

## **MINUTES**

### **CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL– REGULAR MEETING February 7, 2022**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Osorio called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

#### **INVOCATION**

Mayor Osorio offered a moment of silence.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

Council Member Morris led the flag salute.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Council members present: Bryan Osorio, Veronica Vasquez, Joe Alindajao, Liz Morris, Salvador Solorio-Ruiz

Council members absent: none

#### **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

Mayor Osorio presented a proclamation for February 2022 Safe Surrender Baby Awareness Month to Yesenia Burdick from Delano Department of Human Services.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- 1) Yolanda Chacon Serna shared information regarding her complaint filed regarding the 9 ADAs and she read the Resolution from the CalTrans Department. She pointed out the residents of Delano have been very concerned about safety. She stated that the community is going to take action on public interest laws that protect their community, for mismanagement of finances.
- 2) Lydia Rodriguez stated her concern with a lady that came forward with an accusation against one of the City Councilmen and the public would like to know if that Councilman (Salvador) would affirm or deny the allegation made against him.
- 3) Mike Gutierrez expressed his gratitude to Councilmember Alindajao for his display of conscientiousness and integrity by requesting a City Council vote next month for an

investigation into numerous allegations against the Vice-Mayor, including abuse of authority, misappropriation of City resources, and violation of locally established law. The citizens have a right to know if Vice-Mayor Vasquez prevented a City police officer from performing his sworn duties, and if she interfered in the police department's investigation, and if the Vice-Mayor attempted to retaliate against the City Manager related to this alleged event. Mike respectfully requested that the scope of the investigation also include numerous allegations against the Vice-Mayor for interfering with City operations by unilaterally giving orders to the City Manager respecting City business and belittling, harassing, and intimidating various City employees within City Hall.

- 4) Anthony Cortez commended Councilman Alindajao for bringing up the allegations and wanting to bring an internal investigation of Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez. He pointed out that a similar situation occurred with Councilman Solorio-Ruiz stated every school administrator stated that 11-year-olds were being arrested by SROs. He pointed out that they were never informed who the administrator was, and he questions if that administrator's name was ever given to the superintendent of school counsel for reprimand, or was this person just made up to make the SRO's look bad. He questions what else Councilman Ruiz is hiding. In the Vasquez case there are more than one accuser. He stated that it is the Mayor's duty to have this investigation. He stated that three of the councilmembers are only pushing their progressive agenda.
- 5) Pastor David Vivas brought up the issue with Councilman Salvador Solorio-Ruiz and asked him to resolve the legitimate questions raised. The questions surround statements that Councilman Solorio-Ruiz made: "having police officers on Delano Schools makes schools less safe." Pastor Vivas inquired how it makes schools less safe by having SROs on the school grounds. He inquired if Councilman Solorio-Ruiz went to the school board meetings and express his concern to them and prove to them that having Delano Police Officers on school grounds makes schools less safe. Pastor Vivas commented that he had posed six or seven questions in his last email to Councilman Solorio- Ruiz, and it was not acknowledged. He stated the council wants transparency and accountability and now is the time to be transparent and accountable.
- 6) Yolanda Vega thanked everyone. She stated that she's been coming to the City Council meetings for quite some time and in the last one to two years she has never experienced the city council meetings the way she has since the new council has added to this council. She pointed out that they all work very hard. She said previous councilmembers have yet to answer some of her questions and the City Manager has not answered her questions regarding Measures U and I. She feels that the records have not been transparent. She stated that if there is to be transparency, they need all city staff and city council members to be transparent. She stated that she would like to see more city government in the city council meetings instead of the witch hunts that are going on. She commented that if Jose Gaspar is going to be reporting he should be reporting on all sides.

- 7) Lupe Martinez stated that people do get frustrated when the city council does not respond to questions being asked during public comments. He inquired how the agenda gets approved and who sets up the Agenda. He asked what the process is for him to get his concerns on the agenda. Mr. Martinez stated the Grand Jury's recommendations are interesting and he wonders if the council will be able to follow through on the recommendations. He stated he feels there continues to be a huge division among the councilmembers. He pointed out that it's been since 2012 that there has been a committee and he would like to know who is responsible to make sure the committee met. He further commented that some of the sitting councilmembers knew that the committee was not operating and yet they sat on the council and violated Measure U.
- 8) Suzanne Villaruz stated support for Yolanda Chacon's community advocacy in obtaining money or a calendar for when the sidewalks will be improved in Delano.
- 9) Gloria Herrera wants the bullying to stop, as well as the division and nonsense.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Authorization to waive the reading of any ordinance in its entirety and consenting to the reading of such ordinances by title only.
- 2) Warrant Register in the amount of \$5,027,147.05.
- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of December 20, 2021.
- 4) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of January 3, 2022.
- 5) Minutes of special City Council meeting of January 18, 2022.
- 6) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of January 18, 2022.
- 7) Minutes of special successor agency meeting of January 18, 2022.
- 8) Approval of Agreement with QK Inc. to provide professional engineering and design services for the 2022 Alley Improvements Project in the amount of \$153,100.00. **(Agreement No. 2022-05)**
- 9) Approval of Professional Services Agreement with MKN & Associates to provide professional engineering and design services for the 2022 Plant 6 Blending Tank and Booster Station Design Project in the amount of \$363,462.00 and authorization for City Manager to execute the agreement. **(Agreement No. 2022-06)**
- 10) Acceptance and Approval of the City of Delano Quarterly Investment Report.
- 11) Resolution accepting Williamson Act lands within Annexation 55. **(Resolution No. 2022-04)**

**Motion made to approve consent agenda items 1 – 11 by: Morris**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Solorio-Ruiz**  
**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Osorio/Vasquez/Alindajao/Morris/Solorio-Ruiz

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 12) Introduction of an Ordinance amending the Delano Municipal Code to address Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction.

Staff report provided by City Engineer Dowling.

Evan Edgar gave the staff report presentation.

Mayor Osorio opened public comment.

Lupe Martinez inquired if the implementation will not take place until 2023. He inquired if there will be charges for the separation of the organics.

Mayor Osorio closed public comment.

Mr. Edgar responded that it will be phased in so it will be fully in effect on January 21, 2023.

He pointed out that the cost to comply for staffing is predicted to be \$150,000 in additional costs to procure the compost, as well as an extra person at Star, and they are looking to find out the costs for the commercial compost at Shafter-Wasco landfill.

Council Member Morris stated this is a big project and she questions the cost to the city. She noted the budget mentions a grant for \$68,000, but the projected cost is \$150,000. She stated she does not know how the additional cost will be passed on to the residents. She commented that she spoke with Mr. Dowling and he stated that it's going to involve a lot of businesses.

Mr. Edgar responded that the Kern County Shafter-Wasco compost rates will remain the same on the residential collection. He is working with the county on the commercial rate. He hopes when he comes back next month he will have the final SB1383 Action Plan that will have the commercial rates. He stated that statewide the average commercial rate increase has been 28%.

Council Member Morris inquired about donating the extra food to food banks.

Mr. Edgar responded that a huge component is feeding hungry people first.

Council Member Solorio-Ruiz thanked Mr. Edgar for presenting. He stated he shared similar concerns as Council Member Morris. He would like to find a way to collaborate with the food distributions that are already occurring in the city.

Mayor Osorio confirmed that there would be no residential increase in rates to which Mr. Edgar responded that it would be very minimal and incremental to make up the difference from the grant and the budgeted amount. Mayor Osorio inquired if the grant will be an annual grant or just a one-time grant to which Mr. Edgar responded it is a one-time grant and it has to be used for an SB 1383 program.

Mayor Osorio inquired what the residential rates will be after the first year when the grant money is no longer available.

Mr. Edgar responded that due to current inflationary issues there will be increased rates but incrementally for residential and for commercial it could be somewhat significant.

Mayor Osorio inquired how the separation of organic waste is going to be done and what responsibility falls on the residents.

Mr. Edgar stated the law falls upon the city and generators and is enforceable/fineable on the generators. He further stated there will be a STARR garbage man and an auditor who goes out and look at lids, as well as provide education in which the City will be the enforcer.

Council Member Alindajao reiterated that this is a new state law that requires the processing of organics and the impact is going to be an increase in waste disposal fees of every citizen in the city. The state is generous to help with the first-year costs but after that there will no longer be any state support.

Mr. Edgar responded that CalCycle will be there for tools, workshops, and they will be partners with the city to make sure that statewide we get 75%.

Council Member Alindajao commented with respect to fines and fees are permissive but inquired what the fines and fees are on the municipality of the City of Delano.

Mr. Edgar responded that right now there is potential for a fine of up to \$10,000 a day starting after 2024. He pointed out that if Delano chooses not to do this than CalCycle is going to look at Delano. He stated that Delano has a good program with infrastructure being built so he doesn't see any fines coming on the City of Delano if they follow through with the program.

Council Member Alindajao inquired about tier participants.

Mr. Edgar clarified that Tier 1 is commercial food waste generators (edible food recovery) such as schools, Wal-Marts, and Tier 2 starts in 2024 are the restaurants.

Councilmember Alindajao inquired if there are any pending lawsuits on this law.

Mr. Edgar responded that statewide it's embraced. He pointed out that Kern County Board of Supervisors recently had a big push back on the rates and tabled the discussion due to the rate increase.

Council Member Alindajao inquired at what point the public get on the hook for the state mandate.

Mr. Edgar stated they are going to start January 21, 2023. Councilmember Alindajao further inquired about the financial impact on the community and if they have to wait for the county to decide the price point.

Mr. Edgar responded in the affirmative for the commercial organics.

Council Member Alindajao inquired of Mr. Dowling if at some point they will get an economic impact report on the City Costs for this program.

City Engineer Dowling responded that currently they are looking at about \$150,000 annually, but there still are some unknowns. He stated that their franchise hauler has to hire one person to do this reporting. He pointed out that this project needs to be approved in order to receive the grant money.

**Motion made by:** Morris

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Solorio-Ruiz

**Vote:** 5-0

**Ayes:** Osorio/Vasquez/Alindajao/Morris/Solorio-Ruiz

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None.

**Abstentions:** None

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 13) Discussion and approval declaring to amend the City of Delano's holiday schedule for bargaining units to reinstate "Cesar E. Chavez Day" (March 31) and add the state holiday "Larry Itliong Day" (October 25) enacted by California Governor Brown on June 30, 2015.

Councilmember Morris gave her presentation. She stated that both men have worked in the community to change the farm labor conditions of the City of Delano.

Mayor Osorio asked if staff could share the reason for removing Cesar Chavez Day.

Human Resources Director Zamudio responded that she was part of the negotiations team in renewing the new contracts and the employees were granted the 10 hour work days which required a restructuring of the holidays because in the past the holidays were paid eight hour days. She pointed out to keep the total number of hours the same the holidays were reduced, thus they elected to take the Fridays in which at that time they

were not given the authority to increase holidays. She further stated that the Council can direct for the holidays to be added back on and the holidays would be 10 hour holidays.

Mayor Osorio opened public comment.

Yolanda Vega stated she is in support of the holidays.

Yolanda Chacon Serna stated she is in support of this item.

Suzanne Villaruz stated she is in support of this item.

Gloria Herrera stated she is in support of this item.

Lupe Martinez thanked Councilmember Morris for bringing these holidays back.

Mayor Osorio closed public comment.

Councilmember Solorio-Ruiz thanked Councilmember Morris for bring this item forward. He stated he would like to champion and extend these two men's efforts through City policy efforts to the current farmworkers.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez stated she supports labor leaders and agrees to adding these holidays back.

Council Member Alindajao inquired with the budgetary impact will be in giving two additional days as part of the agreement. He further asked who didn't want to add the additional days.

Human Resources Director Zamudio responded that when the units requested the ten hour days, there needed to be clean up of the holidays so therefore they did not have the authority to add holidays. She further stated when negotiating they decided to do a wash and if they had 13.5 holidays and they gave them ten or eleven holidays it would still increase their hours, but not as many as keeping all 13.5 holidays. She pointed out that they still gain hours but in writing it was less days off. She also stated that the units could not decide which holidays to keep so the city proposed the holidays and the unit accepted. They tried to come as close to the hours as they could without a budgetary impact.

Council Member Alindajao inquired if the City anticipates being on a four day work schedule indefinitely.

Human Resources Director Zamudio responded that it was negotiated so if the City wants to go back to eight hours it would have to be renegotiated, thus they do anticipate staying on the ten hour work schedule.

Council Member Alindajao inquired if the City Council can unilaterally change the agreement just as if they wanted to change the five day or four day work schedule.

Human Resources Director Zamudio responded that this does require a meet and confer so you do have to allow the unions input and allow them to negotiate.

Council Member Alindajao stated that he is in support of Council Member Morris' proposal on this item. He was concerned about the reasons why those days off are happening. He just wanted to confirm that they are moving forward appropriately. He further stated that he does not want to increase the budget by \$106,000 every year, and inquired if there are ideas that the Council can consider how to get to the goal and reduce the impact on the City budget.

Human Resources Director Zamudio responded that if you want to give the additional days it will cost the City \$106,000.

Council Member Alindajao inquired if the four or five day work schedule will continue to the end of the current contract period.

Human Resources Director Zamudio responded it will continue until it's renegotiated even if the contract expires.

Mayor Osorio supports honoring these two men and to respect their workers.

**Motion to approve by:** Morris

**2nd by:** Solorio-Ruiz

**Vote:** 5-0

**Ayes:** Osorio/Vasquez/Alindajao/Morris/Solorio-Ruiz

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None.

**Abstentions:** None

- 14) Discussion regarding ordinance to allow Cannabis uses in Delano. (Continued from January 18, 2022) *(This matter will not be discussed due to staff gathering more information at the request of the Mayor.)*

No discussion.

- 15) Discussion of Hope and Heal Fund presentation. (Discussion Only and No Action)

Mr. Rodriguez gave his presentation.

Public comments opened.

Yolanda Chacon Serna stated her support.

Pastor Vivas thanked Mr. Rodriguez for taking an interest in their community. He stated there should be a discussion on this report as the report is not conclusive of the City of Delano as there are a lot of things in the report that are not true of Delano. He stated that his concern is that they focus on the real issues in Delano. He pointed out that the cops are not the problem, and that they have a gang problem. Pastor Vivas said they have programs in Delano that would help their youth. He inquired how one of the respondents knows that most guns in Delano are not registered. Pastor Vivas pointed out that the report states no one is reaching out to the mothers of murdered children, however he himself has been reaching out to some of the mothers. He inquired about reaching out to the fathers. Pastor Vivas stated the report needs to be corrected so they can have a real discussion.

Lydia Rodriguez stated her son was murdered two years ago. She commented on what it costs the City to do their police work, and what the value of a life is of someone you love. She inquired what the people of Delano are doing with the gang issues. She stated that people are scared to speak out due to retaliation. She thanked the Council for addressing this issue.

Gloria Herrera thinks they should offer vocational training and technology training to the youth.

Lupe Martinez stated he agrees with all the comments. He commented on the city of San Jose that is working on registered gun owners obtaining liability insurance which might work with the Hope and Heal program.

Suzanne Villaruz agreed with previous comments made. She stated there are corrections to the report. She stated they need to educate the parents. She further commented that their outreach from the schools, hospitals and community groups needs to be coordinated so they are saying the same message, which is they support their children and law and order in their community. She thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his presentation.

Yolanda Vega thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his presentation. She commented that the City and the community need to work together to solve the gang issues in Delano.

Mario Nunez stated they need to get parents involved or there will not be any progress. He inquired why the recreation centers are closed when the kids are out of school. He also pointed out that they need to give the police department the resources they need to fight gang violence. He pointed out that when he worked in law enforcement having a gang unit curbed gang violence 80% because the gangs were held accountable and they went to jail when they did not comply.

Judge Robert Tafoya stated he has a written plan going forward that he would like to submit for consideration.

Public hearing closed.

Mr. Rodriguez replied to some of the comments and inquiries made. He pointed out that it does cost money to investigate a homicide, but if money was spent on the prevention side there actually is a cost savings. He pointed out that their job was to respond to the comments brought forth by the community which was intervention and not more police resources. He stated their job was to create the dialogue that is occurring right now with the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez inquired if they move forward as a community would they be involved with the process or would he just provide a report and it will be handed off.

Mr. Rodriguez responded that their commitment is to the community and will support the City with resources if requested.

Council Member Solorio-Ruiz thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his continued support in Delano. He suggested that they have a conversation about gun laws and how the youth are obtaining access to guns. He appreciates Justice Tafoya's commitment to the community.

Council Member Morris stated she appreciates Mr. Rodriguez's report and all of the comments stated. He thanked Judge Tafoya to his commitment to working in Delano. She stated she is interested in his plan.

Council Member Alindajao thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his work. He stated initially he did have some concerns with the report. He inquired why the scientific method was not utilized when trying to gage metrics on violence and the number of guns on the street.

Mr. Rodriguez replied that the science is that Delano is a community of 25,000, 50,000 people with an extremely high gun death rate. For them part of the conversation is to engage stakeholders with various perspectives. He commented that given the way that data is collected for gun violence it does not fare well for small communities, because if the death rate doesn't go beyond a certain amount, if it's populated into county data, the numbers that Delano had in past years contributes to like 10-15% of total gun violence in Kern County. He pointed out that their job is not to dictate what interventions are to be used but to involve community members with any resources they may want or need.

Council Member Alindajao inquired about the report's claim that Delano has a high death rate and inquired if Mr. Rodriguez can cite his source for this claim. He inquired what metrics are used to form this conclusion. Mr. Rodriguez responded that he can provide that information. He pointed out that for the last 10 years Delano's death rate fluctuates between 5 and in 2017 it jumped up to 9 or 10 and for a community of 45, 000 people that's considerably high in comparison to the state average. Mr. Rodriguez pointed out that they work with small rural communities because they believe through the stakeholder process communities can solve these issues a lot easier in terms of financial investments and interventions than Los Angeles.

Council Member Alindajao stated that he agrees in principle that reducing violence in the community is the issue. He stated that in order to solve this problem they need to understand the scope of the problem. He pointed out that he believes the data in the report is inconclusive. Council Member Alindajao inquired if Mr. Rodriguez is talking about just the homicide rate or other types of violent crimes as well like robberies and



burglaries.

Mr. Rodriguez said they focus on the homicide rate and incidents with guns.

Council Member Alindajao pointed out that the City is spending millions on cameras which is completely false as the most that is spent on cameras is \$100,000. He pointed out that criminals are not going to follow the law no matter what kind of laws there are. Mr. Rodriguez commented that cameras are not a prevention strategy and neither are police investigations. He pointed out that they use a prevention and intervention strategy and after care strategy.

Council Member Alindajao stated that an objective scientific method for collection of this data is important because without it the report leaves out the policing in Delano and makes the city sound like every young Hispanic is targeted by the Delano Police Department.

The scientific method would provide this information objectively so they can truly understand the problems in the community. Council Member Alindajao stated he supports Judge Tafoya. He commented that he believes they had a reduction in homicides between 2021 and 2020. He stated that he disagrees with Mr. Rodriguez that cameras are not preventive as there is a lot of information available to show that surveillances cameras do prevent a lot of crime. Council Member Alindajao inquired what the balance is between law enforcement and community input and should it be 90% community effort and 10% to actual law enforcement like license plate readers, anti-gang initiatives at the police department, surveillances cameras.

Mr. Rodriguez responded they leave it up to the community to make those decisions.

He commented that their job is to start the conversation and then provide resources.

He explained that if the police department are doing things that are prevention then that would go under the prevention plan, and surveillance cameras would go under the intervention plan. He explained that if they have plan that includes prevention, intervention, and after care then it provides the structure to identify where the gaps are. Mr. Rodriguez stated that how those categories are allocated depends on the community.

Council Member Alindajao thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his hard work. He stated he is going to ask that this be put on a seven-person anti-gang and violence committee with two councilmembers and five community members in order to address these issues.

Council Member Solorio-Ruiz stated that for clarification page 4 states the quote that Mr. Alindajao is referring to about the cameras. The report states that respondents, or people in the community who have had a conversation with Mr. Rodriguez stated, "Several respondents specifically named their frustration with the City's investment of "millions of dollars on cameras that really haven't done anything". He stated he sees the report as community feedback.

Mayor Osorio stated that is a good conversation starter and thanked everyone for their comments.

16) Discussion of Team Building Exercises for City Council.

This item is tabled so Ms. Vasquez can get more information.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

None.

## **COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Councilmember Morris: She stated with regard to Measure “U: that they are very transparent with the Measure “U” monies and the Measure “U” monies go into the general budget where in the general budget projects that can’t be funded from any other source of money it comes out of Measure “U.” She pointed out that sometimes alleys are not covered through funding with the State so they will pull from the Measure “U” funds to make the repairs needed. She also pointed out that sometimes Measure “I” funds are used to purchase police cars. Council Member Morris said funding for youth programs comes out of Measure I or U funds. She pointed out that any funds used from Measure U and I comes before the Council and is voted upon.

Councilmember Alindajao: He shared that he was involved in a Mock Trial Competition in Bakersfield. He pointed out that City Clerk Mr. Chavez has been a Mock Trial Coach for over a decade in Delano and has seen many successes. Council Member Alindajao stated that he along with Mr. Chavez and the superintendent of schools and are wanting to help all the schools in Delano with their Mock Trial Teams. Councilmember Alindajao commented that there are two crab feeds this year. He also commented as to the divisiveness of the City Council and he believes this is preventing a lot of important work to be done. He mentioned the Measure “U” and “I” Committee went another year without some oversight by the community. He pointed out that there’s vacancies on the Building Commission and other committees. He believes the applicants come to these meetings and get caught up in the divisiveness and the Council is not advancing some of the important issues and filling the open committee positions. He suggested that at the next Council meeting they put on the agenda for discussion and vote a change of ordinance to make every committee that is related to the City Council so that every Council Member can just appoint a committee member to that committee rather than having to vote on it as a block. He stated that he believes this would make it less divisive politically and it puts the burden on each Councilmember to find qualified individuals. Council Member Alindajao also directed Staff for the next Council meeting to put on the agenda a discussion for the creation of an anti-gang and violence committee with seven members, which would include himself, another councilmember, and five appointed community members. He feels this would facilitate addressing the issues in the community such as law enforcement, ways to enforce the law and reduce crime, and youth programs. He stated he’s not an advocate of only a law enforcement solution to these issues, but rather a combination and collaboration between law enforcement efforts and community efforts. Councilmember Alindajao stated with regard to Mr. Gutierrez’s issues, they have to all look at themselves and figure out what they want. He commented that the City Council Members need to police themselves and the community has to ask what they want and expect of their elected officials. Council Member Alindajao addressed the allegations by Ms. Rodriguez against Council Member Solorio. He stated that he was briefed on the issue and he received a lot of phone calls from some of his constituents. He stated he knows the Pastor Vivas wrote a letter to the Mayor which is now public record. He pointed out that when we’re elected to office the community expects councilmembers to uphold the law and to live ethically, lawfully, and beyond reproach. With regard to the allegations, Mr. Solorio is entitled to the presumption of innocence as these are merely allegations and may not have any basis in fact or merit. He pointed out that it is not within the authority of City Council to investigate these allegations or direct any authority to conduct an investigation. He further added that because the allegations are potentially criminal this investigation has to be left to law enforcement agencies. He stated that only the victim and Mr. Solorio know the truth and if the allegations are true he suggested Mr. Solorio resign. However, if Mr. Solorio can look the public in the eye and categorically say that the victim’s allegations are false than he should stand his ground. He stated he believes the community needs to hear from Mr. Solorio to know where he stands.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez: She commented that with regard to the committees she doesn't understand why they just don't make a decision and fill the vacant positions. She stated she is not comfortable sitting on these votes. She is concerned with how long it will take to change a city ordinance as suggested. She would like to have the open committees on the Agenda so they can just vote on it. She further stated that she appreciates an article on how the City of Delano started having counseling for a support group to victims of violent crime. She stated this was started in October 2021 with counseling every Tuesday.

Councilmember Solorio-Ruiz: He invited the public to the food distribution on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. He recommended that Staff place on a future Agenda, perhaps the second meeting in April, time to consider establishing a job fair in Delano.

Mayor Osorio: He thanked City Staff for all of their work. He thanked Ms. Yolanda Chacon for her advocacy for safer streets. He stated this past weekend he attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> inauguration of the Toys Youth Soccer League. He also mentioned in regard to previous issues with housing policies he does want to pursue those in the coming months. He commented that he received complaints about Downing and 17<sup>th</sup> Street intersection and parental concerns with their students' high school as it relates to traffic safety. Mayor Osorio expressed his condolences to family and friends of Mr. Hubert Rabanal.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Council Member Solorio-Ruiz, seconded by Morris, and unanimously carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:51p.m.

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Ricardo G. Chavez, City Clerk