



**CITY OF HUGHSON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7018 Pine Street, Hughson, CA**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Matt Beekman

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Councilmember Jill Silva

Staff Present: Raul L. Mendez, City Manager
Daniel J. Schroeder, City Attorney
Jaylen French, Community Development Director
Darin Gharat, Chief of Police Services
Margaret Souza, Finance Director
Juan Padilla, City Treasurer
Dominique Spinale, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk
Sam Rush, Public Works Superintendent

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Matt Beekman

INVOCATION: Mayor Matt Beekman

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

No Public Comments.

2. PRESENTATIONS: NONE.

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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2015.
- 3.2: Approve the Warrants Register.
- 3.3: Approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2014.
- 3.4: Review and Approve the AB 1600 Annual Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2014.

Mayor Beekman pulled Consent Calendar Item 3.4 for discussion.

BEEKMAN/HILL 4-0 (SILVA- Absent) motion passes to approve Consent Calendar Items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3.

Mayor Beekman had questions on the Facility Development Fund (Fund Account 41) and Staff provided responses to his questions and concerns for this account.

BEEKMAN/HILL 4-0 (SILVA- Absent) motion passes to approve Consent Calendar Item 3.4.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 4.1: Adopt Resolution No. 2015-03, Approving Adjustments to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Director Souza presented the Staff Report on this item by reviewing the budget adjustments with the Council and providing additional clarification when requested.

BEEKMAN/YOUNG 4-0 (SILVA- Absent) motion passes to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03, Approving Adjustments to the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

- 4.2: Authorize the City Manager on behalf of the City of Hughson to execute the State of California-Natural Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Contract from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Seventh Street Park Acquisition Project and the purchase of 19.65 acres of real property owned by the Hughson Unified School District near the corner of Whitmore Avenue and Seventh Street.

City Manager Mendez presented the Staff Report on this item, and provided a brief summary on the status of this item and the current items city and legal staff was working on to continue working forward with the project.

Randy Garcia, local farmer who farms a portion of the property for the school district for the Ag Program, was present at the meeting to provide additional information and feedback to the Council and staff regarding the property. Mr. Garcia shared his experience and knowledge on the property and on an irrigation line located on the property.

City staff and the City Council deliberated on this item and discussed their concerns regarding the property and the use of grant funds as a funding source to assist the City in acquiring the property. They also discussed some alternatives that the City and staff may wish to research in order to better assist the City in conducting their due diligence in obtaining all potential costs the City may incur as a result of owning the property; as well as obtaining as much information as possible to make the most informed decision when needed.

Each of the Councilmembers expressed concerns regarding the potential costs in acquiring the property, and requested that staff provide additional information on this item at the next meeting.

No action by Council was taken on this item and Council requested that this item be continued to the February 23 meeting.

5. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: NONE.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1: Review and Discuss City Staff's Draft Update to the Land Use Category of the City of Hughson's 2015 Goals and Objectives Document.

Director French presented the Staff Report on this item. Mayor Beekman and Mayor Pro Tem Young provided feedback on the updated format of the document.

Mayor Beekman asked staff to add the following items as Objectives: Initiate an Ag Buffer Zone with the City of Ceres for 2015, and designate area as Ag Investment Zone.

Mayor Pro Tem Young asked staff to add a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) update to the document.

No action by Council was taken on this item.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1: Update of the Hatch Road and Santa Fe Avenue Signal Project.

7.2: Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda, February 10, 2015.

8. COMMENTS:

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

City Manager: City Manager Mendez updated the Council on the Fire 2+2 meeting scheduled for February 11, the LOVE Hughson Event scheduled for April 18, and the State of the City Address scheduled for February 23. He also updated the Council on the status of the Finance Director Recruitment and the results of the recent income survey conducted in the City.

City Clerk: City Clerk Spinale updated the Council on the schedule Request for Proposals Schedule for the Refuse and Garbage Contract, as well as reviewed the annual Form 700 requirements for the FPPC April 1 deadline.

Community Development Director: Director French updated the Council on the current inquiries regarding planning and development in the City, as well as providing an update on the current items under review with the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission.

Director of Finance:

Police Services: Chief Gharat updated the Council on the recent repairs to the speed radar trailers and reviewed the use of the SLESF funding this fiscal year, in case Council had any questions.

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 the Ag Boosters Dinner Auction Event. He also updated the Council on that this June will be 100 years for the Hughson Fire Protection District, so a centennial event is under way.

Councilmember Hill complimented Councilmember Carr on his recent Letter to the Editor regarding the Hughson Community. He also updated the Council that he will be attending the upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission, Fire 2+2, and Economic Development Action Committee meetings.

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

Mayor Beekman updated the Council on his attendance at the LAFCO meeting, and advised the Council that the City of Hughson is the model used by LAFCO for Ag Preservation Programs.

9. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: NONE.

Closed Session was cancelled for this meeting by Mayor Beekman.

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)

Management

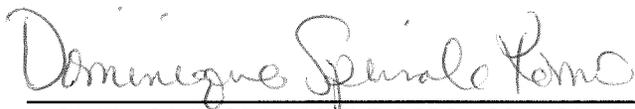
10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT:

HILL/BEEKMAN motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 P.M.



MATT BEEKMAN, Mayor



DOMINIQUE SPINALE ROMO, City Clerk