



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

**MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 – 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  
 Councilmember Jill Silva

Staff Present: Raul L. Mendez, City Manager  
 Susana Diaz, Deputy City Clerk  
 Daniel J. Schroeder, City Attorney  
 Jaylen French, Community Development Director  
 Deputy Nikkel, Police Services  
 Shannon Esenwein, Finance Director  
 Lisa Whiteside, Finance Manager  
 Sam Rush, Public Works Superintendent  
 Jaime Fountain, City Treasurer

**FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Matt Beekman

**INVOCATION:** Hughson Ministerial Association

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

Alan McFadon Planning Commissioner thanked the three applicants for applying for the Planning Commission vacancy.

**Jean Henley thanked Mayor Pro Tem and the City Manager for attending the Hughson Historical Society annual appreciation dinner in recognizing two Hughson families. She expressed her concerns regarding abandoned vehicles in the community.**

## **2. PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2.1:** Conduct Interviews of Candidates for the Planning Commission.
  - a. Hold nominations and make an appointment.
  - b. Administer Oath of Office.

**City Council interviewed three candidates for the Planning Commission vacancy. City Clerk Diaz administered the Oath of Office.**

**BEEKMAN/YOUNG 3-2 motion passes to appoint John Luis to the Planning Commission.**

- 2.2:** City of Hughson Beautification Presentation.

**Barbara Swier made a presentation to the City Council in regards to City beautification.**

## **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 Special Meeting of August 19, 2016.
- 3.2:** Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2016.
- 3.3:** Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 25, 2016.
- 3.4:** Approve the Warrants Register.
- 3.5:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Investment Portfolio Report – May 2016.
- 3.6:** Approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2016.
- 3.7:** Consideration to Accept State of California Department of Transportation Active Transportation Program Grant and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Grant Agreement for the Fox Road Sidewalk Infill Project.

- 3.8:** Consideration of the League of California Cities 2016 Annual Conference Resolution Packet.
- 3.9:** Approval of Industrial Waste Hauler Permit Applications.
- 3.10:** A Proclamation: Declaring September 18–24, 2016 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Week”.

**BEEKMAN/HILL 5-0 motion passes to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 4.1:** Discuss and Provide Direction to City Staff on the Agricultural Lease Agreement with Mid Valley Nut Company for City Property Located on Leedom Road (Lower Ponds) Near the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

**City Manager Mendez presented the staff report on this item. Council held discussion and provided staff with direction to continue discussions with Mr. Casazza to attempt to negotiate an agreement within the framework of the original proposal.**

**Mayor Beekman recused himself due to conflict of interest; he exited the Council Chambers at 8:30 P.M. and returned to the Council Chambers at 8:58 P.M.**

**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 informed the Council that the City of Hughson received a correspondence from Stanislaus County regarding the anticipated release of the State Water Control Board’s substitute environmental document known as the SED for the Bay-Delta Program. He provided a copy of the draft press release prepared by the County that outlined the significant local impacts.**

City Manager Mendez shared that he had attended the Hughson United Soccer League opening day ceremonies at the Sports Complex. The recreational soccer program is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and is expanding its participation numbers. The program was instituted to provide another local sport option for the Hughson community youth.

City Manager Mendez reminded the Council and public that the Hughson Concert Series 2016 will begin Thursday, September 15, 2016 in conjunction with the Farmers Market from 5:30P.M. - 8:00P.M. in the downtown and on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at Starn Park. A car show will be taking place Saturday morning at Hamilton's Diner.

City Manager Mendez introduced Larry Sun--the City's new management intern. Mr. Sun, a graduate student in Public Administration at CSU, Stanislaus, will be working with the City Manager and City Clerk on various projects. There will be two additional interns from CSU, Stanislaus coming onboard to assist the Community Development Director and the Director of Finance.

**City Clerk:**

Deputy City Clerk Diaz provided the Council with the Draft "Ground Rules for Meeting Conduct" as part of the transition plan to the video recording of Council meetings

**Community Development Director:** Director French updated the Council on the Hatch Road / Santa Fe Avenue Signalization project, which will re-

commence in November 2016. He noted that Turlock Irrigation District (TID) has requested the project not commence until the irrigation water is out of the canals. Director French updated Council on the Tully Road / Whitmore Avenue Project. PG&E began work to relocate the gas line vaults which will take six to eight weeks. They will then complete the reconstruction of Tully Road.

Director French also shared that the Starn Park basketball court project has nearly been completed, but is available for basketball purposes.

He also reported that early polling on the Transportation Sales Tax Measure on the November ballot is showing over 70% approval rate.

**Director of Finance:**

Director Esenwein advised the Council that the City of Hughson will experience a 26.21% increase in medical benefit premiums with the San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority. All employees will be required to contribute towards medical benefits.

She also shared that the audit is scheduled to begin September 19, 2016 and the Budget and Finance Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2016 for review of the fiscal year 2016-2017 Final Budget.

**Police Services:**

Officer Nikkel provided the City Council with the latest Crime Statistic Report. Police Services will be present at the Hughson Concert in the Park event. The Hughson

**Chamber of Commerce has donated \$250.00 in the form of gift certificates from local business for the Youth Rewards Program to recognize youth in the community for making good choices.**

**City Attorney: None.**

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

**Councilmember Carr noted that he attended the Hughson United Soccer League opening ceremonies. The program has grown from 150 to 350 players. The soccer and football programs are doing a great job in keeping the youth in the community involved in sports.**

**Councilmember Silva said she attended the 2+2 School Committee meeting along with Mayor Pro Tem Young, City Manager Mendez, and Community Development Director French. Eight items were discussed, including building partnerships with community organizations. She also noted she would be attending the upcoming Budget and Finance Subcommittee meeting on September 20, 2016.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Young noted that he attended the opening day of the Hughson United Soccer league. The league runs a great program and recalls the work it has taken to bring irrigation to the facility. He noted his attendance at the 2+2 School Committee meeting. Mayor Pro Tem expressed his concern of the lack of interest in the 2016 election season and would like to develop a youth council program or student liaison to the council. Possible participation can be in the form of students participating in Council meetings, or commission meetings and providing advice and/or feedback regarding decisions at hand. The City Manager and Mayor Pro Tem will work with the Hughson Unified School District develop the program.**

**Councilmember Hill said he attended the Farmer's Market Thursday evening and the Hughson United Soccer League opening day. He will be attending the League of California Cities division meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016.**

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

**Mayor Beekman expressed his concern regarding the unimpaired flow issue that the State is working on and the potentially devastating impact that the 40% reduction in water would have on the region. He also noted that the City of Hughson should be looking for alternatives to the San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority. He would like to find out from the City Attorney what the fiscal impact would be for the outstanding debt with the JPA if the current contract is extended.**

**9. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

- 9.1: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Name of Case: David Chase v. San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority et al., Workers Compensation Appeals Board, Case No. WCAB No.: ADJ7139354.
  
- 9.2: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9:

One Case

**10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

All of the Councilmembers were present and there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

HILL/YOUNG 5-0 motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 P.M.

  
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MATT BEEKMAN, Mayor

  
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SUSANA DIAZ, Deputy City Clerk