



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 9, 2021

Present: Council Members Arturo De La Fuente, Vera Zavala, Sophia Sotelo, Diana Castaneda, Mayor Laura Vazquez, City Attorney James Carmody, Police Chief David Marks, City Clerk Sylvia Sanchez, City Treasurer Jamison Horner

Absent: Council Member Mark Gourneau, Fire Chief Luke Cussins

1. Call to Order Time: 7:11pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Roll Call

Council Member Gourneau had a family emergency and was unable to attend. There was a motion by Vera and a second by Arturo to excuse Council Member Gourneau. Excused 4-0

3. Vote on the Meeting Agenda

There was a motion By Sophia and a second by Arturo to approve the Meeting Agenda.
Approved 4-0

4. **Consent Agenda** (The following will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion separate of these items unless a Council Member requests separate discussion. The item will be removed from the Consent agenda and added to New Business.)
 - A. Approve Study Session Minutes for Tuesday January 26, 2021
 - B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday January 26, 2021
 - C. Approve Payroll Warrant Register February 9, 2021 Number # 11868 to #11869 & EFT in the amount of \$46,17.84
 - D. Approve Claim Voucher/Payment February 9, 2021 Number #11870 to #11899 & EFT in the amount of \$34,239.12

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Vera to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved 4-0

5. Old Business

A. Approval of Resolution 2021-03 Putting Back in to Practice Ordinance 730 Relating to Graffiti Removal

There was some discussion with the terms on the consent form. Jamison explained that the actual terms on the forms were not part of the resolution so it could be passed, and adjustments made to the forms after the fact. There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Diana to approve Resolution 2021-03. Approved 4-0

6. New Business

B. Approval of Ordinance 2021-1168 Reaffirming the City's Official Newspaper.

There was a motion by Sophia and a second by Arturo to approve Ordinance 2021-1168. Approved 4-0

7. Staff Reports

Chief Marks wanted to talk about code enforcement. He stated that they have started working hard on enforcing people not parking on sidewalks; this came to pass because someone mentioned that kids would be going back into school and many of the sidewalks are unwalkable. Chief stated that we prefer not to use enforcement at all; we would rather have people just comply with what they are asking. Chief explained that he has worked hard this summer on cleaning alleyways; this was primarily for safety, if there was a fire or something they wanted to make sure that houses are accessible in an emergency. He explained that this is the same logic that they are using to clean the sidewalks; he wants to make sure that the streets are safe for children to get to and from school. He also stated that most people are receptive to what he is asking but there are a select few that give some major push back. Chief also stated that ironically these are also the same people that are giving him trouble with other issues.

The mayor took a minute to applaud the chief for dealing with some of the issues that he has tackled. The mayor stated that she hears about many of these things as the police department takes care of them. She stated that where you hear 2 or 3 people complaining about it there are probably fifty people that are praising that these things are getting taken care of.

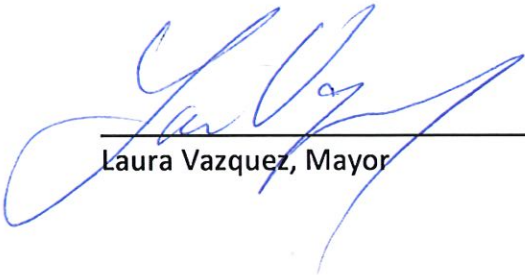
8. Mayor's Report

The mayor stated that we are really working hard on Governor's Park. She stated that she got a call from Penny, who is Senator Honeyford's right hand, they are asking for some more information, but it looks like they may be able to get us the rest of the money that we need to finish the park. She stated that we still need about \$40,000 to finish the park and ride also but it sounds like the money will be just signed out of direct funds for whatever we may need.

The mayor also told us that Mr. Gannon just gave us 5 trees from the nursery as part of it being torn down. There was a plan to purchase them from him previous, but it had to go through an approval process, and he explained that he would rather just have them taken. He did not have any place for them to go and he knew the city could use them.

Arturo asked if anything happened with Pacific Power in regards to the lights by the High School. Sylvia explained that the Public Works Lead was taking care of this and has been out recently. Arturo also asked about the status of officers within the police department. The mayor explained that one officer had quit and that there was an advertisement out with Indeed for a new officer.

9. Adjournment: Time: 7:31pm



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Laura Vazquez, Mayor



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Joshua Roberson, Deputy City Clerk