

DOS PALOS CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

City-County Building, 1554 Golden Gate Avenue
Dos Palos, California, USA

6:00 pm, Tuesday, August 17, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER:

by Mayor April Hogue

1. **Flag Salute** *Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Debbie Orlando*
2. **Invocation** *Led by Mayor pro Tem Thomas Pigg*
3. **Roll Call** *by City Manager Darrell Fonseca*
4. **Urgency Additions or Deletions:** *Requires urgency and four affirmative votes*

5. **Public Forum:** At this time, anyone present may comment upon any city-related business item, which is not on this agenda. Please state your name and address for the record. Please be concise and avoid repetition. The mayor may limit you to one presentation not to exceed two minutes in length. State law now requires at least twice as much time be allotted to a member of the public who utilizes a non-English translator. Response is not required. Action, if necessary is limited to staff referral, or with special conditions, placement on a future agenda.

B. COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, and PROCLAMATIONS:

1. **Oath of Office** Ceremony for Omar Mondragon as Police Sergeant.
2. **The Audit:** Financial Statements for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
by Price Paige & Company (Auditor).

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action

1. Action to Accept the 2019-2020 **Audit** as Presented.
2. Approval of the **Treasurer's Report** for February 2021.
3. Approval of the **Pre-Paid**s for July 2021.
4. Approval of the **Warrants** for August 2021.
5. Approval of the **Minutes** of the July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting continued to July 29, 2021.
6. Approval of the **Minutes** of the August 6, 2021 Special Meeting.

D. BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding regarding use of City of Dos Palos **Sewer and Water Funds** relative to the Restoration of the 750,000 Gallon Water Tank and Authorization for the Mayor to sign. Report
Discussion
Action
2. Resolution 2021-16 Regulating Parking on San Jose Avenue, Establishing a (red) **no parking zone** at the mailbox cluster. Report
Discussion
Action

3. Resolution 2021 – 17 Authorizing CM & Finance Director to sign and file the Annual **LTF** (Local Transportation Fund) Claim for \$5,677. Report
Discussion
Action

4. Ordinance 431 – **Increasing Council Salaries** from \$150 to \$300 per month. (Waive?) Second Reading
Second Public Hearing
Adoption

5. Designation of **Voting Delegate** for the League of California Cities Annual Conference. Report
Discussion
Nomination

6. Appointment of Acting **City Clerk** and/or Public Recruitment. Report
Discussion
Possible Action

7. Decision Making/Form of Government. Workshop
*Placed here in open session upon advice of the City Attorney.
Council acted on July 29, 2021 to place this item in Executive
Closed Session on the August 17, 2021 Agenda but it does not
meet criteria for Executive Closed Session which includes:
(Personnel/Litigation/Real Estate Negotiation).*

E. CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS.

1. Various Reports.
2. Rate Study Information & Update/City Engineer.
3. Grand Jury Report - response due within 90 days after release.
4. Planning Commission Report
5. Cotton Festival September 9-10-11-12, 2021.

F. RECESS in memory of local departed:

Ellen Drew 102	Velma Worrell 96	Ruth Goodman 92
Willie Silva 91	Joyce Furman 84	Peggy Westbrook 82
Ollie Hornbeak 75	Fr. Angel Sotelo 57	Aaron Crutcher 53

G. EXECUTIVE (Closed) SESSION: Conferences with Legal Counsel/City Attorney:

1. Personnel: MOU with Directors of Finance, Public Works, & Utilities,
per California Government Code 54954(e), 54957 (b)(1).
2. Personnel: (Assistant/Acting/Interim) City Manager,
per California Government Code 54954(e), 54957 (b)(1).

H. NEW BUSINESS if added.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

Disclosures, Information, Pending, and Possible Future Actions:

The 96th City Council consists of Mayor April Hogue, Mayor pro Tempore Thomas Pigg, Councilmember Debbie Orlando, Councilmember Armando Bravo, and Councilmember Marcus Porter. The 44th City Council Session is now underway and ends on November 15, 2022. The next available numbers of record are Ordinance #431 and Resolution 2021-16.

On May 18, 2021, the City Council authorized staff to solicit proposals for a Development Impact Fee Study. The proposals are due at City Hall at 12 noon November 1, 2021.

The Merced County Grand Jury is expected to release its annual report on August 12, 2021. The City Council is required to respond to any applicable findings within 90 days (November 8, 2021) of its release.

In February 2021, a majority of the City Council directed staff to prepare a resolution setting an annual Vacant Building Permit Fee at 5% of a vacant building's Assessed Valuation. In March 2021 the council voted 4-1 to reject that proposal. Council then directed staff to return with a resolution setting a Vacant Building Permit at \$344 annually. In April 2021 the Council acted to postpone further discussion until the November 16, 2021 city council meeting. For more information, see February/March/April Council meeting Minutes on the City Website: cityofdospalos.org

City staff and city attorney prepared information for the City Council to consider the establishment of a local non-profit Theatre Foundation to receive grant money to purchase and restore the Dos Palos Theatre. At the March 2021 City Council meeting, the mayor tabled the recommendation. This item may be reconsidered when and if a new grant source becomes available.

The Reconstruction of Thomas Street is included in the 2021-2022 Budget Resolution 2021-11/Q utilizing available LTF and SB 1 RMRA funds.

The next Measure V Street project will be East Blossom Street and connections from Lucerne Avenue to Palm Avenue. Funding committed thus far includes \$2,488,310 in Measure V Street and Sidewalk funds, \$1,588,000 Westside Regional funds, \$783,039 in Rule 20A undergrounding funds. Other funds will be sought. This is a multi-year project.

Current Pending Grants include \$11,000,000 from State of California for a New Water Plant, \$1,322,176 in Federal American Rescue Act funding for the Rehabilitation of the 750,000 Gallon Water Tank, \$279,664 in the Federal Infrastructure bill for the Water Plant Clarifier, \$140,000 in LEAP grant funding and \$35,000 in REAP grant funding for a new Housing Element.