



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

May 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The Community Development and Resources Commission of Atwater met in Regular Session this date at 6:06 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Chair Brice presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Brice.

INVOCATION: *The Invocation was given by Police Chaplain McClellan.*

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Dash, Daugherty, McWatters, Warchol, Murphy III, Pinto, Chair Brice
Absent: None
Staff Present: Interim City Manager Waterman, VVH Planner Greg Thompson, Chief Building Official Mark Pereida, Recording Secretary Rasmussen

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: *None*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED:

MOTION: *Commissioner Dash moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daugherty and the vote was: Ayes: Dash, Daugherty, McWatters, Murphy III, Warchol, Pinto, Brice; Noes: None; Absent: None. The motion passed.*

CEREMONIAL MATTERS: *None*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Notice to the public was read.

LINDA LUDWIG, Atwater Elementary School District Food Service Supervisor, spoke regarding the District's Summer Feeding Program. She advised that the request will be presented at the May 29, 2018 regular meeting of the Atwater City Council.

No one else came forward to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting of April 18, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Dash moved to approve the minutes as listed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy III and the vote was: Ayes: Dash, Reed, Warchol, Brice, Pinto; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: McWatters. The motion passed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Request from Soroptimist International of Atwater for reduced rental fees for use of the Atwater Community Center for their Annual Holiday Boutique on November 3, 2018; and that the reduced fee remains in place for a 5 year period.

FRAN BARRETT, Soroptimist International of Atwater, spoke describing the annual event and its benefits to the community.

Commissioner Warchol suggested the term of the discounted rate be reduced to one year.

Chairman Brice asked City Attorney Hallinan to review a current Resolution restricting reduced rental rates for City owned properties.

City Attorney Hallinan advised that the Resolution only applies to waiving the rental fee and not to discounts.

MOTION: Commissioner Daugherty moved to approve the request of Soroptimist International of Atwater amending the reduced fee to remain in place for one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warchol and the vote was: Ayes: Daugherty, Pinto, Murphy III, Warchol, Brice; Noes: Dash, McWatters; Absent: None. The motion passed.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Verbal Report on the Ace Train Campaign

VVH Planner Thompson provided an update on the progress of the Ace Train Extension Program. He summarized the proposed route through the Altamont Pass into the Valley and ending in Merced. He described the campaign to locate a station in Atwater as needing the full support of the community and elected and appointed officials. He commented that only by a well-planned and executed campaign could Atwater be successful. He invited input from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Daugherty commented that he had already been in contact with two of the Merced County Supervisors and solicited their full support. He also stated that he had been in contact with Assembly Member Gray soliciting support.

Commissioner Dash urged immediate action to get the campaign started now since the decision will likely be made within the next 18 months, even though the station may not be built until 2023.

Commissioner Warchol suggested inviting businesses like Google at Castle to get involved and support the campaign.

This item is informational only.

COMMISSIONER MATTERS:

Comments from Community Development and Resources Commissioners

Commissioner Dash urged moving forward quickly on the Ace Train Extension campaign.

Commissioner Daugherty commented that a light pole at Five Corners in front of McDonald's has a cover plate missing and there are exposed wires. He suggested that the Public Works department be notified to correct the problem.

Commissioner McWatters announced that she will assist with the Ace Train Extension campaign.

Commissioner Murphy III asked about the timeline for changing the former 7-11 Store at Bellevue and Winton Way over to a Valero.

Chief Building Inspector Pereida responded that the project has a plan check in place and the project will begin within thirty (30) days or so.

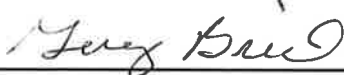
Commissioner Pinto stated that he also believed the Ace Train Extension campaign should move forward quickly.

Commissioner Warchol stated that an Ad Hoc committee could be formed from a broad base to include businesses.


Chair Brice thanked staff for their efforts to include the CDRC into the projects and activities of the City; stating that the CDRC wants to be more fully utilized.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.



Gary Brice, Chairperson



Lesa Rasmussen,
Recording Secretary