

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 2, 2001

7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Flores
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Armstrong

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Armstrong, Ashbeck, Magsig, Wynne, Mayor Flores
Absent: None

PROCLAMATION - FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Councilmember Wynne presented a proclamation to Tina Sumner, Housing Project Manager, recognizing April as Fair Housing Month.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Councilmember Ashbeck presented a proclamation to Tina Sumner, Housing Project Manager, proclaiming April 16-22, 2001, as National Community Development Week.

PROCLAMATION - ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Councilmember Magsig presented a proclamation to Eve March, Prevention Specialist, Central Valley Indian Health, Inc., and to Ashley Knapp and Landon Weizbrod, Coaches of the Student Alcohol and Drug Prevention Council, proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Councilmember Armstrong presented a proclamation to Kathleen McIntyre, Council Board President, Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention, proclaiming April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

CONTINUED - REQUEST TO CONSIDER NON-ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY. BOB LEVINSON, APPLICANT

Bob Levinson, 1437 Beverly Avenue, applicant, requested that the item be continued to the meeting of April 16, 2001. There being no public comment, Mayor Flores closed the public portion. Discussion by the Council. It was consensus of the Council to continue the item to the meeting of April 16, 2001.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Wynne, seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion carried.

- a) Approved - Minutes for the March 5, 19, and 20, 2001 Council meetings.
- b) Approved - Final Report - Economic Development Strategic Advisory Committee.
- c) Received and Filed - Community and Economic Development Department Monthly Report for March 2001.
- d) Approved - **Resolution 01-46** - Final Map for Tract No. 4875 - Phase IV of Tract No. 4762A, located south of Shepherd Avenue between North Armstrong Avenue and North Temperance Avenue, and authorize recording of Final Map. Granville Homes, Inc., a California Corporation.
- e) Approved - **Resolution 01-47** - Annexation of Proposed Tract No. 4875 - Phase IV of Tract No. 4762A, located south of Shepherd Avenue between North Armstrong Avenue and north Temperance Avenue to the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 of the City of Clovis.

- f) Approved - Final Acceptance - Construction of improvements for Tract 4530, Rancho Paloma Estates II, located on the west side of Armstrong Avenue between Alluvial and Nees Avenues.
- g) Approved - Bid Award - Gettysburg/Willow Traffic Signal Modification to A-C Electric in the amount of \$52,534.00.
- h) Approved - Bid Award - Shaw Avenue Signal Interconnect, Clovis to Fowler Avenue, to Summit Electrical in the amount of \$143,162.25.
- i) Approved - Purchase of stencil truck from Line Master Engineering, Inc.
- j) Received and Filed - Public Utilities Department Monthly Report for January 2001.

WORKSHOP - DISCUSSION OF BOTANICAL GARDEN LEASE AND USE PROVISIONS AND REQUEST FOR POLICY DIRECTION

Botanical Garden Committee Members present: Gordon Russell, Committee President; John Pape, Vice President; Cynthia Eayre, Board Member; John Wheeler, Board Member; Ben Ewell, Committee Member

Assistant City Manager Jeff Witte presented a report on the major issues associated with the proposed land lease at the northeast corner of Alluvial and Clovis Avenues to the Botanical Garden Committee. Jeff Witte indicated that the Clovis Botanical Garden Committee has previously requested the use of approximately 7 acres of a 17-acre park site owned by the City of Clovis at the northeast corner of Alluvial and Clovis Avenues for a Botanical Garden. Jeff Witte indicated that staff has met with representatives from the Botanical Garden Committee several times and is in the process of finalizing an agreement to present to the City Council for consideration. Jeff Witte indicated that staff was seeking direction on several specific areas to complete the agreement. Jeff Witte indicated that the total costs associated with the four issues discussed has \$774,210 in cost implications to the City of Clovis that are not currently budgeted. Jeff Witte indicated that the four issues were: 1) development of off-street parking that would have a cost of about \$92,000; 2) development of restrooms, which would cost approximately \$150,000; 3) required street improvements at an approximate cost of \$141,000; and 4) related development fees which staff has estimated would total \$391,210. Jeff Witte discussed the four items and presented alternatives for each. Gordon Russell, Botanical Garden Committee President, presented a report and requested Council direct staff to meet with the committee in good faith, solve the four problems identified by staff, complete the lease agreement within 30 days, and hold a public hearing within 30 days after that. Council questioned if the similar cost issues associated with Clovis Unified School District (CUSD) and the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) had been addressed. Jeff Witte indicated that they had not and recommended staff to facilitate such meetings between the committee and the CUSD and the FMFCD. John Pape, Cynthia Eayre, Ben Ewell, John Wheeler, all Botanical Garden Committee Members spoke in support of developing a Botanical Garden at the proposed site and requested Council's support in overcoming the obstacles before them. Isabel Lawson, 820 Cherryfield, pointed out that the 7 acres at the proposed site belong to the citizens of Clovis and that ¾ of a million dollars is a lot of money for a community this size and raised concerns about what would happen to the Botanical Garden in the long run if the volunteer support was not there in the future. Dale Robertson, 931 Rogers, raised concerns about some of the alternatives presented such as the temporary parking lot and temporary bathroom and the possible problems that could surface with drugs and alcohol. Ron Sundquist, 1723 Fowler, questioned whether the majority of citizens of Clovis desired to have a Botanical Garden and raised concerns about the long term volunteer support required to maintain a Botanical Garden. Discussion by the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to continue to meet with the Botanical Garden Committee, facilitate meetings between the Committee and the CUSD and FMFCD regarding their fees, to work with the Committee at looking at alternate sites within the City that would not present some of development concerns presented with the selection of the proposed site northeast corner of Alluvial and Clovis Avenues, and return to Council on May 7, 2001 with a status report.

CONSIDER - VARIOUS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Kathy Millison presented a report on various committee appointments. Kathy Millison indicated that at the beginning of a new term as Mayor there are a number of appointments to be made to various committees and due to the changes on the Council, there are vacancies on several committees that will need to be filled. Kathy Millison indicated that there were several that were more urgent than others and requested Council to consider appointment to these vacancies first. There being no public comment, Mayor Flores closed the public portion. Discussion by the

Mayor

City Clerk