

CITY OF SELMA
WORKSHOP/PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
July 17, 2006

The workshop/pre-council meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. in the Council chambers. Council member answering roll call were: Avalos, Derr, Niswander, Mayor Pro Tem Lujan, and Mayor Tow.

Also present were City Manager Heusser, City Attorney Hargrove, Assistant City Manager Hull, Police Chief Whiteside, Fire Chief Kestly, Public Works Director Weaver, Recreation Community Services Director Kirchner, Finance Director Bier, 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.

PRESENTATION BY COG REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING MEASURE “C” EXTENSION EXPENDITURE PLAN: Mr. Tony Boren, Executive Director for the Fresno County Council of Governments (COG) appeared before Council to review and explain the proposed Measure “C” Extension Expenditure Plan.

After discussion by Council he was thanked for the presentation and City Manager Heusser reported that approval of the plan will be considered later in the regular Council meeting.

PRESENTATION BY CITY OF DINUBA REGARDING SAFETY TAX: City Manager Heusser introduced the City of Dinuba’s City Manager Ed Todd and their Vice Mayor Terry McKittrick who were present to review and explain the procedures the City took in getting their Public Safety Tax approved by the voters. They reviewed the process, the campaign, and the consultant chosen.

After various questions, they were thanked by the Council.

PRESENTATION BY CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGARDING SAFETY ISSUES AND THE UNDER-GROUNDING OF CANALS: City Manager Heusser introduced Mr. Mark Gilkey, General Manager of Consolidated Irrigation District (CID), who stepped forward to present a report on the safety and under-grounding of Selma’s canals.

He also reported that he has concerns regarding the Valley View subdivision and the developer’s opposition to under grounding that portion of the canal.

Mr. Doug Jensen, Counsel for CID, then stepped forward to review the liability aspects of open canals. He also reported that over a 10 year period Fresno County reported 295 deaths due to drowning in canals.

After discussion by Council, the men were thanked for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Carter, CMC
City Clerk

Don Tow
Mayor of the City of Selma