

Item:	B-1
Minutes for:	09/21/2022
Adopted:	12/07/2022

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Madera City Council**

**September 21, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**  
**City Hall**

The Council Chambers will be open to the public. This meeting will also be available for public viewing and participation through Zoom. Members of the public may also observe the live streamed meeting on the City's website at [www.madera.gov/live](http://www.madera.gov/live). Members of the public may comment on agenda items at the meeting or remotely through an electronic meeting via phone by dialing (669) 900-6833 enter ID: 867 0113 5155#. Comments will also be accepted via email at [citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov](mailto:citycouncilpubliccomment@madera.gov) or by regular mail at 205 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Anita Evans, District 4  
Councilmember Cece Gallegos, District 1  
Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, District 2  
Councilmember Steve Montes, District 3  
Councilmember Elsa Mejia, District 5 (Zoom)  
Councilmember Artemio Villegas, District 6

**Absent:** Mayor Santos Garcia

Others present were City Manager Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Clerk Alicia Gonzales, City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Interim Director of Financial Services Kingsley Okereke, Fire Division Chief Matt Watson, Grants Administrator Marcela Zuniga, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, IS Manager Mark Souders, Interim Director of Parks and Community Services Joseph Hebert, Planning Manager Gary Conte, Chief of Police Dino Lawson, Interim Public Works Director Jamie Hickman, Grants Program Manager Kristi Johnson, Deputy City Engineer Ellen Bitter, Recreation/Community Program Adam Romero, Assistant Engineer Alexis Raymundo, (Consultant) Senior Planner James Troyer, Communication Specialist Joseph Carrello, and Police Officer II Michael Powell.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Roger Leach, Valley West Christian Center

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boy Scout Troop 116

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**

**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS  
COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA  
COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*The first 15 minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked, but are not required, to identify themselves and state the subject of their comments. 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 is 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 does not respond to public comment at this time.*

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Certificate of Recognition - Ryan McWherter, Madera County Food Bank
2. San Joaquin River Western Reaches Access Activation Plan (WRAAP)

**INTRODUCTIONS:** None

**A. WORKSHOP:**

**A-1 \$1 Million Request from Madera Community Hospital**

**Recommendation:** Receive information from Madera Community Hospital on its request for \$1 million in funding from the City and provide direction, if desired

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, a member of the public or a member of the Council may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and it will be considered separately.*

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 – COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS  
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ  
COUNCILMEMBER MONTES  
MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS  
COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA  
COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**B-1 Minutes – 05/04/22**

**Recommendation:** Approve the City Council Minutes of May 4, 2022 (Report by Alicia Gonzales)

**B-2 Informational Report on Register of Audited Demands for August 6, 2022 to August 26, 2022**

**Recommendation:** No Action Required (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

**B-3 Informational Report on Personnel Activity**

**Recommendation:** No Action Required (Report by Wendy Silva)

**B-4 Informational Report on Contract City Attorney Services and Litigation Expenditures**

**Recommendation:** No Action Required (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

**B-5 Informational Report on Emergency Repairs for Water Well No. 33**

**Recommendation:** No Action Required (Report by Jamie Hickman)

**B-6 Remote City Council Meetings Under Brown Act Requirements (Assembly Bill 361)**

**Recommendation:** Council to decide to Adopt a Resolution Reauthorizing Remote Teleconference Public Meetings by the City Council and All Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees of the City in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361 for a Period of 30 Days (Report by Arnolando Rodriguez)

**RES 22-145** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA REAUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS

**B-7 Acceptance of a Grant Award from the State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)**

**Recommendation:**

- 1) Adopt a Resolution Accepting the Grant Award in the amount of \$105,000 on behalf of the City and designating the City Manager as the Authorizing Official to act on the City's behalf and execute all necessary documents; and
- 2) Adopt a Resolution Amending the City's 2022/23 Budget to reflect revenues and Expenditures Related to the Grant (Report by Dino Lawson)

**RES 22-146** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000 AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD

**RES 22-147** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MADERA FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET

**B-8 City's Participation in the Old Timer's Day Parade and Downtown Christmas Parade**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Waiving the Fees to Cover the Costs of Police, Public Works, and Parks Services Relating to the Old Timers' Day Parade and

Downtown Christmas Parade in the amount of \$5,986 (Report by Dino Lawson)

**RES 22-148**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA WAIVING THE FEES TO COVER COSTS OF POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PARK FEES RELATING TO THE OLD TIMERS PARADE AND THE DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE FOR MADERA DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, MADERA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB 587, AND MADERA EVENING LIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,986.00

**B-9 Master Agreement Between the Madera County Transportation Commission and the City for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Allocation of the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange Funding**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Master Agreement between the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) and the City for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 allocation of RSTP Exchange Funding (RSTP Exchange Funding)

**RES 22-149**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MCTC) AND THE CITY OF MADERA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 ALLOCATION OF REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) EXCHANGE FUNDING

**B-10 Sidewalk Improvements on Lilly Street and Vineyard Avenue**

**Recommendation: Approve a Minute Order Approving:**

- 1) Acceptance of the Construction of Sidewalk Improvements Lilly Street – Vineyard Avenue, CDBG Project No. B19MC060053, City Project No. R-85
- 2) The Recording of Notice of Completion; and
- 3) The release of retention 35 days after recording of the Notice of Completion (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**B-11 2020-21 SB-1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Seals and Overlay, City Project No. R-78**

**Recommendation: Approve a Minute Order Approving:**

- 1) Acceptance of 2020-21 SB-1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Seals and Overlay, City Project No. R-78.
- 2) The Recording of Notice of Completion.
- 3) The release of retention 35 days after recording of the Notice of Completion (Report by Keith Helmuth)

**B-12 Appointment to the Housing Assistance Loan Review Committee**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Appointment of Johanna Torres to the Housing Assistance Loan Review Committee (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

**RES 22-150** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING JOHANA TORRES TO THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

**B-13 Agreement with Backowski Law Group to provide Specialized Real Estate Legal Services**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving use of Backowski Law Group for Specialized Real Estate Legal Services (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

**RES 22-151** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BACKOWSKI LAW GROUP, PC TO PERFORM REAL ESTATE LEGAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

**B-14 Empower 457 Deferred Compensation Plan & Trust Regulatory Amendment to comply with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution approving the Amendment for CARES Act to the Empower Retirement City of Madera 457 Deferred Compensation Plan & Trust and authorizing the City Manager to execute necessary documents electronically through DocuSign (Report by Wendy Silva)

**RES 22-152** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE EMPOWER RETIREMENT CITY OF MADERA DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN & TRUST AMENDMENT FOR CARES ACT

**B-15 Agreement for ResoluteGuard Cyber Risk Management Program**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution approving the ResoluteGuard Services Agreement and authorizing the Director of Human Resources to execute necessary documents electronically through DocuSign (Report by Wendy Silva)

**RES 22-153** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE RESOLUTEGUARD SERVICES AGREEMENT

Item E-1 was moved to be heard before section "Public Hearings".

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**C-1 Madera Municipal Code (MMC) Ordinance Text Amendment relating to Wireless Facilities on Private Property and a Small Wireless Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way Policy**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and introduce for first reading by title only and waive the full reading of:

1. A Regulatory Ordinance Adding Chapter 9 to Title X of the Madera Municipal Code Relating to Wireless Facilities on Private Property
2. Adoption of City Council Resolution adopting a Small Wireless Facilities Policy in the Public Rights-of-Way
3. Adoption of a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Report by Gary Conte)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM C-1(1) & C-1(3) WAS BY A 5/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA.**

**ITEM C-1(2) WILL BE BROUGHT BACK FOR ADOPTION AT THE OCTOBER 19, 2022 MEETING.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 5 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**ABSTAIN: 1 -** **COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**

Mayor Pro Tem Evans called for a recess at 8:24 p.m. Session resumed at 8:26 p.m.

**C-2 Public Hearing regarding the Program Year 2021-2022 Community Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Financial Summary**

**Recommendation:** Conduct the public hearing, invite public input, and adopt a Resolution approving the 2021-2022 the City's CAPER and financial summary (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM C-2 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**RES 22-154** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**C-3 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update and Water Shortage Contingency Plan**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolutions approving:

1. The Urban Water Management Plan 2020 Update
2. Water Shortage Contingency Plan (Report by Jamie Hickman)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, ITEM C-3 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**RES 22-155** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE CITY'S URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020 UPDATE

**RES 22-156** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE CITY'S WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

**D. PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS:**

**D-1 Initiation of Proceedings for the Annexation of Vineyard Estates Phase III, Tract S1-S-02 & S1-S-03/TSM 2020-04 Subdivision into Community Facilities District 2005-1**

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt Resolutions:

1. Adopting a Boundary Map Showing the Territory Proposed for Annexation to Community Facilities District No. 2005-1; and,
2. Declaring Its Intention to Annex Territory (Tract S1-S-02 & S1-S-03/TSM 2020-04 Subdivision) to Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Public Services), to Authorize the Levy of Special Taxes Therein, and Setting Public Hearing (Annexation No. 13) (Report by Gary Conte)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS, ITEM D-1 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**RES 22-157** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BOUNDARY MAP SHOWING TERRITORY PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO CITY OF MADERA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-1 (ANNEXATION NO. 13)

**RES 22-158** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ANNEX TERRITORY (VINEYARD ESTATES PHASE III TRACT SI-S-02 & SI-S-03/TSM 2020-04 SUBDIVISION) TO THE CITY OF MADERA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2005-1 (PUBLIC SERVICES), TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN, AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING (ANNEXATION NO. 13)

**D-2 DICK’S Sporting Goods Foundation Grant Award**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the DICK’S Sporting Goods Foundation Grant Award Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 as part of the Sports Matter Program (Report by Joseph Hebert)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-2 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**RES 22-159** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE DICK’S SPORTING GOODS FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 AS PART OF THE SPORTS MATTER PROGRAM

**D-3 Madera Metro Transit Plan and Service Design Guidelines**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Final Report of the Madera Metro Transit Plan (MTP) and the City’s Transit System Service Design Guidelines (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS, ITEM D-3 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**



**RES 22-160** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE CITY OF MADERA TRANSIT PLAN AND THE MADERA TRANSIT SYSTEM SERVICE DESIGN GUIDELINES

**D-4 Fare Adjustments for Madera Metro and Dial-A-Ride**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving a Modified Fare Structure for the Fixed Route Transit System and Limited Dial-A-Ride Transit System and Rescinding Resolution No. 20-58 (Report by Kingsley Okereke)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM D-4 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**RES 22-161** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A MODIFIED FARE STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY OF MADERA FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT SYSTEM AND DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT SYSTEM AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-58

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**E-1 Request for Direction in Naming of Olive Avenue/Knox Street Park Site**

**Recommendation:** Request for direction regarding the naming of the new park at Olive Avenue and Knox Street (Report by Joseph Hebert)

Julie Okane, Susie LiCalsi, Gabriel and Monica Diaz Rodriguez, Stell Manfredi, former Councilmember Gary Svanda, Debi Bray, and former Mayor Robert Poythress (through Councilmember Rodriguez) submitted public comment recommending that the park be named after former Executive Director of Redevelopment/Successor Agency James Taubert.

No further Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES, ITEM E-1 TO PROCEED WITH NAMING OF THE PARK AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**

**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**E-2 Lions Town & Country Park Improvement Projects Update**

**Recommendation:** No Action Required (Report by Joseph Hebert)

**E-3 Professional Recruitment Services to Conduct Director of Financial Services Recruitment**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council approve a Minute Order authorizing staff to seek proposals from professional recruiting firms to assist the City in filling the currently vacant Director of Financial Services position (Report by Wendy Silva)

No Public Comment was presented. Public Comment was closed.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MONTES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ, ITEM E-3 WAS APPROVED BY A 6/0 VOTE. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: MAYOR GARCIA. ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**THE MOTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**YES: 6 –**  
**COUNCILMEMBER GALLEGOS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MONTES**  
**MAYOR PRO TEM EVANS**  
**COUNCILMEMBER MEJIA**  
**COUNCILMEMBER VILLEGAS**

**F. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Mayor and Councilmembers (i) to make brief reports on boards, committees, and other public agencies, and at public events, (ii) to request updates, (iii) to initiate future agenda items., and (iv) to take action on matters initiated under this section of the agenda. Under this section the Council may take action only on items specifically agendized and which meet other requirements for action.*

Councilmember Gallegos congratulated City Clerk, Alicia Gonzales for her successful completion of the Certified Municipal Clerk designation and commended her for her dedication to serving the City and its residents. She also congratulated Councilmember Montes on his promotion with the City of Fresno.

Councilmember Montes requested that a Letter of Support for the affiliation between Madera Community Hospital and Trinity Health be agendized to a future meeting.

Councilmember Rodriguez mentioned the League of California Cities Annual Conference as being a successful networking event and thanked the constituents for electing him and enabling him to attend. He also recognized a resident, Ms. Flora Zumwalt, who celebrated her centennial birthday on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Councilmember Rodriguez requested that Staff agendize discussion of two items to a future meeting: progress of the Cannabis Program and progress on the walking trail at Lions Town and County Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Evans highlighted the “Crunch with the Councilwoman” event in which 10 students from James Monroe Elementary were invited to attend lunch with her. They discussed events happening in the community, issues and success stories. She also extended her congratulations to City Clerk Alicia Gonzales and Councilmember Montes for their accomplishments, and Ms. Flora Zumwalt for her centennial birthday.

Councilmember Mejia acknowledged City Clerk, Alicia Gonzales and Councilmember Montes on their achievements. She also recognized the Mexican Consulate for inviting her and fellow Councilmembers to celebrate Mexican Independence Day and reminded the public that September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> marks Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate triumphs and cultural traditions. Councilmember Mejia reiterated her experience at League of California Cities Conference and stated she found it useful in serving her constituents.

Councilmember Villegas recognized City Clerk, Alicia Gonzales and Councilmember Montes on their achievements. He also clarified the birthday celebration of Ms. Flora Zumwalt would be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**G. CLOSED SESSION:**

**G-1 Conference with Labor Negotiators - Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6**

**Agency Designated Representatives:** Arnaldo Rodriguez and Wendy Silva

**Employee Groups:** General Bargaining Unit, Madera Police Officers' Association, Mid-Management Employee Group, Law Enforcement Mid Management Group

**Unrepresented Employees:** Police Chief, City Engineer, Director of Human Resources, Public Works Operations Director, Director of Parks & Community Services, Information Services Manager, Chief Building Official, Director of Community Development, Director of Financial Services, City Clerk, and City Manager

City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy made the closed session announcement at 9:31 p.m.

Ms. Cantu Montoy and Council returned from Closed Session at 11:11 p.m. with all members of Council present except for Mayor Garcia as he was absent.

Ms. Cantu Montoy stated there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**


- Wednesday, October 5, 2022
- Wednesday, October 19, 2022

**CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN**

Approval of the minutes is not addressed in the vision or action plans; the requested action is also not in conflict with any of the actions or goals contained in that plan.

  
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ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk

  
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SANTOS GARCIA, Mayor

  
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MINUTES PREPARED BY  
ZELDA LEON, Deputy City Clerk

