PRESENT: Councilmembers Mendoza, Ortiz, Lopez, G. Gonzalez Jr. & Martinez
OTHERS: Lara, Marquez, Waters, Diaz & Zacarias
ABSENT:

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mrs. Colleen Sakaguchi and Mr. Juan Lopez both had comments for an item that was currently on the action portion of the agenda. Mayor Mendoza asked if they could please report their comments during the time that the item would be addressed by council. Mrs. Sakaguchi and Mr. Lopez both agreed yes.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS
Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items (IV. A-E)
   A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 10, 2017
   B. Action: Approval of Warrants
   C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Accept the Quitclaim Deed for the Property with APN NO. 061-100-085-000 and Authorize the City Administrator to Sign the Certificate of Acceptance
   D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Sale of the Parcels at the South Acacia Industrial Park (APN #s 060-250-007, 060-250-008)
   E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize the Mayor of the City of Woodlake to Execute All Necessary Documentation for the Sale of the Property with APN# 060-131-016 to Autozone Parts, Inc

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A. Information: Swear In New Police Officer by Police Chief Marquez
      Chief Marquez was happy to introduce Officer Adrian Enriquez. Officer Enriquez started as a reserve officer in 2008 and is now a full-time Officer for our police department. City Clerk Zacarias administered the Oath of Office to Officer Enriquez. Mayor Mendoza welcomed Officer Enriquez and asked him to uphold his oath and always make it home safely every night. George Sanchez asked how many officers are currently working in the police department. Chief Marquez stated 13.
   B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: In the Matter of Calling a City Election for Voter Approval of General Transaction and Use Tax of One Percent; Specification of the Election Order; and Introduce an Ordinance Enacting a One Percent Transaction and Use Tax

PUBLIC HEARING
City Administrator Lara reported the following: city staff has been working on a potential sales tax for the last 7 months. As part of outreach efforts, staff has also engaged the public by putting a survey together with general questions about sales taxes in the City of Woodlake. The City has received nearly two hundred survey responses. The City Council and the CAC has had to look at what effect a potential 1 cent sales tax measure would have on the local community. The goal of the measure is to provide more funding for the following services: parks and recreation, public safety, facilities, streets and roads, lighting and landscaping.
On June 12, 2017, June 26, 2017 and July 10, 2017 Council held public hearings to receive input from the general public on the potential measure.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 6:40 PM**

**Maribel Rodriguez, 321 Cypress, Woodlake** – Mrs. Rodriguez stated she understands the revenue could bring in as much as $430,000 which may not be enough for everything we want for the city but it is a start. She asked what is the maximum the citizens could expect. City Administrator Lara stated the 1% would make us competitive with the surrounding cities and would bring the city to 8.75. The city could go 2% and gain more revenue but that is probably not the best thing to do so staff recommends a 1% tax increase.

**Ralph Chapman, 318 N. Pepper, Woodlake** – Mr. Chapman stated he understands the citizens of Woodlake pay a tax on utilities. Do other cities pay one as well? City Administrator Lara stated every city pays a UTT except for Farmersville and Visalia.

**George Sanchez, 286 Rubra, Woodlake** – Mr. Sanchez asked what is the purpose of raising the taxes for public safety. City Administrator Lara stated our current general fund is 2 million. Farmerville has a general fund of 4 million. We are providing public safety and many other services with half the fund of other cities. Staff would like to stay competitive with other cities so it entices employees to stay and work here. Mr. Sanchez asked how would the city determine how the tax money will be spent. City Administrator Lara stated a citizen’s advisory committee would be established to review and oversee the expenditures. Mr. Sanchez stated he is not against the sales tax measure but believes his questions are important and appreciates the answers from staff.

**Florencio Guerra, 369 N. Pepper, Woodlake** – Mr. Guerra stated he is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and believes the sales tax measure is a great idea and supports the measure, he only wishes this would have been started earlier.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 6:49 PM**

**ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND CALL AND ELECTION TO APPROVE A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. **Action:** Adoption of Resolution: Calling City Election for Voter Approval of the Question of Authorizing Taxes on Cannabis Businesses; and Specifications of the Election Order; and Introduce an Ordinance Enacting a Cannabis Industry Tax

City Employee Waters reported the following: the City of Woodlake is considering the potential of putting a cannabis tax measure on the November 2017 ballot. As part of the process, Council requested the creation of a Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) that would represent the community at large and give feedback to Council about potential projects, policies and procedures. The committee has been meeting since March and has kept Council up to date on the progress they have made. As part of outreach efforts staff has also engaged the public by putting a survey together with general questions about sales taxes in the City of Woodlake. The City has received nearly two hundred surveys. The City Council and the CAC has had to look at what effect a potential cannabis tax would have on the local community. The goal of the measure is to provide more funding for the following services: parks and recreation, public safety, and public services. On June 12, 2017, June 26th, July 10th and July 24th Council held public hearings regarding the potential Cannabis Tax Measure. Staff also distributed surveys and held office hours to discuss the potential measure. City Staff believes that the following ordinances will need to be enacted to allow for cannabis cultivation and dispensaries:
Chapter 5.48 Cannabis Businesses - The provisions of this ordinance are intended to repeal Chapter 8.50 Medical Marijuana and 8.51 Mobile Marijuana Dispensaries and create new guidelines for cannabis operations and sales within the City of Woodlake. The ordinance also establishes a process by which entities can apply for cannabis licenses within the City of Woodlake.

Chapter 17.22.03 – Neighborhood Commercial Conditional Uses - The provisions of this ordinance are intended to add “Cannabis Dispensary” as a conditional use within the Neighborhood Commercial zone.

Chapter 17.24.03 Central Commercial Conditional Uses - The provisions of this ordinance are intended to add “Cannabis Dispensary” as a conditional use within the Central Commercial zone.

Chapter 17.32.04 Light Industrial Conditional Uses - The provisions of this ordinance are intended to add “Commercial Cannabis Production” as a conditional use within the Light Industrial zone.

As written, the Cannabis Tax Measure would allow City Council to set a flexible tax rate for all Cannabis Businesses within the City of Woodlake. The rate is not to exceed $25 per sq. ft. (adjusted annually by CPI) or 10% of Gross Receipts.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 6:59 PM

Jacqueline Rodriguez, 321 Cypress, Woodlake – Ms. Rodriguez thanked council for the opportunity to speak. Ms. Rodriguez asked council to be mindful of the decisions they would be making regarding cannabis since it not only affects the majority of the community but also the youth. She is concerned Woodlake may lose their image of a small, tight knit town. She believes council’s main reason for this tax is to gain funds but they may not understand how this will affect teens. Ms. Rodriguez is not of age to vote yet but when she does reach that age she is afraid this issue may have spiraled to a point of damage beyond repair. She stated money is the root of all evil and if you don’t plant the seed, you won’t have a root.

Aldo Rodriguez, 321 Cypress, Woodlake – Mr. Rodriguez asked council to not allow the cannabis business in the City of Woodlake. He believes when drugs are involved, people don’t think straight and they become involved with criminal activities. This should not be about the money but what is best for the community. He does not want drugs to get in the way of their bright future.

Bill Lewis 342 N. Acacia, Woodlake – Mr. Lewis stated council is putting the tax on the ballot for one reason; money. Mr. Lewis offered an idea. He stated since the commercial cannabis will be using an extensive amount of energy, the city may amend the ordinance so that cannabis businesses will not be subject to the maximum utility users tax and they may help generate more money for the city.

Juan Lopez, 20536 Avenue 335, Woodlake – Mr. Lopez stated for years we have preached to our kids to say no to drugs but now the message appears to be that it’s okay as long as the city will benefit from it. He asked that we continue to be the example for our kids and generations to come. He stated some members are involved with youth sports and believes it will not send a good message if we are saying yes to drugs. He stated our youth will start smoking marijuana and as they get older will end up on the streets doing a stronger drug. He stated council will make the final decision to place this tax on the ballot and they will also have to live with the consequences of that decision. Mr. Lopez stated they have gathered over 300 signatures on a petition against the cannabis measure and they will continue to gather more signatures and also talk to the community about the cannabis tax. Mr. Lopez stated he has researched what cannabis can do to a community and he stated it is all bad. He stated crime rates increase which then
leads to the hiring of more officers. Drug use also goes up and the productivity of the community goes down. Mr. Lopez asked council to make the right decision.

Conrad Hastings, 34442 Millwood Dr., Woodlake – Mr. Hastings stated he has lived in this town all his life. He stated he started with marijuana at a young age, which led him to gangs and led him to a life spent mostly in prison. He is now a grandfather and does not want to see this business in town. He stated this business will only bring bad things and allow people to do bad things. There will be more theft and robbery. He believes we will give kids the impression that it is ok to walk around smoking a joint and he does not want that. He stated we will give kids the impression that it’s ok to not go to school because this is what happened to him. Marijuana is a drug that will not allow you to be functional. These drugs will raise the crime rate in our town. He knows what this drug can do to you. He has changed his life around and does not want to see this come to town. He stated we need to teach our kids to not take the easy way out. They need to get a job and not get stuck on drugs.

Helen Chavez, 102 Hermosa, Woodlake – Ms. Chavez stated she lives next door to someone who grows marijuana and wanted clarification regarding ordinance no. 584. She stated the ordinance reads that an inspection can be done at any time there is a complaint called on a residence for the cultivation of marijuana. She stated she phoned in a complaint last week and Officer Hinz responded to the call along with code enforcement, but unfortunately, they were not able to enter the property. She stated she is very concerned that these businesses will outsmart law enforcement and conduct business illegally.

Albert Garcia, 469 Crestwood, Woodlake – Mr. Garcia asked if the tax money would cover the water usage to run this business if they were allowed to come to town. Also, will the THC levels be monitored since they will travel into our tables of drinking water. Will new wells be built and will tax money cover the costs? City Administrator Lara stated the water for the cultivation will come from the industrial park and will not use city wells and will need to be on their own water system. All additional services that are required from the city such as police services, permits, etc. will be the responsibility of the business and they will be required to pay for those services.

Michael Dunnaway, 808 S. Church, Visalia – Mr. Dunnaway has worked in the cannabis industry for the past four years and takes medical cannabis for autism. This has allowed him to gain confidence he did not have before and help him deal with public speaking. Mr. Dunnaway wanted to clarify some myths associated with commercial cannabis and the access the public thinks youth may have to it. Commercial cannabis has a strict security system. Upon entering the building, there will be a receptionist who will check ID and verify the customer is 21 or over and allowed to enter the facility. The customer must also complete paperwork and sign an affidavit that they will not turn around and sell their purchased cannabis on the street. Once customer is allowed to enter they will pass thru two metal lock doors that are controlled from the inside. The customer will then be given their cannabis, which will be sealed and tagged. There is zero to little chance a minor can come in contact with the cannabis. Studies show that when a cannabis business is operated in town, the black-market drops.

Maribel Rodriguez, 321 Cypress, Woodlake – Mrs. Rodriguez stated she has been conflicted with this topic and after research she must go with her heart. She also has fear for what may come with council moves forward with this ordinance and allows a cannabis business in our town. She stated although the money is enticing, there has got to be a better way to gain the necessary funds. She has asked staff and council to form a citizen’s advisory committee to form a measure that will generate revenue just not by way of a cannabis tax. She stated she will stand by council and help promote any tax but not a cannabis tax. She asked that we keep our youth safe.
Francisca Garcia, 250 Oak, Woodlake – Ms. Garcia stated she has concerns that residents will need to share their water with the cannabis business and we will continue to have limited use of our water. City Administrator Lara stated they will have their own supply. Ms. Garcia asked if it has been decided how the tax money will be spent, if voters approve the measure. City Administrator Lara stated a committee will review and design an expenditure report.

George Sanchez, 286 Rubra, Woodlake – Mr. Sanchez, stated he is a representative of the Woodlake Unified School Board and understands that staff and council have addressed all the regulations and have done their homework regarding cannabis. He feels this subject is unethical, immoral and wrong. He stated Woodlake grows oranges, not pot. He prefers a cup of orange juice than a pot of marijuana. The community is sending the message to council that we do not do drugs. He stated Chief Marquez is a great officer but he feels he will only have a mess if we allow this in our town. Mr. Sanchez stated if council is against drugs, then council should say no to the cannabis tax. Mr. Sanchez asked if the measure is put on the ballot in November and the citizens vote no, can council change their mind. City Attorney Diaz stated yes. Mr. Sanchez asked if council is willing to take that risk. Council stated yes. For clarification in the minutes, Mr. Sanchez first introduced himself as a member of the Woodlake Unified School District, but his comments shared today is of his opinion not as a representative of the Woodlake Unified School Board.

Florencio Guerra, 369 N. Pepper, Woodlake – Mr. Guerra stated he believes the sales tax measure is a great idea and is supportive of the measure. He stated the city is making money by selling our sewer water to Los Angeles which is a great idea. Mayor Mendoza asked for clarification and Mr. Guerra stated he would finish his comment and then explain. Mayor Mendoza stated for the record, the City of Woodlake is not selling sewer water to Los Angeles. Mr. Guerra stated this is the main rumor circling around town at this time. Mayor Mendoza stated that is the problem with rumors. Mr. Guerra stated if this is what’s happening then great idea. He has heard this information from a lot of family members of Mr. Lara. City Administrator Lara asked Mr. Guerra to come and talk to him directly instead of talking to his family members. Mr. Guerra stated these family members are going to him and laughing about the information. Mayor Mendoza asked Mr. Guerra to please address the council and not staff. Mr. Guerra stated he believes the tax measure is a great idea, selling our water is a great idea but allowing cannabis cultivation is not a great idea. He stated he voted for Prop. 64 but he does not approve of this in his community. He voted yes because of his job as a social worker. He stated if he had voted no, it would have been because this is immoral and unethical. He asked council to think about the pain this will cause our community. He stated you can walk around town and see many people who walk around without a clue. He agrees with Mr. Lopez and has many friends who are spun off methamphetamine and it makes him sad. He stated he would gladly help Mrs. Rivas and walk door to door to help pass a measure.

Ralph Chapman, 318 N. Pepper, Woodlake – Mr. Chapman thanked council for having these public comment periods and allowing residents to come ask questions and comment on a topic. Mr. Chapman asked if the measure needed to pass by 2/3 margin. City Administrator Lara stated no, 50%. He asked how would we tax the cultivation. City Employee Waters stated council could decide to tax by square footage or gross receipts. Mr. Chapman understands cannabis is now legal but does it make it, right? He is not sure at this point but he doesn’t agree with allowing someone to smoke marijuana in front of his business. City Administrator Lara stated no one is allowed to do that now and Mr. Chapman should call the police and report the activity. Mr. Chapman stated he doesn’t believe any of this is right and drugs are wrong. He asked council to vote against this measure.
Colleen Sakaguchi, 698 N. Pepper, Woodlake - Mrs. Sakaguchi stated just because the voters voted to legalize marijuana in California, it does not mean it is wanted in the City of Woodlake. Will businesses be required to pay employees overtime wages if they work more than 40 hours a week. City Administrator Lara stated the city would be reimbursed for all services provided.

Iris Sanchez, 286 Rubra, Woodlake – Mrs. Sanchez stated a lot of things have been mentioned and discussed and when she met with Mr. Lara last week he stated one of the reasons for the cannabis tax was to hire more officers. Mrs. Sanchez asked why do we need more officers if our crime rate has gone down and has remained low? City Administrator Lara stated the police department is currently understaffed and would like to increase the personnel. Mrs. Sanchez shared a quote from the bible that she states speaks to her heart and she hopes will reach council. Proverbs 21:3; the Lord is more pleased when we do what is right and just, than when we offer him sacrifices, good planning and hard work show prosperity but haste through shortcuts leads to poverty, wealth created by a lying tongue is a vanishing mist and a deadly trap. Mrs. Sanchez asked council to consider what they are bringing into our town.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 7:43 PM
ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND CALL AN ELECTION FOR VOTER APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE TAXES ON CANNABIS BUSINESSES. APPROVED BY MENDOZA, ORTIZ, MARTINEZ AND LOPEZ. OPPOSED BY G. GONZALEZ JR.

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Receive Public Comments, Waive 1st Reading, and Set 2nd Reading Date of Ordinances Amending or Adding Chapter 5.48 Cannabis Businesses, Chapter 8.50 Medical Marijuana, 8.51 Mobile Marijuana Dispensaries, Chapter 17.22.03 Neighborhood Commercial Conditional Uses, Chapter 17.24.03 Central Commercial Conditional Uses, and Chapter 17.32.04 Light Industrial Conditional Uses of the Woodlake Municipal Code

City Employee Waters reported the following: the purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding the proposed amendments and/or additions to the ordinances. The City of Woodlake Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed amendments and has recommended approval. City Staff will also recommend waiving the first reading of the ordinance and setting the date of August 14, 2017 as the second reading.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 7:56 PM
Ralph Chapman, 318 N. Pepper, Woodlake – Mr. Chapman asked for clarification regarding the statement “where children congregate” does that statement include churches and playgrounds? City Attorney Diaz reported state law requires 1000 ft. from where children congregate and 600 ft. applies to medical cannabis. City Administrator Lara stated we would follow all state laws regarding distance. Mr. Chapman asked if it is illegal for a person to smoke marijuana in front of his business. Chief Marquez stated yes and to call the police if he witnesses this activity in public.

Bill Lewis, 342 N. Acacia, Woodlake – Mr. Lewis recommends removing all things from the ordinance that must do with regulatory permits and employee permits. He stated there is no other industry in the city that would be regulated like this one. He stated if it is the cannabis that council is worried about, there are already pharmaceutical business we can worry about. He does not understand why the regulations are so strict for this industry. He asked council to decide, you either support the cannabis industry or you don’t.

Michael Dunnaway, 808 S. Church, Visalia – Mr. Dunnaway stated for those who are in the cannabis industry, they are no stranger to ordinances or jumping through hoops to be compliant. He believes there will be no issue to meet all the requirements.
Maribel Rodriguez, 321 Cypress, Woodlake – Mrs. Rodriguez asked if the citizens of Woodlake vote against the measure, will there still be need for an ordinance of this nature? City Employee Waters stated yes and if there is a need to change an ordinance in the future, council may do that. Mrs. Rodriguez asked if the measure does not pass, the city will not receive revenue? City Administrator Lara stated the city will not receive tax revenue but will receive other types of revenue such as sales tax revenue.

George Sanchez, 286 Rubra, Woodlake – Mr. Sanchez asked if the ordinance is being amended because our current ordinance does not address a cannabis dispensary or cannabis cultivation. City Administrator Lara stated yes. Mr. Sanchez asked if the citizens of Woodlake can revoke this ordinance. Mayor Mendoza stated no, only council can approve or revoke a city ordinance. Mr. Sanchez stated he will check with legal counsel on the process to revoke an ordinance. He stated you can voice your opinion to council and hope for a change or you can remove a council member by running against them. He stated there are people in the audience who will leave here today and believe they cannot change an ordinance, but that is not true. City Employee Waters stated an ordinance can be amended with a voice of the citizens. He asked Mr. Sanchez to stay and listen to Item F because an ordinance will be amended.

Albert Garcia, 469 Crestwood, Woodlake – Mr. Garcia asked if you are allowed to smoke in public. City Employee Waters stated no. Mr. Garcia stated he has wanted to spend time with his family in his yard but is not able to because of the strong smell of marijuana coming from his neighbor’s house and he does not want to call the cops but he will post it on social media. Mayor Mendoza stated if you know someone is doing something they should not be doing; the best thing is to call the cops. If we are not notifying our law enforcement, that is a problem. Mr. Garcia stated now that be better understands the law, he will notify law enforcement.

Juan Lopez, 20536 Avenue 335, Woodlake – Mr. Lopez asked what are the fines someone faces if they are smoking in public? City Attorney Diaz stated it would depend if the charge was an infraction or a misdemeanor. Chief Marquez also stated there may be a fine imposed by the city but again depends on the violation. Mr. Lopez stated he has walked around Venice Beach and gets high because it is all around him and he does not like that. He does not have a problem with cannabis use for medical reasons, but he does have a problem with recreational use. He stated people now take advantage of the recreational use and believes these people are disrespectful. He stated he wants to keep this smoke away from his kids but is not sure how to do that when the message council is sending is that it is ok as long as the city gets the tax money.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 8:20
ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ. IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SET THE DATE FOR THE SECOND READING. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Landscape and Lighting Assessments 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: at the July 10, 2017 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the City Engineer’s report of costs needed to maintain the following assessment districts: Parkwood, Gentle Hills, Olive Estates, Castle Rock Park, Olive Vista and Castle Rock Park Phase II. As part of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, council set July 24, 2017 as the public hearing date for those wishing to comment on each individual assessment district. 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.
The costs for each individual property owner are as follows:
Parkwood: $197.50
Gentle Hill Estates: $198.40
Olive Estates: $172.44
Castle Rock Park: $171.00
Olive Vista: $200.00
Castle Rock Park Phase II: $177.50

**PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED: 8:21 PM**
George Sanchez, 286 Rubra, Woodlake – Mr. Sanchez reported a light pole was out and what does he need to do to have it repaired. City Administrator Lara asked him to get pole number and he can either call City Hall to make report for repairs or call SCE directly. Chief Marquez stated if you report the incident on their website it usually takes them about 72 hours to repair the light. Mr. Sanchez asked how about broken sprinklers at the park. He has mentioned it many times to maintenance worker Tony and it has not been fixed. Mayor Mendoza mentioned there is a link on our city website where citizens can report repairs and if Mr. Sanchez uses this feature the problem will be tracked for repair. Mr. Sanchez stated he is mentioning it now and it can be tracked in the minutes and he does not need the problem tracked, he needs it repaired.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 8:23 PM**

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

City Employee Waters reported the following: at the July 10th City Council meeting, two public comments addressed the outdoor irrigation of vegetation times for Stage 3 and Stage 4 water conservation stages. The current allowed watering time between 8pm and 6am was a burden to the residents which expressed their challenges during the public comment. Upon reviewing other city’s allowed watering times for water conservation stages, allowing from 6pm to 8am is being presented as a potential amendment to the water conservation ordinance. The Animals Generally 6.08 currently allows for up to twenty-four (24) chicken, ducks, geese, turkeys, rabbits, pigeons, or other fowls if these animals are maintained on a premise. With the number of chickens specifically which are running at large on public property and unmaintained on private property, there could be benefit in reducing the number count of these animals allowed on a city residence. The Supplemental Dog Control Regulations 6.12 does not currently have a limit on number of dogs allowed per residence. Cities like Exeter and Visalia, among many others in the state, allow for up to four (4) dogs total per residence. With the number of strays in the City, and with the poor maintenance and care of homes with an excess of dogs, being able to limit the number legally allowed per residence can help alleviate the stray dog issue and help promote better living conditions for dogs overall.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 8:26 PM**
Ralph Chapman, 318 N. Pepper, Woodlake – Mr. Chapman stated at one time it was required to have your dog licensed and would that every come back. City Administrator Lara stated not at this time.

Iris Sanchez, 286 Rubra, Woodlake – Mrs. Sanchez asked if pigs were allowed in the city limits? City Administrator Lara stated no.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 8:29 PM
ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY G. GONZALEZ JR. IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS, WAIVE 1ST READING AND SET DATE FOR 2ND READING. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS
A. Information: Items from Staff
City Administrator Lara – Reported the bid process for the community center will open on August 3rd.

B. Information: Items from Council
Mayor Mendoza – Reported he had attended a League of Cities conference in Monterey and it was interesting to hear everyone has the same issues regarding water, gangs and cannabis.

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. City of Woodlake v. Garibay, Tulare County Case No. VCU263067
     - 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 – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).
     - Parties, case/claim no. City of Woodlake v. Woodlake Public Cemetery District, Tulare County Case No. VCU 267523
     - 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 – **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 8:35 PM
MEETING RECONVENCED AT 8:45 PM

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, August 14, 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 8:45 PM
Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias
City Clerk