



**CITY OF HUGHSON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SAMARITAN VILLAGE ALMOND ROOM
7700 Fox Road, Hughson, CA. 95326**



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Matt Beekman

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Matt Beekman
Mayor Pro Tem Jeramy Young
Councilmember Jill Silva
Councilmember George Carr
Councilmember Harold Hill

Staff Present: Raul L. Mendez, City Manager
Daniel J. Schroeder, City Attorney
Jim Duval, Interim Community Development Director
Darin Gharat, Chief of Police Services
Dominique Spinale, Management Analyst/Deputy City Clerk
Lisa Whiteside, Finance Manager
Sam Rush, Public Works Superintendent

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Matt Beekman

INVOCATION: Pastor Ken Sartain, First Baptist Church

1. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR (No Action Can Be Taken):

Members of the audience may address the City Council on any item of interest to the public pertaining to the City and may step to the podium, state their name and city of residence for the record (requirement of name and city of residence is optional) and make their presentation. Please limit presentations to five minutes. Since the City Council cannot take action on matters not on the Agenda, unless the action is authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Government Code, items of concern, which are not urgent in nature can be resolved more expeditiously by completing and submitting to the City Clerk a "Citizen Request Form" which may be obtained from the City Clerk.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1: State of the City Address, presented by Mayor Matt Beekman.

Mayor Beekman discussed the recent economic decline, including the history of assessed values and its impact to the City of Hughson in the area of property and sales tax revenue, staffing levels and the delivery of public services. The Mayor emphasized the City's successful efforts to remain fiscally prudent during the recent recession and the open and transparent form of government as evident by the monthly, quarterly and annually reporting (i.e., treasurer's report, budget, and unqualified audit) discussed by the City Council at its regular meetings.

The Mayor highlighted some of the tools utilized by the City to ensure the effective delivery of public services such as the law enforcement contract with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department that has made the City of Hughson one of the safest places to live in the Central Valley and the road maintenance program that has resulted in the City of Hughson having the highest Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating in Stanislaus County. The conditions of the roads in Hughson have an 82 PCI rating (on a scale of 100) in comparison to others in the County that range from the low 60s to low 70s.

A status of the Hughson Municipal Water System was also provided by City Manager Raul Mendez who shared both the ongoing challenges and the strategic approach for developing a responsible plan of action. The City of Hughson is working with the State of California Department of Public Health to secure funding to make necessary improvements to the water system that will provide a treatment facility that ensures the City's drinking water supply complies with stringent State standards. The City is also exploring several other avenues for obtaining the funding, including a portion in the form of a grant to minimize the impact to ratepayers.

Mayor Beekman concluded the Address by sharing some of the City's efforts in the area of economic development including the array of programs available to existing and new businesses. These include the City's business incentive program, business incubator center and small business development center to name a few. The City is also actively working with the Stanislaus Economic Development and Workforce Alliance on several fronts to market the programs and bring exciting new business opportunities to Hughson and its residents.

At the conclusion of the State of the City Address, attendees had an opportunity to interact with Mayor Beekman and the rest of the City Council (Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy Young, Councilmember Jill Silva, Councilmember George Carr and Councilmember Harold "Bud" Hill) in a short reception. Other officials in attendance included County Supervisor Vito Chiesa, County Assessor Don Gaekle, Stanislaus Animal Services Agency Director Annette Patton, Hughson Planning Commissioners Karen Minyard, Ken Sartain and Julie Ann Strain, Hughson Parks and Recreation Commissioner Juan Hernandez-Codallos, Hughson Police Chief Darin Gharat, Hughson School Board Trustee Jim Hudelson and Hughson School Superintendent Brian Beck. Daron McDaniel representing Congressmen Jeff Denham, Randy Gregg representing State Senator Tom Berryhill, and Brett McBay representing State Assemblymember Kristin Olsen were also present to demonstrate their continued support of the City of Hughson.

Jean Henley-Hatfield provided an update at the meeting on the following upcoming events; May Day on May 1 at Hughson Elementary, Hughson Historical Society Meeting on May 6, and the Hughson Historical Society's Longstanding Citizen Ceremony and Dinner on August 15.

ADJOURN TO A RECESS AND REFRESHMENTS – Approx. 30 Minutes 7:10 P.M.

RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 7:45 P.M.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All items listed on the Consent Calendar are to be acted upon by a single action of the City Council unless otherwise requested by an individual Councilmember for special consideration. Otherwise, the recommendation of staff will be accepted and acted upon by roll call vote.

- 3.1: Approve the April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 21, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.
- 3.2: Approve the Warrants Register.

Deputy City Clerk Spinale pulled Item 3.2 from the Consent Calendar for amendments.

SILVA/CARR 5-0 motion passes to approve Item 3.1 of the Consent Calendar.

Deputy City Clerk presented an amendment to be applied to the Warrants Register.

BEEKMAN/YOUNG 5-0 motion passes to approve Item 3.2 of the Consent Calendar as amended.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

5. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: NONE.

6. NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE.

8. COMMENTS:

8.1: Staff Reports and Comments: (Information Only – No Action)

City Manager: City Manager Mendez provided an update to the Council on his attendance at Legislative Action Day in Sacramento, reminded the Council about Duarte Nursery’s Friends Day on May 2 and Clean-up Day on May 3. He also introduced Jaylen French as the City’s new Community Development Director.

Jaylen introduced himself to the Council and expressed his excitement in working for the City of Hughson. He will start May 12.

City Clerk:

Community Development Director:

Director of Finance:

Police Services:

City Attorney:

8.2: Council Comments: (Information Only – No Action)

Councilmember Carr updated the Council on his attendance at the Turlock Mosquito Abatement District Meeting and reminded Council of the Relay for Life Event at the High School on May 2-3.

Mayor Pro Tem Young expressed that the State of the City Address was a great meeting and that it is important to have community involvement and receive citizen feedback.

8.3: Mayor’s Comments: (Information Only – No Action)

Mayor Beekman was pleased by the State of the Address community involvement and turnout, and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Young for the idea.

9. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: 7:56 P.M.

9.1: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

Agency Negotiator: Raul L. Mendez, City Manager

Employee Organizations: Operating Engineers Local No. 3
(Skilled Trades, Professional and Technical)

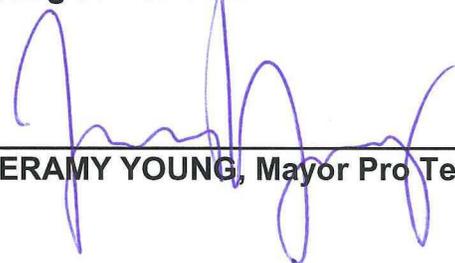
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10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: 9:07 P.M.

No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

HILL/CARR motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 P.M.



JERAMY YOUNG, Mayor Pro Tem

DOMINQUE SPINALE, Deputy City Clerk