



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



***STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 – 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  
Jaylen French, Community Development Director  
Darin Gharat, Chief of Police Services  
Dominique Spinale Romo, Assistant to the CM/City Clerk  
Sam Rush, Public Works Superintendent  
Lisa Whiteside, Finance Manager

**FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Matt Beekman

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Ernest Spears

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

No Public Comments.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

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

Mayor Beekman opened the State of the City Address by presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Hughson, focusing specifically on the areas of the City's budget, the Water System, Economic Development, Roads, and Police Services.

City Manager Mendez reviewed and discussed the City's Water System.

Community Development Director French reviewed and discussed the City's Roads and upcoming street projects.

Mayor Beekman reviewed and discussed the City's progress in the area of Economic Development, including the recent implementation of an Economic Development Incentive Program, of which the City has utilized in assisting three new businesses to open in the City, by making loans and grant funding available.

Mayor Beekman reviewed and discussed the success of the City's Police Services Contract with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. Mayor Beekman presented Chief of Police Services, Darin Gharat, with a City Plaque thanking the Chief for his years of service as the City's Chief of Police. Chief Gharat is scheduled to retire in March.

**ADJOURN TO A RECESS AND REFRESHMENTS – Approx. 30 Minutes – 6:40 P.M.**

**RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Approximately 7:10 P.M.**

*Upon reconvening into the City Council Meeting, it is noted that Mayor Pro Tem Young was excused/absent for the remainder of the meeting.*

**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 February 9, 2015 Council Meeting.

- 3.2: Approve the Warrants Register.
- 3.3: Accept the Quarterly City of Hughson Legislative Report.

**BEEKMAN/SILVA 4-0 (YOUNG-Absent) motion passes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 4.1: 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.**

**The City Council deliberated on this item and asked various questions to both City and Legal staff, regarding the status of the grant and whether funding was available to cover the expenses to turn the property (if acquired) into a “passive park” within the next three years, as required in the grant regulations.**

**Citizens within the Community, including Planning Commissioners Julie Strain and Karen Minyard, Deputy Sheriff Dennis Wallace, and business owner Martha Vasquez, were present at the meeting to ask questions of staff and Council, as well as to provide feedback to the Council.**

**The Council continued to deliberation on this Item, as each of the Councilmembers shared their thoughts and concerns with the potential costs that may be associated in acquiring the property, as well as the future project costs in developing the land into a community park.**

**BEEKMAN/HILL 4-0 (YOUNG- Absent) motion passes to Not 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.**

**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 his closing comments on the Council’s decision in not moving forward with the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park Acquisition Project. He also shared his enjoyment with the State of the City Address event.

**City Clerk:**

**Community Development Director:**

**Director of Finance:**

**Police Services:**

**City Attorney:**

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

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

**Mayor Beekman provided a closing statement on the Council’s decision to not move forward with acquiring the property for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park Project, and expressed his appreciation to the city staff, legal staff, and the Council in conducting due diligence in researching the property and project to assist the City Council in making the most educated decision for the City of Hughson’s best interest.**

**9. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: 8:35 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)

Management

**10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

**8:52 P.M.**

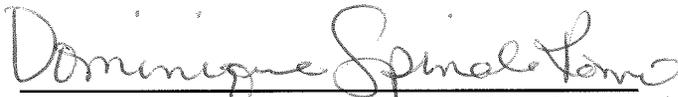
**No reportable action was taken.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**BEEKMAN/CARR motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M.**



**MATT BEEKMAN, Mayor**



**DOMINIQUE SPINALE ROMO, City Clerk**