

**CITY OF SELMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Council chambers. Council members answering roll call were: Derr, Niswander, Mayor Pro Tem Lujan, and Mayor Tow. Council member Avalos was absent.

Also present were City Manager Heusser, City Attorney Hargrove, Police Chief Whiteside, Fire Chief Kestly, Public Works Director Weaver, Recreation and Community Services Director Kirchner, Finance Director Bier, Administrative Services Manager Hull, Community Development Director Pirnejad, the press, and interested citizens.

The agenda for this meeting was duly posted in a location visible at all times by the general public seventy-two hours prior to this meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER, DISPATCHER, AND RECORDS

CLERK: Police Chief Whiteside introduced the Police Department's newest Police Officer, Dispatcher, and Records Clerk. Mr. Cesar Castillo, Ms. Amanda Avalos, and Ms. Lucy Gallardo were welcomed by the Council.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CUSTODIAN: Public Works Director Weaver introduced the City's new custodian. Ms. Vicki Spinetta was welcomed by the Council.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC: Fire Chief Kestly introduced the Fire Department's newest firefighter/paramedic. Mr. Sam Barnette was welcomed by the Council.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 5-A-DAY

MONTH: Council member Derr then read a proclamation declaring September 5-a-day month. Recreation Supervisor Alvarado accepted the proclamation and stressed the importance of exercising and eating healthy.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ken Rasmussen, Pastor of Valley Life Community Church (formerly Cathedral of Light Church) stepped forward to invite all present to a 911 Remembrance on Sunday, September 11th.

Mr. Mike Jones, 1300 Floral Avenue, stepped forward to ask that Council require EIR's when considering Selma's numerous proposed subdivisions.

Ms. Christine Statton, 1319 Chestnut, also appeared before Council to ask that lot sizes remain at 7,000 square feet.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Mayor Tow asked that agenda item 1.c. be pulled for separate consideration.

Motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan and seconded by Council member Derr. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Derr, Niswander, Lujan, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Avalos

- a. Minutes of the August 15, 2005 workshop/pre-council meeting approved as written.
- b. Minutes of the August 15, 2005 regular meeting approved as written.
- c. Pulled for separate discussion.
- d. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-62R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA APPROVING NEW DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM (DBE) AND GOAL FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FOR THE CITY OF SELMA. Resolution adopted by standard motion.
- e. RESOLUTION NO. 2005-63R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN ITEMIZED BILLING FOR DISPOSABLE SUPPLIES AND DRUGS USED BY SELMA AMBULANCE SERVICE. Resolution adopted by standard motion.
- f. Check register dated August 30, 2005 approved by standard motion.

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HIGH QUALITY PRE-SCHOOL FOR ALL FRESNO COUNTY CHILDREN BEGINNING WITH FOUR YEAR OLDS: Mayor Tow reported that he had asked for this item to be pulled in order to point out that he feels pre-school is not always the best option for educating young children.

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2005-61R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA SUPPORTING HIGH QUALITY PRE-SCHOOL FOR ALL FRESNO COUNTY CHILDREN BEGINNING WITH FOUR YEAR OLDS was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan and seconded by Mayor Tow. Resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Tow, Derr, Niswander

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Avalos

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR CDBG PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION: Public Works Director Weaver reviewed for the Council the proposed CDBG project for federal fiscal year 2006-2007.

Mayor Tow opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. There being no one to speak for or against the proposal the public hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

After discussion, motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2005-64R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA APPROVING APPLICATION FOR CDBG PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 was made by Council member Derr and seconded by Council member Niswander. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Derr, Niswander, Lujan, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Avalos

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION REGARDING PAYMENT OF STIPENDS FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL: City Manager Heusser reported that because it is becoming harder to find citizens willing to serve on the City's commissions, staff has been looking into the possibility of paying a small stipend in order to entice participation. He also reported that the Council has not had an increase in their stipend for many years and if they so wished it could also be done at this time.

Finance Director Bier then distributed a list of the proposed stipends and stated that the amounts are based on the level of responsibility.

After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lujan moved to direct staff to proceed with the recommendation as presented and to prepare the necessary Ordinance for consideration. The motion was seconded by Council member Niswander and carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Niswander, Derr, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Avalos

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Manager Heusser reported that he has received word that Fresno County may begin to charge an impact fee for development that occurs in each City. He reported that this would greatly impact the cost of new housing in Selma. He also reported that he will keep the Council informed as more information is received.

Recreation & Community Services Director Kirchner reminded the Council of the annual New Hope Family Church car show on September 10th and the Mariachi Festival on September 11th.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council member Derr reported on receiving a complaint about the parking around the high school. After discussion, the matter was directed to the Traffic & Streets Commission for review and recommendation. He reported that work has begun on the new Arts Center and that he has received word on a possible grant for the facility. He reported on receiving positive comments about the Antique Faire. He also reported that the weeds along the railroad tracks need attention.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan asked the status of the Coalinga lawsuit. It was reported that they are still moving through the deposition process. He also reported on being approached by some of the Public Works staff about splitting the future Cattlemen's payment in order to buy needed maintenance equipment. It was reported that any and all funds received from Cattlemen's would go to Pioneer Village only. Council member Lujan reported on attending a meeting regarding the proposed Kingsburg annexation meeting. He also reminded the Council of the State of the County address on September 15th and receiving complaints regarding abandoned cars on Nebraska Avenue.

Mayor Tow stated that he does not want to take any funds from Pioneer Village and that a face to face meeting with the Cattlemen's Attorney is being set up. He also reported on a group of individuals who are going through garbage cans and dumpsters around town and leaving a mess. Staff was directed to look into the situation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Mike Jones, 1300 Floral Avenue, stepped forward to ask if something could be done about the abandoned buildings around the Second Street on and off-ramps. It was reported that staff is in the process of researching an Ordinance which will be coming to Council for consideration at a later date. Mayor Tow also reported that the City is very limited in its ability to clean-up the area because permission must be given by Caltrans. City Manager Heusser stated that he will continue to work on the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: City Manager Heusser reported that an Executive Session would not be needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Carter, CMC
City Clerk

Don Tow
Mayor of the City of Selma

Resolution No: 2005-61R, 2005-62R, 2005-63R, 2005-64R