

CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

DATE: March 21, 2018

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Mayor Leon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by Mayor Leon, Councilmember Pimentel, Councilmember Solorio. Mayor Pro-Tem Tamayo and Councilmember Plasencia were excused. Flag salute led by Mayor Leon.

II. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

III. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA:

Mayor Leon announced that the Lideres Campecinas would make a presentation tonight.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 7, 2018

MOTION: To approve the consent calendar by Councilmember Solorio, seconded by Councilmember Pimentel.

VOTE: Ayes: Solorio, Pimentel, Leon

Noes: 0

Absent: Plasencia, Tamayo

V. PRESENTATIONS:

Anna Trejo, Lideres Campecinas, Treasurer, thanked the City Council and staff for the use of the John Palacios Community Center during their annual meeting and installation of officers from March 16th through 18th. Mrs. Trejo announced they would celebrate Day of the Farmworker on 4/23rd by providing meals to workers at Couture Farms Packing Shed. Also, they were letting the public know that the Family Dollar, 99 Cent Store and Dollar General were selling toys and food items made from toxic materials. They were not asking to boycott the establishments only asking the public to request healthy items.

Mrs. Trejo commented on how nice the LED lights placed in the alley of the JPCC were and thanked the City Council. Many positive comments from the public.

IV. ADMINISTRATION:

- A. *Subject: Consideration and Necessary Action on Letter of Support for Climate Change Solutions to be Sent to Congressman Valadeo - **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager/Devin Carroll, Climate Change Solutions**

City Attorney Costanzo made a minor change to the letter and would provide it to administrative staff for finalization.

MOTION: Council to approve the letter addressed to Congressman David Valadeo as revised by Councilmember Leon and seconded by Councilmember Solorio.

VOTE: Ayes: Leon, Solorio, Pimentel
Noes: 0
Absent: Plasencia, Tamayo

- B. *Subject: Consideration and Necessary Action on Letter of Support of Senate Bill 623 Safe and Affordable Drinking Water and its Trailer Bill – **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager**

City Attorney Costanzo circulated the letter to Council and only revisions received were from Mayor Leon which were not included in letter as they were unwarranted. Mayor Leon concurred.

MOTION: Council to approve the Letter of Support of Senate Bill 623 Safe and Affordable Drinking Water and its Trailer Bill as revised and authorize Mayor Leon to sign same by Councilmember Pimentel, seconded by Councilmember Solorio.

VOTE: Ayes: Solorio, Pimentel, Leon
Noes: 0
Absent: Plasencia, Tamayo

- C. *Subject: Consideration and Necessary Action on Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huron Authorizing Approving the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan - **Neal Costanzo, City Attorney/Jack Castro, City Manager**

City Manager Castro presented the Regional Active Transportation Plan and resolution.

MOTION: Council to adopt Resolution No. 2018-1985 - Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huron Approving the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan by Councilmember Leon, seconded by Councilmember Pimentel.

VOTE: Ayes: Leon, Pimentel, Solorio,
Noes: 0
Absent: Plasencia, Tamayo

VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Davin Carroll, Climate Change Solutions, thanked City Council for their letter of support and assured them other cities would follow suit.

VIII. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT: Chief Turegano contacted various agencies regarding services for the homeless and MAP would address Council on April 4th. Another Community with the Cop held this weekend by Sgt. Pellitier with ten in attendance and the responses would be posted in the city newsletter.

IX. PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Escandon, SUSP, reported on AWOP; staff working on sewer plugs; a major water leak at JPCC built in 1960's which made it difficult to find shut off valve. Since Couture Farms is at peak season he was unable to fix leak until today when it rained to turn off water. Last Friday they installed the five (5) LED lights in the ally of the JPCC and felt another two were necessary and were on order. Lettuce started last Friday too. A big clean up scheduled at both homeless camps at M & 10th Street and at Huron & Central Avenue by placing refuse bins. The basin by the United Health Centers excavation was cleaned out along with tree roots thanks to their heavy equipment.

X. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Adm. Assist. Veliz stated Senior Site Coordinator Walker wanted to take the seniors to the Tache Palace Community Breakfast on April 27th as it was free. It would be up to Council as they had done away with this to not promote gambling.

Mr. Castro reported Fresno County Housing Authority is looking for a site to build a complex and is thinking of selling them four of the ten acres belonging to the Successor Agency after the RDA was abolished. The Department of Finance would do away with all Successor Agencies July 1st, 2018 and staff would like to ask Fresno Housing Authority to build a new city hall in exchange for the acreage. Clarification was made that the property belonged to the Successor Agency and would be doing the transaction not the City Council. City Attorney Costanzo asked for a consensus.

CONSENSUS: To authorize the City Manager to spend \$80,000 to purchase the 10 acres and provide 4 acres to the Fresno Housing Authority for their building of a complex and have them build a new city hall for the city behind the new Police Department and use the remaining 6 acres for a soccer field.

The consensus was unanimous 3-0.

XI. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** City Attorney Costanzo reported he would make a full report next meeting.

XII. **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:** None.

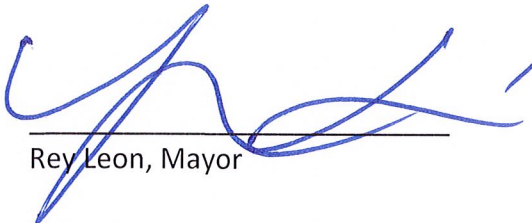
XIII. **SENIOR CENTER SITE COORDINATOR:** None.

XIV. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS:** Councilmember Pimentel said Easter Break was starting next week. Councilmember Solorio asked everyone to have their children sign up for baseball this season. Mayor Leon stated he had just returned from Chicago and New York on Valley LEAP business and had attended the Ramirez fight and proud that he was from the Central Valley (Avenal, CA).

XV. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting by Councilmember Leon, seconded by Councilmember Pimentel.

VOTE: Ayes: Leon, Pimentel, Solorio,
Noes: 0
Absent: Plasencia, Tamayo



Rey Leon, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juanita M. Veliz, City Clerk