Staff asked the CAC to make a recommendation to Council regarding if the City should proceed with the two potential sales tax measures. At the meeting, the CAC’s recommendation was to proceed with both tax measures and to further examine how the measure would be implemented and what level of tax would be appropriate. Currently, the City is considering a general sales tax measure that would be used to fund public safety and community services. Prior to requesting the ballot measure, the City will need to determine what the tax rate will be and what types of the projects the City wishes to prioritize. The Marijuana Sales Tax measure will require the City

to determine what types of marijuana industries the City wishes to tax. Currently, City Staff is requesting that a tax be placed on the cultivation of marijuana and the sale of marijuana. The City will also need to consider the rules and conditions by which the City would allow these industries to operate within City limits. If the City decides to move forward with both sales tax measures, the City must devote staff time and financial resources to put both measures on the ballot. Armida Martinez, 648 N. Acacia, Woodlake a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee stated the committee is in favor of the sales tax proposal and will assist with educating the residents regarding the sales tax. Chuck Mann, 789 N. Palm, Woodlake, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, stated the committee is in favor of a tax proposal for commercial marijuana cultivation and dispensaries and will assist with educating the residents regarding the tax proposal.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTOIN AND PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS OF PLACING TWO SALES TAX MEASURES ON THE BALLOT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Amendment No.1 to the Agreement Between the City of Woodlake and Self Help Enterprises for the 1995 Home Program Long Term Monitoring – Walsburg Townhomes
- City Administrator Lara reported the following: on April 25, 2016 Council voted to object to the tax sale and the City worked with the County of Tulare and the State of California to acquire the property. The property was acquired on March 1, 2017. The City has been working with Self Help Enterprises to have them assume the note on the property and reimburse the City for any expenses it may have had incurred during the acquisition of the property. The City is looking to contract with Self Help Enterprises to manage the property while it is in the possession of the City. Attached is an amendment to the current agreement with Self Help Enterprises that would allow them to manage the property on behalf of the City until the property was transferred to Self Help Enterprises. Staff believes that will happen within ninety days. Staff recommends that Council approve Amendment No.1 to the agreement between the City of Woodlake and Self Help Enterprises for the 1995 Home Program Long Term Monitoring – Walsburg Townhomes. The amendment would allow Self Help to manage the property on behalf of the City to assure that the current residents receive adequate services and all grant regulations related to the housing project are met.

ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE AMENDMENT NO.1 BETWEEN CITY OF WOODLAKE AND SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Administrator Lara – Reported there will be a Horseshoe tournament on Thursday, May 11th sponsored by the Homegrown Project. The tournament will start at 5:30 and the cost is \$25.00 per team and can sign up at City Hall.

Chief Marquez – Reported there was a homicide on the 200 block of Palm. The case is still open and there is an active investigation. On May 3rd, there was a shooting on the 600 block of Mulberry. The victim is uncooperative but there has been a lead which may result in an arrest. On April 26th there was an officer involved shooting. Two officers were placed on administrative leave. One from the Woodlake department and one from the Exeter department. The case is still open with an active investigation. Tulare PD is handling the administrative investigation and Visalia PD is handling the criminal investigation. The Cinco de Mayo event was held on Sunday, May 7th and there was believed to be about 1500 people in attendance. There were only two incidents, one

involved a person who over indulged in alcoholic beverages. The other involved two 13yr. old females shouting offensive language. The Woodlake Lions is gearing up for another busy weekend. There will be a concert in the park on Friday, May 12, the parade on Saturday, May 13th and the rodeo on both the 13th and 14th.

City Clerk Zacarias – Reported Step Up was held on Friday, May 5th at the Woodlake Plaza and everyone thought it was a better location for that event. There were many volunteers to help cook and serve food, Woodlake City Staff, police department, fire department and Mayor Mendoza could help for a little while too. There were about 500 burgers served and 300 hot dogs. City Clerk Zacarias also reminded council to let her know if anyone would be riding in the parade so that she may submit an entry application.

Councilmember Ortiz – Reported she attended an EDC meeting and could see a lot of familiar faces and share good information from different cities.

Councilmember Martinez – Reported postal workers have been delivering bags and flyers to residents regarding the food drive on May 13th. In the past, over 5000 lbs. of canned food has been collected for the food pantry.

Mayor Mendoza – Announced his daughter was crowned Cinco de Mayo Queen 2017. He thanked all who supported her.

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)).

- Parties, case/claim no. Garibay vs. City of Woodlake
- Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

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 – **ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)).

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

Number of potential cases is: 2 .

3. **PERSONNEL** (Government Code § 54957(b)). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session to:

- Consider the discipline, dismissal or release of a public employee.
- Hear complaints or charges against a public employee.
- Consider public employee appointment/employment for the position of:
- Consider public employee performance evaluation for the position of: City Administrator

Mayor Mendoza reported 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, May 22, 2017 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 7:48 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk