

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Mendoza, Lopez, Ortiz & Martinez

**OTHERS:** Lara, Marquez, Zamora & Zacarias

**ABSENT:** G. Gonzalez Jr.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**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 September 11, 2017 (Pages 1-4)
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants (Pages 5-23)
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake (Pages 24-28)
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project (Pages 29-32)
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the City of Woodlake's Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Amendment No. 1 to Incorporate a List of Projects Funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act (Pages 33-39)

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

**V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of Expenditure Plan for Local Law Enforcement Funds as Authorized by Assembly Bill 3229 – **PUBLIC HEARING**

Police Chief Marquez reported the following: Assembly Bill (AB) 3229 declares that there is a need for additional resources at the local level to fight crime and protect public safety. To do so, AB 3229 creates the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program. The bill allocates money to cities and counties for law enforcement and public safety purposes. The City of Woodlake was awarded \$100,000 in COPS funds for the current fiscal year. This same amount has been awarded annually to the City for the past decade. The City of Woodlake has posted a notice for public hearing to invite the public to comment on the proposed expenditures. Mayor Mendoza opened the meeting for public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED 6:33 PM**

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED 6:33 PM**

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve the spending recommendations as outlined above for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 COPS Fund.

**ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 3229. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Enter into a Measure R Supplemental Agreement with the Tulare County Transportation Authority for the City of Woodlake North Magnolia Street Improvements Project

City Administrator Lara reported the following: the City of Woodlake North Magnolia Street Improvements Project will construct curb, gutters, ramps, sidewalks, street lights and storm drain improvements on North Magnolia Street from Antelope Avenue north to Lakeview Avenue. The corridor currently has none of the above-mentioned amenities which makes pedestrian and bicycle traffic unsafe. The City would like to begin the preliminary engineering, environmental and right-of-way process on the project. The City will cover the expenditures associated with these services with Measure R funds. The estimated cost for those services is eighty-five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$85,700). As staff works with City Engineer QK to prepare the project for construction, staff will begin the process of identifying future funds to cover the construction costs associated with the project. Those funds may be ATP, Measure R, SHOPP, Local Street and Roads or SB1 funds. City staff recommends that Council approve the costs associated with engineering, environmental and right-of-way for the North Magnolia Street Improvements Project. The cost to deliver those services is eighty-five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$85,700). Staff also recommends that the City enter into a Measure R Supplemental Agreement with the Tulare County Transportation Authority to allow for Measure R funds to be used on the project. The project will increase pedestrian and bicycle safety along Magnolia Street.

**ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TCAG. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Enter into a Measure R Supplemental Agreement with the Tulare County Transportation Authority for the City of Woodlake North Valencia Blvd. Improvements Project

City Administrator Lara reported the following: The City of Woodlake North Valencia Street Improvements Project will construct curb, gutters, ramps, sidewalks, street lights and storm drain improvements on North Valencia Blvd. from Sierra Avenue north to Sequoia Avenue. The corridor currently has none of the above-mentioned amenities which makes pedestrian and bicycle traffic unsafe. The City would like to begin the preliminary engineering, environmental and right-of-way process on the project. The City will cover the expenditures associated with these services with Measure R funds. The estimated cost for those services is one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$173,200). As staff works with City Engineer QK to prepare the project for construction, staff will begin the process of identifying future funds to cover the construction costs associated with the project. Those funds may be ATP, Measure R, SHOPP, Local Street and Roads or SB1 funds. City staff recommends that Council approve the costs associated with engineering, environmental and right-of-way for the North Valencia Street Improvements Project. The cost to deliver those services is one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$173,200). Staff also recommends that the City enter into a Measure R Supplemental Agreement with the Tulare County Transportation Authority to allow for Measure R funds to be used on the project. The project will increase pedestrian and bicycle safety along Valencia Blvd.

**ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ, IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TCAG. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Cannabis Business Applications and Fee Schedule and Authorize Staff to Begin Accepting Applications for Cannabis Businesses.

City Administrator Lara gave a presentation regarding the different types of applications. City Staff has worked with SCI Consulting to prepare application packets for cannabis businesses. The applications were reviewed by the Planning

Commission and the they recommended approval by City Council. There are currently five different applications for cannabis businesses: cultivation, manufacturing, transportation, testing, and dispensary. Each potential business must submit an application that is reviewed by City staff prior to approval.

**ON A MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CANNABIS BUSINESS APPLICATION AND FEE SCHEDULE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS

### A. Information: Items from Staff

City Administrator Lara – Reported the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Woodlake Community Center is scheduled for Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

### B. Information: Items from Council

Vice-Mayor Ortiz – Reported she attended a conference in Sacramento last week and gathered some great information.

Councilmember Martinez – Reported he agreed with Vice-Mayor Ortiz regarding the conference. He also attended and thought there was a lot of great information. He asked if a meeting could be scheduled to discuss a 5-year plan. Mayor Mendoza asked staff to schedule a study session to discuss the city's 5-year plan. City Administrator Lara stated the study session can be scheduled at the time the city budget is reviewed and approved.

Mayor Mendoza – Reported he also attended the conference in Sacramento and stated the conferences are a great opportunity for networking and if possible, all councilmembers should try and attend. Mayor Mendoza stated he may not be available for the Groundbreaking Ceremony due to his new job. The Tulare County Child Development program is having their annual breakfast on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. The breakfast will be held at the Wyndham Hotel and if anyone is interested in attending please let Mayor Mendoza know and he can forward the information to you. Mayor Mendoza will not be available to attend the breakfast.

### 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.

**MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:35 PM**  
**MEETING RECONVENED AT 8:00 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, October 9, 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 8:00 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk