

Dos Palos City Council Minutes October 19, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor April Hogue called a regular meeting of the Dos Palos City Council to order at 6:00 pm in the City-County Building at 1546-1554 Golden Gate Avenue in Dos Palos, California.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor pro Tem Alice Thompson.
2. An Invocation was led by Councilmember Thomas Pigg. Mayor Hogue announced that anyone interested in presenting an Invocation at a future meeting should contact Mr. Fonseca (City Manager Darrell Fonseca) for guidelines and scheduling.
3. Roll Call: Acting City Clerk Darrell Fonseca called the Roll finding all five City Councilmembers present: Mayor April Hogue, Mayor pro Tem Alice Thompson, Councilmember Joe Lerner, Councilmember Michael McGlynn, and Councilmember Thomas Pigg.

Others present included: City Attorney Edward Amaral, DPOLJUSD Trustee and Police Officer Lisa Areias, Judy Ball, Public Works Director Gordon Bonds, Suzie Cole, Mary Coronado, MCAG Senior Planner Matt Fell, City Manager/CEO Darrell Fonseca, Frank Fountain, Public Safety Director Dewayne Jones, Utilities Director Rick Marshall, City Engineer Garth Pecchenino, MCAG Director Patrick Pittenger, Jeanne Wagner, and one other unidentified woman.

4. Urgency Additions or Deletions: None.
5. Public Forum: Judy Ball, 1041 Golden Gate Avenue, complained about a camper trailer on (San) Roberto Street that has been there for at least three months, her neighbors about two doors down on Golden Gate are working on cars in their yard and park cars on the lawn, a house on Fir Avenue has a lot of cars and garbage, and asked if a speed bump could be placed on Golden Gate to slow speeders. Staff responded that Risk Management, our insurer discourages speed bumps due to liability, however, trailers are dealt with on a complaint basis so the police and code enforcement will look into that and her other complaints.

B. COMMENDATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & PROCLAMATIONS: None.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Lerner to approve the **Treasurer's Report** for July 2017 meeting. The motion passed 5-0. AYES: Hogue, Thompson, Lerner, McGlynn, and Pigg. NOES: None.

2. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Lerner to approve the **Minutes** of September 19, 2017. The motion passed 5-0. AYES: Hogue, Thompson, Lerner, McGlynn, and Pigg. NOES: None.
3. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Lerner to approve the **Pre-Paid**s for September 2017. The motion passed 5-0. AYES: Hogue, Thompson, Lerner, McGlynn, and Pigg. NOES: None.
4. It was moved by Councilmember Pigg and seconded by Councilmember Lerner to approve the **Warrants** for October 2017. The motion passed 5-0. AYES: Hogue, Thompson, Lerner, McGlynn, and Pigg. NOES: None.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. City Manager Fonseca reported: that MCAG is currently going out to bid for a countywide **Pavement Management System**. The project is estimated to cost between \$200,000 and \$400,000. MCAG will cover the first \$200,000 and the City will be required to bear 1% of the balance. The City has 25 road miles or 1% of the County's total road mileage; that the "Center Avenue North Project" was submitted and accepted by the CTC (California Transportation Commission) as an **SB 1 RMRA** (Senate Bill One - Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account) project with no questions at this time, and in fact, Dos Palos was one of the very first cities in the state to achieve that acknowledgement; and that to date, the City has received \$16,121.86 in **Measure V** Sidewalk/Alt Modes funding, and \$64,487.41 in Measure V Local Street Funding, and the City generally receives Measure V checks about 12-15 days (approximately two weeks) after the date of issuance.
2. Following a staff report, it was moved by Councilmember McGlynn and seconded by Councilmember Lerner to adopt **Resolution 2017-12** setting the Measure V Transportation Sales Tax Top Ten Priority List, with *Focus* on a downtown demonstration project, high traffic and poorer quality streets and sidewalks near schools and public facilities, and then other poorer quality streets and sidewalks. The *Strategies* will be to reduce expenses by bundling street projects to reduce staging, labor, and equipment costs; to increase funding with matching grants, utility funds, regional funds, and school contributions; to bond or borrow 3-5 years' worth of funds to complete projects earlier and retire debt with the 30 year revenue stream; to begin work on underground utilities now or as funding is available to make the actual street construction shovel ready; and to stick to this plan and avoid changing priorities to successfully complete at least the first three projects.

The **Measure V Priority List**, with cost estimates as of today is:

1. Bank & Bubbles Downtown Sidewalk Project	\$ 32,520
2. Center Avenue North Area Project	936,000
3. East Blossom Street Area Project	2,488,310

4. Center Avenue South Area Project	360,000
5. Frank Avenue Elementary School Area Project	320,000
6. Downtown Sidewalks	2,047,480
7. Almond Avenue at the Cemetery Project	380,000
8. Virginia Avenue between Palo Alto and Valeria	390,000
9. Marks Subdivision (Mumby, Johnson, Jones, Geis)	400,000
10. Marguerite Street between Carol and Frank Aves.	500,000

The motion passed 5-0. AYES: Hogue, Thompson, Lerner, McGlynn, and Pigg. NOES: None.

3. MCAG Executive Director Patrick Pittenger and MCAG Senior Planner Matt Fell presented the **Regional Transportation Plan** Update. City Manager Fonseca asked Mr. Fell to confirm that the City's "Center Avenue North Project" and the "East Blossom Street Area Project" were indeed, both on the plan for consideration by the Westside Regional Projects Committee for Regional Funding. Mr. Fell confirmed that the projects are indeed on the list and that Dos Palos was the first city to submit its Local and Regional Projects. Judy Ball asked why the City is seeking matching funds, shouldn't Measure V provide enough money by itself? Staff responded that Measure V is already providing more money that we've had to work with in many years, but that each project is very expensive and Measure V alone cannot provide all funding.
4. Utilities Director Rick Marshall presented the monthly monitoring report on **Water** and **Wastewater**. City Engineer Garth Pecchenino provided an update on the Water Planning Grant. Councilmember McGlynn asked why Director Marshall provided electricity usage information for "**Solar**" to the City Engineer? City Manager Fonseca responded that, as previously explained to the council, since the Wastewater Facility is likely the City's highest electricity user, and since the Wastewater Facility property sits on a 38 acre parcel, at least 20 acres or more could be devoted to a solar grid that could either provide electricity for the Facility or offset its cost. Rather than work on several tiny solar projects he focused on one big one. He had asked the City Engineer to find a state grant that could provide funding to design such a facility. Mayor Hogue asked how long will that take? City Engineer Pecchenino responded that he hopes to have the grant application completed in the next 30 days. Councilmember McGlynn asked Director Marshall why several engineering firms were billing the city? Director Marshall reported that he, City Manager Fonseca, City Engineer Pecchenino, State Water Boards, AECOM Engineering, QK Engineering, and other officials meet and hold a conference call every Thursday to work on the Water Plant Planning Grant.

E. CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS, REPORTS, & ACTION: Various reports:

1. The City Manager and Department Heads were thanked separately and collectively for having several old vehicles sold as **Surplus** and for removing unnecessary items and cleaning up the Police parking lot and City-County Building.

2. Director Jones reported that the Fire Department has exceeded 1,000 calls this year. Planning Commission denied a Conditional Use Permit to locate a church in the former Kaljian-Balatti Building. He and City Manager Fonseca are attempting to help the church find another location with proper zoning.
3. Director Bonds reported that Public Works has hired Richard Weaver as a Maintenance I, and that they are preparing the Storm Drainage pumps and system for the winter.
4. Councilmember McGlynn said “I will attend the November 9th Westside Regional Measure V Projects committee meeting in Gustine. I want you all to know that I will fight for Regional money and will make ‘backdoor deals’ if necessary to bring money home for our streets!”
5. Councilmember Lerner reported on Mosquito Abatement District efforts to control mosquitoes, and that the Women’s Improvement Club has only two booth spaces left for its 11th Annual Holiday Bazaar, 10 am – 3 pm, Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the D.E.S. Hall.
6. City Manager Fonseca reported a successful City Clean-Up Time held October 7th, that the Y Service Club will hold its annual Cioppino Dinner on November 1st, that the 80th Annual Halloween Parade will be held on the morning of Tuesday, October 31, 2017, that on that evening, “Trunk or Treat” will be held Downtown (from Marguerite Street to Almond Street and from Golden Gate Avenue to Lucerne Avenue, that the City’s Website is being updated, and that Jason Teeter has been promoted to Public Works Maintenance III from his former Maintenance II position effective October 1, 2017.
7. Mayor Hogue reported that the JV Football team was assigned to help with the Community Clean Up of our streets, that she and Anne Krippner (Falaschi) provided lunch for the kids at the Methodist Church, that a “Fall Festival” similar to the Farmer’s Markets without the Farmer’s Market will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, and that the Bay Area Black Widows, a roller derby team has established their banked track practice facility in Dos Palos.

The meeting was recessed at 6:50 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:55 pm.

F. EXECUTIVE (Closed) SESSION:

The Council entered into Conferences with Legal Counsel (City Attorney Edward Amaral) at 6:55 pm regarding:

1. Personnel: Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety per California Government Code 54954 (e); and

2. Personnel: Public Works Maintenance
per California Government Code 54954 (e).

The Council emerged from Executive Closed Session at 7:15 pm with No Action Taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Following a staff report in which the City Manager cautioned the council, that while not all Department Heads need to receive the same salary, based on their position, qualifications, and years of service; and that while it is quite common for a Chief of Police to earn more than say, a Director of Public Works, the council may want to be careful that it doesn't place itself in a position where it continuously raises the salary of one gender but not the other. Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Lerner and seconded by Councilmember McGlynn to Revise the City's Salary Schedule effective January 1, 2018 with a new Chief of Police annual salary range as follows:

Step A	Step B	Step C	Step D	Step E	Step F	Step G
\$71,129	73,974	76,933	80,010	83,210	86,539	90,000

and; Effective July 1, 2018, the Director of Public Safety will be added to this same range at Step D \$80,010 for 2018-2019. The motion passed 5-0 as follows: AYES: Hogue, Thompson, Lerner, McGlynn, and Pigg. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

- H. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct at this time, the meeting was adjourned at **7:17 pm** in memory of Adelaide Nannini 91, Ramiro Salinas 69, Debra Webb 59, and Lydia Bal 55.