MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF MADERA CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MADERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY, CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA

February 8, 2017 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Andrew Medellin opened the Regular Meeting of the City Council and the Special Meeting of the Madera City Council as the Successor Agency to the former Madera Redevelopment Agency, and Special Meeting of the Madera City Council as the Successor Housing Agency at 6:00 p.m. and called for the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Andrew J. Medellin

Mayor Pro-Tem Cecelia K. Foley Gallegos Council Member Derek O. Robinson Sr.

Council Member William Oliver Council Member Charles F. Rigby Council Member Donald E. Holley

Absent: Council Member Jose Rodriguez

Successor Agency staff members present: Executive Director Jim Taubert, Business Manager Bob Wilson, City Attorney Brent Richardson and Recording Secretary Claudia Mendoza

City of Madera staff members present: City Administrator David Tooley, Public Works Director Dave Randall, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator Saleh Alhomedi, Neighborhood Outreach Assistant Christina Herrera.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos.

PUBLIC COMMENT - REGULAR SESSION

The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Council/Agency on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council/Agency. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Mayor has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council/Agency are prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council/Agency does not respond to public comment at this time.

No comments were offered and Mayor Medellin closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations were given.

INTRODUCTIONS

No Introductions were made.

2. WORKSHOP

There are no items for this section.

Announcement by Secretary: Per Government Code Section 54957.5, members of the public are advised, that less than 72 hours prior to this evening's meeting, Item 3B was provided to the City Council and staff. If you wish to obtain a copy of this item, it is located on the podium. Thank you.

Mayor Medellin called for the items as listed on the Consent Calendar.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3A. Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council, Special Meeting of the City Council as the Successor Agency to the former Madera Redevelopment Agency and Special Meeting of the Successor Housing Agency December 14, 2016 (City/Successor Agency/Successor Housing Agency)
- 3B. Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council, Special Meeting of the City Council as the Successor Agency to the former Madera Redevelopment Agency and Special Meeting of the Successor Housing Agency January 11, 2017 (City/Successor Agency/Successor Housing Agency)
- 3C. Listing of Warrants Issued from January 1, 2017 to January 31, 2017 (Successor Agency)
- 3D. Monthly Financial Reports Successor Agency (Successor Agency)
- 3E. Monthly Financial Reports Code Enforcement (City)
- 3F. Activity Report Code Enforcement Division (City)
- 3G. Code Enforcement Funds Collection Report for Period Ending January 31, 2017 (City)
- 3H. Update on Neighborhood Outreach Activities (City)
- 3I. Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Madera District Fair for Use of the Fairgrounds Parking Area for the Staging of Upcoming Waste Tire Amnesty Day Events in the Spring of 2017 (City)
- 3J. Consideration of a Resolution Amending Fund 4020 Low/Mod Housing Fund FY 2017 Budget (Successor Housing Agency)

Mayor Medellin asked members of the Council if there were any items on the Consent Calendar they wished to have pulled for further discussion. There were none.

On motion by Council Member Oliver seconded by Council Member Holley the Consent Calendar was approved unanimously as presented by the following 6/0 vote: Ayes: Council Members Medellin, Foley Gallegos, Robinson, Rigby, Oliver and Holley; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Council Member Rodriguez; resulting in the unanimous approval of the Minutes of the

Joint Meeting of the Special Meeting of the Madera City Council, Regular Meeting of the City Council as the Successor Agency to the former Madera Redevelopment Agency, and Special Meeting of the Successor Housing Agency for **December 14, 2016**; Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Special Meeting of the Madera City Council, Regular Meeting of the City Council as the Successor Agency to the former Madera Redevelopment Agency, and Special Meeting of the Successor Housing Agency for **January 11, 2017**; approval of City Council Resolution **CC 17-23** and Successor Housing Agency Resolution **SHA 17-04**.

4. PROJECTS AND REPORTS

4A. Discussion Regarding Curb Stripe Program (City)

Outreach Coordinator Alhomedi reported that about a month ago the Curb Stripe Committee Meeting charged him with a feasibility study plan for a City-wide curb stripe painting. He examined the financial costs, consulted the City Attorney and Public Works Director on the legality of the implementation. He is happy to answer any questions the City Council may have regarding the information provided in the staff report.

Mayor Medellin asked if the numbers provided are assumptions based on if we were to stripe 12,000 curbs. Mr. Alhomedi responded that the numbers are estimates received from Public Works. Mayor Medellin stated the report states that other Public Works programs would suffer to the point we can't do it all, and it would be one or the other.

Council Member Oliver asked for a quick update as to where we are at and how many households we have touched. Mr. Alhomedi responded so far we have painted the curbs of 1,200 households since the launch of the program. We continue to do that upon citizens' requests. Mr. Taubert stated that we still pass out information and consent forms at all Neighborhood Watch meetings and any special events. Council Member Oliver stated that he knew a lot of Neighborhood Watch teams were eager to participate. He believes that we initially allocated \$20,000 to go towards that, so it averages about \$20 a parcel. Assuming everyone would want to participate, this would be the annual project costs. Mr. Taubert stated that this would basically be the way we are currently doing it, which is a slow path going through the Neighborhood Watch. It would be dedicating a few people and painting the whole town at the same time.

Council Member Oliver also asked if we have considered engaging public to share some of those costs and sign up to pay to have that emblem placed on there. Mr. Taubert responded that this was initially a Madera Ministerial Association (MMA) initiative. We were providing a vehicle to market and get the neighborhoods involved. Public Works was the vehicle for providing the paint and doing the labor. We tried dedicating a day last year where we would get all the churches to go out, and we only had 2 (two) or 3 (three) churches able to attend. We were only able to reach a couple of hundred people for that event. It is a 3 (three) way deal with us, Public Works and the MMA.

Council Member Rigby stated that he is a little concerned with the lack of conversation tonight. He asked who is the Outreach Coordinator overseeing this project right now? Mr. Taubert responded that Saleh and Christina are working with the Neighborhood Watch folks. Council Member Rigby asked if this is a project that your office is not wanting to continue? Mr. Taubert stated it is not an extra effort on us. We are already going to the meetings and we have no problem continuing. He added most of the burden would be on Public Works.

Council Member Rigby stated that it is a grass roots movement of Saleh and Christina knocking on doors and he has spent some time knocking on doors. It is a tedious task because it requires manpower, time, effort, energy, and most importantly it puts us in front of the homeowner. So now it requires conversation versus painting the whole City, which would not require conversation. We are looking at the possibility of implementing a new policy from the City Council that would say we are going to do this regardless of how you feel homeowner. You projected the costs for removing the emblem, this indicates that we will get some flak for this. We are going to get somebody calling in saying that they do not want this. Otherwise, we wouldn't have even gone through the process of trying to figure out how much it costs to remove the emblem. With that in mind, he thinks the spirit of the initiative to allow the homeowner, the family that occupies the property or business, to show solidarity and it connects them to the first responder. Whereas by us coming in and painting the City, it connects the City to the first responders. We are already connected and we are completely removing the spirit of the initiative, which is you get to make the choice. With all due respect to the Mayor and those who met that day, he has a couple of suggestions. If we lived in this utopian world that was created in this paper, this is how he would like it done. Let's round up the troops and get it done. That would be great. But we don't and his concern is that all eyes are on us with the opportunity to make great fiscal decisions on how we spend money provided to us, especially moving forward with new monies coming in from Measure K. He believes as a council they need to begin to show fiscal responsibility. When you put dollar signs in front of this project, it brings us to a reality as to what this project entails when it comes to dollars and cents, which is great because he needs to see that. We need to make a business decision tonight, but he does have some ideas he would like to share after his colleagues speak.

Mayor Medellin stated for transparency sake, Council Member Rigby is right. He was in a meeting with a few of us and Pastor Leach. Where do we go from here came up. The people at Neighborhood Watch meetings are on board, but we do not get everyone at the neighborhoods. A street that has 40 homes on it and 7 (seven) or 10 (ten) people sign up. We are sending Public Works to only those 7 (seven) or 10 (ten) homes. Then the follow up calls come in asking why did they not get one. So logistically, we will be back in your neighborhood when it makes sense, then times that by 70. In his mind from a logistical standpoint, if we just did it, we could have better direction and better planning with Public Works who can map it out and get it done. That was the reasoning for let's do this. Totally was not thinking that the whole purpose was to bring the community together and show solidarity. Where is that connection between the resident of Madera and the first responders? Point well taken and he could appreciate that. It is easy to say let's just do it until you put a dollar sign on there. Maybe your heart was in the right place but now not only do we have to pay for this once, but other departments are going to suffer. He was on board with painting the City with in mind that it would be easier on staff and the community. But, he does agree with Council Member Rigby that we will lose that connection the residents, which is not why we are doing it in the first place.

Council Member Robinson stated that he was concerned with the yearly maintenance costs to repaint the curbs. Also car tires can rub the paint off. Three years ago he had his address painted on his curb and it is already gone. Is there an easier method like a metal plate glued on or embossed on to the curb? Also maybe we can work with the boot camp, volunteers, churches or other groups to help with labor. Mayor Medellin responded that we can explore all avenues. Those are great ideas.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated she was concerned with the numbers and agrees with Council Member Rigby. Her concern was we will pay to paint the curb and we will pay to remove the paint if the resident was not happy. Also we were not going to give them the option to choose

if they wanted this or not. It is their land to choose what they want or not. She thinks that we would get a lot of unhappy residents. Great point Council Member Rigby.

Mayor Medellin stated if he remembered correctly, the report states that prior to implementation, the resident could go on the City website and opt out. But like anything else you will have the ones that slip through the cracks and once it is on there they will object to it and want it removed.

Council Member Oliver stated that we have to move forward and continue the conversations. Whether it is through the Curb Stripe Initiative or other campaigns. It was well received and something we should continue to do. He agrees with sentiments with the projected costs. He would like see this moving forward incrementally and would like to see it neighborhood or resident generated. When we launched this people wanted to throw the insignia on their curb and show that they are proud of their first responders. Also we should look at how to recoup those costs. He does not want us to generate proceeds or profits. He does not think we should walk away from the program because it is a good thing.

Mayor Medellin agreed that this is a project we would like to sustain and continue because it has been received so very well and that is why we are here tonight. But where do we go from here?

Council Member Holley stated that we have a problem with moving cars during street sweeping. You send your team out there to paint the curbs and there is nobody to move the cars. You can send notices out weeks in advance, the day before and knock on doors and there will be some of these cars are not running. The first thing you will hear from the citizens is that they do not want this done. So we may have a lot of negativity out of this because a lot of folks do not want to move their cars. We are talking about going forward, that is fine. But going back in to the same neighborhoods after we have already been out there, it is going to take more than 2 (two) or 3 (three) years to get this done. Do we have the manpower to keep going back into the same area over and over again to continue? That is going to be costly. Also what if we paint someone's curb and a new resident moves in and says they do not want the curb painted. How do we keep it going forward? Who is going to recover that cost to make that happen all over again, the residents or the City?

Council Member Robinson stated that every house does not need to be painted. If you have a neighborhood of twenty homes, if 8 (eight) or 9 (nine) are done, that sends a message. Mayor Medellin stated that is what we have now. It is hit or miss. But as Council Member Rigby mentioned before, that interaction with every neighborhood and asking them if this is something they want to be part of and the intent is to show solidarity and support. The more curbs that our first responders drove by and saw that support, the better. Some representation is better than none at all.

Council Member Robinson stated that it does not have to be on the curb, it could be on a flag or sign. Mayor Medellin responded like the window decals.

Council Member Rigby stated that he respects the opinions of his colleagues and he does not want to get stuck in the semantics. He would like to deal with the project as a whole. He believes that at its birth, it was fun and great. In retrospect, we did not implement it as well as we could have. He thinks that we have to find a community partnership that is willing and wanting to be involved with this as far as the ground work, such as knocking on doors and being a spearhead or the voice of this project throughout the community. It is one thing to have Neighborhood Watch leaders trumpeting what we are trying to get across through the initiative, but they can only go as

far as their (2) two blocks. We have talked about mobilizing those leaders and getting them to other neighborhoods where they can help Christina and Saleh by walking the streets with them. That way they can give a testimonial of what it looks like. For whatever reason that has not transpired. He can speak on behalf of Madera Ministerial Association and at the same time he believes they need to be challenged in this. He believes Pastor Leach and Pastor Echeverria are great spearheads for this. The unfortunate thing is that the remainder of the association has not really gotten behind it. This is problematic because now it sits on our lap and we are guessing on what to do now. The last thing he wants is for this to disappear and get lost somewhere in the archives of just another great idea that never panned out. He is curious to know if this is a project that would meet the requirements of CDBG funding? City Administrator Tooley responded that he will have to look, but he does not see this as being grant eligible. The program requirements are rather stringent. He will give him a more definitive answer after some research, but his initial reaction would be no. Mr. Taubert mentioned there are quite a few units outside of the CDBG eligible census tracts.

Council Member Rigby stated he is in this for the long haul. Especially if he knows the end product is going to be happily ever after. He believes that the program is moving forward. If we can put the program on hold for a season, comeback with an ad hoc committee with MMA and get some interested groups, he knows of several coalitions of community outreach that might want to get involved. Maybe circle the wagons and see what it would look like to bring in their participation. There is nothing like going door to door and being able to brag on our first responders and being able to see the people say sign me up. It is great. Mr. Randal was ever so kind to provide the manpower and the resources to see that these curbs are painted in a timely and orderly manner. The teams he has sent out have been fun and it has been great. It does something for the community. The kids come out to watch the curb being painted and the neighbors are out there asking what is going on. He was able to speak to people saying that we are wasting tax dollars and why don't we use that money to hire a police officer. This gave him a great opportunity to explain that we would love to hire more police officers but not for the month that this program costs. To engage in conversation, he believes that is what needs to happen. He believes that we are close. He asked Mr. Taubert if his team will be patient and he knows that there is so many other things that are on their hotplate. Mr. Taubert responded that he was part of the meeting that took place and it never came up that we were losing the element of community. We were looking at it from being disappointed from how slow the program was going. The burden has never been on us, although we were frustrated that we were not meeting the expectations and going so slow.

Council Member Rigby stated that we cannot forget the victories we had with this program. We cannot forget the type of media that we have picked up, not that we do it for that reason. But it is reassuring to know that its not going unseen. It has a purpose. It ties into everything we are tying to do with Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, everything that was accomplished by passing Measure K and all the great things that will continue to come out from our Fire Department and Madera Police Department.

Mayor Medellin asked Council Member Rigby for clarification. Was he suggesting we completely take this off the table for now to where we don't present it at any Neighborhood Watch meetings and then come back and revisit it, continue with the way we are doing things or a modified version where the actual implementation will not happen but we continue to talk about it and tell people what our intentions are, and continue to support our first responders. Council Member Rigby responded that we continue as we are doing because it is getting results, but he does not think that it is too much of a burden to circle the wagons in the meantime. He would like to

explore Council Member Oliver's suggestion of what it would look like to get some monetary feedback from those who want to donate to the cause. But in the meantime, we will still operate with the same model because it is serving the Neighborhood Watch groups. We can all agree that if the Neighborhood Watch wants to participate we should all accommodate that and do whatever we can to make sure that neighborhood feels valued and safe. We should work with those parameters and in the meantime we should circle the wagons and figure out how we should implement this in a larger scale. Maybe we could pull it off in the next couple of months and relaunch with a new program.

Council Member Holley added to him it is like the turtle and the hare. Be like the turtle and keep moving. Just keep chipping at it and it will come down and get done. He does not want to see this program demolished. Our neighborhoods are really involved in this; we will kill that spirit working with them by getting signatures. If you get 1 (one) or 2 (two). a week, hit the 1 (one) or 2 (two). We are out there anyway. Before you know it, we will be done. He thinks we should keep going forward and we can search for monetary sources while we are out there. Let's not stop the program and keep it rolling because we have the community involved.

Mayor Medellin stated we passed Measure K by 80%. The simple word is trust, the trust the community has in public safety, more specifically in our police department. Every time we go to a Neighborhood Watch meeting or community function, there is a lot of interaction with our police department and there is a lot of trust there. He believes that we are all in agreement that we do not want to take this off the table completely. He thinks there could be some alternatives. When we have different community events, we should be there in the forefront and continue to ask people to support our first responders, if it is in the way of bumper stickers, or window decals or other forms to show support. There was a local business that donated 1,000 stickers to the cause and 1 (one) of the churches from the MMA purchased 1,000 stickers. Whether it be volunteers to go out to different businesses to give them a little explanation to let them know what this is or monetary donations or other ways to pitch in to continue the cause, because it is a vital part of who we are in this day and age to show our solidarity and support. He thinks we are all in agreement to continue with the program, but maybe as a logistical standpoint and take a step back and see if there is other alternatives to spending this kind of money. He doesn't think it needs a form of a recommendation, but there is direction given.

Council Member Rigby stated that on his behalf he is so grateful for the work that Christina, Saleh and Jim have been doing on this program. He appreciates their tireless efforts and continuing to support this vision. He appreciates their patience and wiliness to get through this part of the program. He knows they share the same exuberance as the Council does. Thank you so much.

4B. Discussion Regarding Community Garden – Council Member Derek Robinson (City) City Attorney Brent Richardson reported that this is the property that was pulled and reset from last week's meeting so Viola can address certain questions.

Executive Director Taubert stated 4 (four) years ago he had his first conversation with Council Member Robinson regarding a community garden. Approximately 1 (one) year ago, Ryan with the Food Bank came and identified some property behind the Rescue Mission that was landlocked property, some of which was owned by the Housing Authority and the Gamboa Family. The problem was that you could not get to the Housing Authority property without going through the Gamboa property. Gamboa was not interested in working with us on that. We felt that if we had a site immediately adjacent to the Rescue Mission, we would have a built in labor force and it could be utilized by the non-profit groups. That did not work so we looked at the community

garden that we built at 4th Street and Lake Street. Years ago we turned that over to the Coalition for Community Justice. About a year ago, we were contacted by United Way, Food Bank and Rescue Mission. They were interested in coming in and doing a 1 (one) time cleanup of the community garden and a planting. It was in pretty bad shape at that time. The former Redevelopment Agency had an agreement with the Coalition for Community Justice but once we were dissolved Parks Department took the agreement over. The agreement with the coalition rolls over year after year. They invited Baldwin Moy to the meeting with the United Way and Mr. Moy indicated that they were not interested in giving up control of the garden. The coalition had some good ideas on fertilizer, mulch and teaching kids to do all of that. They did not see the need for additional partners at that time. So that sent us in another different direction. Within the last couple of weeks, Council Member Robinson came and asked about the property at the former Madera Tribune site at Clinton Street and E Street. It is a dirt lot and it will be difficult to sell. It sounded like a really good idea, until he met with the City Attorney. It was realized that this was in our Long Range Property Management Plan, if we entered into an agreement with a group we would have to send that agreement to the California Department of Finance for approval. The likelihood of them approving it would be highly unlikely. If anyone knows of any private property that can be utilized. Council Member Robinson has some groups that are interested in doing the labor.

Council Member Robinson stated that he was making a few phone calls an hour before he got to the meeting. Pastor Charles Fryer of Church of God and Christ has some property at 344 Hull Street. He spoke to his board members and they agreed that we could use their property for 3 (three) years until they build a larger church. That is 1 (one) spot that we could use. It would be beneficial to the neighborhood because our citizens can exercise, eat healthy crops, socialize, network and develop skills in gardening. The row crop could be sweet potatoes, squash, tomatoes and greens. He thinks this is a plus.

Council Member Rigby asked Council Member Robinson who are some of the agencies that you are hoping to partner with that might help? Council Member Robinson responded the United Way, a master gardener and Madera Valley Disposal. Council Member Rigby also asked who will maintain it? Council Member Robinson stated that the Rescue Mission will.

Council Member Rigby asked how large is the lot? Council Member Robinson responded it is about a quarter of an acre.

Mayor Medellin stated that it sounds like you have a handful of people that are interested in helping. Is there going to be any financial responsibility from the City? Council Member Robinson responded the only thing we would have to worry about is the water. But this is preliminary. Mr. Tooley stated if there is an expectation that the City will pay for the water, we cannot pay for it out of the water fund because it does not benefit the rate payer. So whatever the value of that contribution is, would have to be transferred from the General Fund.

Council Member Robinson also mentioned a drip company from Madera stated that they would like to showcase their new dripline.

Council Member Oliver added that he appreciates Council Member Robinson's efforts in spearheading this and assembling a team to help move the ball forward. He thinks that we have to use creative ways to use under-utilized spaces, whether it be community gardens, green spaces or other places making things we can do on a temporary or permanent basis. Hopefully this will work as a template we could work with and incorporate throughout the City.

Council Member Robinson also mentioned that he will be going to West Sacramento where they have an established community garden. He will bring back information.

5. AGREEMENTS

There were no items for this section.

6. HOUSING

6A. Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement Between Blair, Church & Flynn, and The Successor Housing Agency to The Former Madera Redevelopment Agency For Engineering Services Related to the Riverwalk Drive Improvement Project (Successor Housing Agency)

Business Manager Wilson reported Blair, Church and Flynn is an engineering firm that has been working on the Riverwalk Drive Improvement Project since inception of the project in 2008. This agreement should wrap up their involvement in the project. Originally it was set to be a 42 high density subdivision, but with dissolution it turned out to be 12 single family lots. This agreement had to do with the rezone, the tentative subdivision map, the precise plan, work for the design, construction staking for the fence and sewer line. This will wrap up the topographical survey and the lot grading plan. This is included on our ROPS as line item #66.

Mayor Medellin called for a motion to adopt the Successor Housing Agency resolution.

SHA 17-05 RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR HOUSING AGENCY TO THE FORMER MADERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BLAIR, CHURCH & FLYNN, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE RIVERWALK DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MADERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

On motion by Council Member Rigby seconded by Council Member Holley Resolution SHA 17-05 was approved unanimously as presented by the following 6/0 vote: Ayes: Council Members Medellin, Foley Gallegos, Robinson, Rigby, Oliver and Holley; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Council Member Rodriguez.

7. GENERAL

There were no items for this section.

8. AGENCY MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Robinson reported that he attended a sexual harassment training where they also spoke about bullying.

Mayor Pro Tem Gallegos Foley reported that today with several of her colleagues she spent some time with the Boy Scouts for National Boy Scouts Day. We gave them tours around our city. She thanked Jim Taubert for allowing his staff to help, they were the most prominent show of staff members at the event. The scouts really appreciated the time that was given.

Council Member Rigby stated that he has been receiving phone calls from concerned citizens regarding people living along the river and the fires that they build in the river by the homeless communities. When the citizens call in, the station is telling them that the station will not send out an engine because the homeless community has permission to build fires to stay warm. This

happened twice to him personally because he made a phone call on behalf of constituents. Does our ordinance for camping talk about fires that are being built? Mr. Taubert responded that he does not know who would give them permission, because we have an ordinance that prohibits public camping within the City limits. City Attorney Richardson stated that we could look into that. Council Member Rigby stated we need to look at it and see if our code needs to be readdressed. He is very empathetic to the homeless community in the colder months, but he is searching for answers to give to his constituents that had contacted him and asked why they are not allowed to light a fire in their fireplaces, and how is it these people can light one whenever they want.

Council Member Holley stated that he is still working with the schools and with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He is the Membership Chairman for the Boy Scouts and he was glad to be a part of Civic Day. He has participated for 12 or 13 years now and it has been a lot of fun. He also thanked everyone for the prayers for his family.

Council Member Oliver reported that he will have a bone marrow registry drive on Sunday for his 30th birthday.

Mayor Medellin reported that he also participated in Civics Day. Thanked City Administrator Tooley and his staff. We had approximately 20 kids participated who were chaperoned by a number of civic leaders. All lead by Dave Merchen. The kids got a lot out of it. It took time out of our busy day, but the directors understood the value of it and it is well worth it. Sonia also kept everyone informed. Great team effort.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for this section.

10.ADJOURNMENT

Claudie Mende

Mayor Medellin adjourned the Joint Special Meeting of the Madera City Council, Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council as the Successor Agency to the former Madera Redevelopment Agency, and Special Meeting of the Madera City Council as the Successor Housing Agency at 7:00 p.m.

Claudia Mendoza, Recording Secretary

Ándrew J. Medellin, Mayor

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