

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ortiz, Gonzalez & Martinez

OTHERS: Lara, Zamora & Zacarias

ABSENT: Mendoza & Lopez

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 8, 2019

B. Action: Approval of Warrants

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

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

E. Information: EDC Presentation by Paul Saldana

Mr. Saldana reported the following: Mr. Saldana is happy to be in Woodlake and report to Council three potential projects for the City of Woodlake. The first is a retail project and the EDC hopes to reach out to about 800 retail businesses. The second is residential development and the third is company who will make products from biodegradable material. Mr. Saldana stated the EDC is very enthusiastic about the potential projects and looks forward to continuing to work with the City of Woodlake.

A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Landscape and Lighting Assessments for Parkwood, Gentle Hills Estates, Olive Estates, Castle Rock Park, Olive Vista, Castle Rock Park Phase II and Valencia Heights Districts - **PUBLIC HEARING**

City Administrator Lara reported the following: At the June 24, 2019 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, Castle Rock Park Phase II and Valencia Heights. As part of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, council set July 22, 2019 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
Valencia Heights: \$102.86

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Veronica Florez, 770 E. Mt. View, Woodlake – Ms. Florez stated she is concerned regarding the gate located in the cul-de-sac at Mission Ct. She stated some residents had requested that gate remain unlocked at all times for safety reasons but a couple of days ago they found the gate locked. She asked city officials to please keep the gate unlocked. City Administrator Lara stated he would have city staff check on the gate tomorrow.

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ON A MOTION BY GONZALEZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE L&L ASSESSMENTS FOR PARKWOOD, GENTLE HILLS ESTATES, OLIVE ESTATES, CASTLE ROCK PARK, OLIVE VISTA, CASTLE ROCK PARK PHASE II AND VALENCIA HEIGHTS DISTRICTS. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Solicit, Consider Input, and Approve a Resolution for the Submittal of a CDBG Program Income Waiver Request and Authorize the City Administer to Execute the CDBG PI Waiver Request –

PUBLIC HEARING

City Administrator Lara reported the following: CDBG Program regulations require that the City conduct a public hearing on all CDBG-related matters to provide for and encourage citizen participation, particularly by low and moderate income persons who reside in areas in which CDBG funds are used. Therefore, when the public hearing is opened, the public will be invited to comment on possible activities to include in a CDBG Program Income Waiver Request.

The City of Woodlake receives Program Income (PI) from the repayment of loans made with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The City conducted a public hearing May 28, 2019 to discuss and approve a CDBG PI Reuse Agreement per State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) guidelines. The CDBG PI Reuse Agreement governs the administration and utilization of PI received for activities funded under the State CDBG Program. The Reuse Agreement identifies the methods, which govern the expenditure of CDBG PI and state that grantees without an active contract in force and without a PI Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) must have an approved PI Waiver prior to expending CDBG PI.

When the City has an active CDBG grant, the grant's Standard Agreement governs the use of PI. In the absence of an active CDBG grant, the City must have a CDBG PI Reuse Agreement and an approved PI Waiver for eligible activities, which the City wishes to utilize its CDBG PI funds.

CDBG regulations require that the City conduct a Public Hearing as part of the Council's consideration of the PI Waiver to inform the public of eligible activities and

to seek input on the use of CDBG PI. A public notice was published in the July 10, 2019, issue of the Foothills Sun-Gazette notifying the public of the Public Hearing and notices were posted in the City's customary places.

Eligible activities predominantly benefit low- and moderate-income Californians and include: Homeownership Assistance and Housing Rehabilitation programs; Public Facility and Public Improvements projects (including Public Improvements in Support of New Housing Construction); Public Service programs, Planning Studies, Economic Development Business Assistance and Microenterprise activities.

The City is currently recommending the submittal of a CDBG PI Waiver to expend funds an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 if CDBG PI for General Administration, Housing Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Assistance.

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ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY GONZALEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE CDBG PROGRAM INCOME WAIVER REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE CDBG PI WAIVER REQUEST. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm Sewer, Water and Refuse Rates for the City of Woodlake Effective July 1, 2019

City Administrator Lara reported the following: On October 13, 2008, the City Council of the City of Woodlake unanimously set the sewer services rates by Resolution No. 08-32 for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. The Sewer Fund has become fiscally strong with the new rates and its infrastructure has drastically improved. Council has voted to reduce sewer rates the last three years as the Sewer Fund continues to operate efficiently and reserves continue increase at an appropriate level.

On April 13, 2015, the City Council set water service rates by Resolution No. 15-32 for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021 as part of the City of Woodlake Water Meter Project. The rates were set to allow the Water Fund to increase its operating cash and start setting reserves aside for future maintenance and infrastructure projects.

On January 14, 2019, the City Council set refuse service rates by Resolution No. 19-04 for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023. The rates were set to allow the Refuse Fund to cover all costs associated with providing refuse services.

ON A MOTION BY GONZALEZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND REAFFIRM SEWER, WATER AND REFUSE RATES FOR THE CITY OF WOODLAKE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Enter Into the Tulare-Kings Regional Hazardous Materials Team Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

City Administrator Lara reported the following: The City of Woodlake is currently part of the Tulare-Kings Regional Hazardous Materials Team Memorandum of Understanding. The Team provides technical services at the scene of a hazardous

materials incident within the operational areas of the participating agencies within Tulare and Kings Counties. The City of Woodlake along with those agencies involved in the Team believe that the most efficient way to provide Haz-Mat services to incidents involving hazardous materials is to have an on-call service that is staffed by member agencies and is available when needed. The City of Visalia will serve as the lead agency for the Haz-Mat Team. The cost share to the City of Woodlake is one thousand dollars and five cents (\$1,000.05).

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY GONZALEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE TULARE-KINGS REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Items from Staff
City Administrator Lara – Reported AutoZone is now open.
- B. Information: Items from Council Member
Councilmember Martinez – Reported he attended the Council of Cities meeting last week and the Mayor for the City of Lindsay was selected as the representative for the small cities.
- 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.
- Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

**MEETING MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:02 PM
MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:17 PM**

City Administrator Lara 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 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 145 N. Magnolia, 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 7:18 PM

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk