

City Council Chambers
29844 Haun Road
Menifee, CA 92586

Bill Zimmerman, Mayor
Bob Karwin, District 1
Ricky Estrada, District 2
Lesa Sobek, District 3
Dean Deines, District 4



MINUTES

Menifee City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 06, 2024
5:00 PM Closed Session
6:00 PM Regular Meeting

Armando G. Villa, City Manager
Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney
Stephanie Roseen, Acting City Clerk

CLOSED SESSION (5:00 PM)

The following closed session items were noticed and discussed during the March 6, 2024, Special City Council Meeting held at 4:30 PM.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 Riverside Superior Court Case No. MCC1600382
Fuhrman v. City of Menifee
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 Riverside Superior Court Case No. CVSW2310000
Fuhrman v. City of Menifee

REGULAR MEETING (6:00 PM)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Bill Zimmerman, Bob Karwin, Ricky Estrada, Lesa Sobek, Dean Deines
Absent: None

3. WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Pastor Tony Truax - Hope Christian Church of Menifee

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kim Gerrish led the flag salute.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Riverside County Transportation Commission Traffic Relief Plan

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Executive Director Anne Mayer provided a presentation and reported on the Commission's Traffic Relief Plan.

5.2 Riverside County's Art and Cultural Month Proclamation

The City Council presented Marden DeCastro from the Riverside County Office of Economic Development with a proclamation and Linda Denver with Arts Council Menifee and the Menifee Valley Historical Association reported on upcoming events.

5.3 Recognition of Paloma Valley High School Girls Wrestling CIF Champions

The City Council recognized and presented the Paloma Valley High School Girls Wrestling CIF Champions and Head Coach Luis Robles with certificates.

6. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS

City Clerk Sarah Manwaring stated staff requested to pull Item No. 10.8 from the agenda. Additionally, it was requested to move Item No. 14, City Manager Reports, prior to Item No. 7.

The agenda was approved unanimously (5-0) as modified.

14. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Armando Villa introduced Mark Scoville, Menifee's new Division Fire Chief and recognized outgoing Economic Development Director Gina Gonzalez for her years of service to the City of Menifee.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

The following speakers addressed the City Council on non-agenda items.

- Gillian Larson
- Monica Carli
- Jason White
- Matt Liesemeyer
- Jesse Marquez
- Francisco Urbina

8. COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Karwin reported on the meetings and events he attended.

- Broker's Luncheon
- Rotary Club Mayor's Charity Gala
- Quartz Ranch Park Ribbon Cutting
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Executive Committee Meeting
- Menifee Citizen's Academy
- Sun City Green Space Meeting

Councilmember Estrada reported on the meetings and events he attended.

- Menifee Citizen's Academy
- Rotary Club Mayor's Charity Gala
- Quartz Ranch Park Ribbon Cutting

Councilmember Sobek reported on the meetings and events she attended.

- Meeting With Menifee Public Safety Staff Regarding Illegal Bonfires
- Menifee Interfaith and Community Service Council
- Southwest Riverside County Association of Realtors (SRCARS) Breakfast
- Higher Education Coalition Meeting
- Broker's Luncheon
- Rotary Club Mayor's Charity Gala
- Quartz Ranch Park Ribbon Cutting
- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) Meeting
- Menifee Citizen's Academy

Mayor Pro Tem Deines reported on the meetings and events he attended.

- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Board of Director's Meeting
- Meeting with Ken Calvert
- VFW 1956 Award Luncheon
- US Energy Secretary Meeting
- SouthWest T-Now Meeting
- RTA Admin and Operations Meeting
- Menifee Citizen's Academy

Mayor Zimmerman reported on the meetings and events he attended.

- SRCAR Breakfast
- Meeting with Ken Calvert
- Motte Museum Open House
- Western Riverside Projects and Programs Commission Meeting
- History Museum Tour with City Staff
- Menifee Union School District Partners in Education Event
- Menifee Chamber Wake up at Ready Set Game
- Higher Education Coalition Meeting
- State of the City Committee Meeting
- Broker's Luncheon
- Murrieta Temecula Group Meeting
- Rotary Club Mayor's Charity Gala
- Menifee Valley Little League Opening Ceremony
- Quartz Ranch Park Ribbon Cutting
- Sun City Green Space Meeting
- Local 2228 Cub Scout Pac City Hall Tour
- Menifee Interfaith and Community Service Council
- Menifee Citizen's Academy

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9.1 December 6, 2023 City Council Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously (5-0) with no modifications.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following speaker addressed the City Council on Item No. 10.9.

- Matt Liesemeyer

Councilmember Estrada requested to pull Item No. 10.5. Councilmember Sobek requested to pull Item Nos. 10.9 and 10.10.

The balance of the consent calendar was approved by the following vote.

MOVER: Dean Deines

SECONDER: Bob Karwin

AYES: Zimmerman, Karwin, Estrada, Sobek, Deines

NAYS: None

RECUSE: None

10.1 Waiver of Reading

ACTION

1. Waived the reading in full of any and all Ordinances listed on this agenda and provided that they be read by title only.

10.2 Warrant Register

ACTION

1. Ratified and approved the Voucher Lists dated 02/02/2024 and 02/09/2024 and the Payroll Register/Other EFTs dated 02/02/2024, 02/05/2024, 02/09/2024, 02/12/2024, and 02/13/2024, and the Void Check Listing PE 1/31/2024 which have a total budgetary impact of \$7,008,820.84.

10.3 2023 Education Summit

ACTION

1. Received and filed an update on the 2023 Education Summit.

10.4 2024 Legislative Platform

ACTION

1. Reviewed and approved the updated 2024 Legislative Platform.

10.5 Southwestern Riverside County Higher Education Coalition

This item was pulled for separate discussion. Mayor Zimmerman and Councilmember Sobek, as the members of the Coalition, and Economic

Development Director Gina Gonzales answered questions from the City Council.

The following speaker addressed the City Council.

- Francisco Urbina

ACTION

1. Appointed Menifee’s 2024 Southwest Elected Collaborative Group representatives, Councilmember Lesa Sobek and Mayor Bill Zimmerman, to the Southwestern Riverside County Higher Education Coalition in keeping with City Council Policy No.2; and
2. Adopted Resolution No. 24-1404 acknowledging the need for expanded public higher education institutions within southwestern Riverside County and funding for the cost of tenant improvements to create an expanded presence for California State University San Marcos at the Mt. San Jacinto College campus in Temecula.

MOVER: Ricky Estrada

SECONDER: Lesa Sobek

AYES: Zimmerman, Karwin, Estrada, Sobek, Deines

NAYS: None

RECUSE: None

- 10.6 Local Control of Zoning and Housing Issues Support Resolution

ACTION

1. Adopted Resolution No. 24-1405, supporting actions to further strengthen local democracy, authority, and control as related to local zoning and housing issues in alignment with the City of Menifee’s Legislative Platform.

- 10.7 Menifee Valley Specific Plan Project and McCall Boulevard Improvements Reimbursement

ACTION

1. Adopted Resolution No. 24-1403 designating \$5,540,317 from the Nova Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) payment to a committed reserve fund balance account towards the McCall Boulevard improvement project reimbursement, to be used only in the event funding is needed beyond the primary project reimbursement sources stipulated under the terms of the Menifee Valley Specific Plan Development Agreement.

- 10.8 Gale Webb Action Sports Park Restrooms Project

This item was pulled from the agenda during agenda modifications.

- 10.9 Agreement Amendment with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Civic Center Parking Lot Project

This item was pulled for separate discussion. Public Works Director Nick Fidler answered questions from the City Council.

ACTION

1. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., to increase the compensation by \$33,440, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$353,104 and extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2025, for the Civic Center Parking Lot Project, Capital Improvement Program Project No. 22-24.

MOVER: Lesa Sobek

SECONDER: Dean Deines

AYES: Zimmerman, Karwin, Estrada, Sobek, Deines

NAYS: None

RECUSE: None

- 10.10 Purchase Order Increase with Romtec, Inc. for AMR Skate Park Improvements Project

This item was pulled for separate discussion. Deputy City Manager Jonathan Nicks answered questions from the City Council.

ACTION

1. Approved and authorized an increase to Purchase Order No. 04767 for the previously approved purchase of two prefabricated buildings for the Audie Murphy Ranch Skate Park in the total amount of \$29,483, for a revised total not-to-exceed an aggregate sum of \$366,431.

MOVER: Lesa Sobek

SECONDER: Dean Deines

AYES: Zimmerman, Karwin, Estrada, Sobek, Deines

NAYS: None

RECUSE: None

- 10.11 Bid Award and Agreement with Granite Construction Company for Construction Services for the Romoland Grid Area – 3rd Street – ATP Project

ACTION

1. Awarded bid and authorized the City Manager to execute a Contractor Services Agreement with Granite Construction Company to perform construction services for the Romoland Grid Area – 3rd Street – ATP, Capital Improvement Program Project No. 23-04, located along 3rd Street, northeast of Highway 74, west of Antelope Road, and south of Watson Road, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,237,100.

- 10.12 Agreement with Graybar Electric for Park Lighting at the Gale Webb, Kids-R-#1 Action Sports Park and Calle Tomas Park

ACTION

1. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the quote and Master Agreement with Graybar Electric for the purchase of solar lighting for parks and parking lots in the amount of \$117,212; and

2. Exempt the purchase from the competitive bidding process as purchase will be made under cooperative purchasing agreement OMNIA Partners Contract No. EV2370.

10.13 Agreement Amendment with Western Riverside Council of Governments for the Regional Streetlight Program, Streetlight Operations and Maintenance

ACTION

1. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Implementation Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments for participation in the Regional Streetlight Program, extending the term of service three years through December 2026 in an amount of \$743,456; and
2. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute Appendix 5 to the Western Riverside Council of Governments Professional Services Agreement, providing for services with Yunex Traffic as it relates to streetlight operations and maintenance; and
3. Authorized the Finance Department to issue individual purchase orders against the Agreement.

10.14 Notice of Completion and Acceptance for the Audie Murphy Ranch Slurry Seal Project

ACTION

1. Accepted the roadway improvements for the Audie Murphy Ranch Slurry Seal Project, Pavement Management Program Project No. 22-01, located along Newport Road, and west of Murrieta Road; and
2. Authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Riverside County Recorder's Office.

10.15 Acceptance of Public Improvements and 90% Release of Security for Tract Map 34406-6, Chelsea at Heritage Lakes, by Lennar Homes of California, Inc.

ACTION

1. Accepted the public improvements for streets, drainage, water, and sewer systems for Tract Map 34406-6, Chelsea at Heritage Lakes, located north of McCall Boulevard and west of Briggs Road; and
2. Authorized the City Engineer to release 90% of the posted securities per the City's Standard Policies.

11. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - NONE

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

12.1 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Principal Planner Doug Darnell provided a presentation and reported on the City's General Plan.

The following speaker addressed the City Council.

- Francisco Urbina

ACTION

1. Received and filed the General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) for 2023 as required by state law to show progress toward implementation of General Plan Goals and Policies.

12.2 Key to the City Program

Economic Development Director Gina Gonzalez provided a presentation.

The City Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Sobek spoke in favor of a program.

Councilmember Karwin and Estrada spoke in opposition to an additional recognition program.

Mayor Pro Tem Deines stated he would be in favor of recognition of individuals and spoke in favor of a program.

Mayor Zimmerman spoke in favor of a program.

ACTION

1. Provided direction to staff to prepare and present to the City Council, a Key to the City Program.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None.

15. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

None.

16. ADJOURN

Mayor Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Stephanie Roseen, CMC
Acting City Clerk