MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA

August 5, 2015
6:00 p.m.  Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting for 8/05/15 was called to order by Mayor Poythress at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Present:  Mayor Robert L. Poythress
         Mayor Pro Tem William Oliver
         Council Member Sally J. Bomperezzi
         Council Member Andrew J. Medellin
         Council Member Donald E. Holley
         Council Member Derek O. Robinson Sr.

Absent:  Council Member Charles F. Rigby

Others present were City Administrator David Tooley, City Attorney Brent Richardson, City Clerk Sonia Alvarez, Director of Community Development David Merchen, Director of Financial Services Tim Przybyla, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Public Works Operations Director David Randall, Chief of Police Steve Frazier, Director of Parks and Community Services Mary Anne Seay, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Interim Grant Administrator Sonia Hall, Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth, Information Services Manager Ted Uyesaka, Procurement Services Manager Becky McCurdy, Planning Manager Chris Boyle, Parks Business Manager Mark Etheridge, Commander Dino Lawson, Fleet Operations Manager Randy Collin, Division Fire Chief Ron Eldridge and Battalion Fire Chief Jim Forga.

INVOCATION:  Pastor Barry Benard, Westside Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:  Mayor Poythress led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Mayor has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

No comments were offered.

A.  WORKSHOP

There are no items for this section.
B. CONSENT CALENDAR

B-1 Minutes – 4/15/15

B-2 Information Only – Warrant Disbursement Report

B-3 Consideration of a Resolution Approving At Will Employment Agreements with the Planning Manager, Grant Administrator, Director of Community Development, Public Works Operations Director, City Engineer, Director of Parks & Community Services, Chief of Police, Chief Building Official, Information Services Manager, Director of Financial Services, Director of Human Resources, City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, and Executive Director of the Successor Agency to the Former Madera Redevelopment Agency (Report by Wendy Silva)

B-4 Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madera and the Madera Police Officers’ Association and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Agreement (Report by Wendy Silva)

B-5 Consideration of a Resolution Ratifying and Approving an Agreement with the Fresno-Madera Area Agency On Aging (FMAAA) for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for Adult Day Care, Ratifying Participation in the Program Effective July 1, 2015 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City

And

Consideration of a Resolution Ratifying and Approving an Agreement with the Fresno-Madera Area Agency On Aging (FMAAA) for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for Site Management, Ratifying Participation in the Program Effective July 1, 2015 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City

And

Consideration of a Resolution Ratifying and Approving an Agreement with the Fresno-Madera Area Agency On Aging (FMAAA) for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for the Transportation Program, Ratifying Participation in the Program Effective July 1, 2015 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City (Report by Mark Etheridge)

B-6 Consideration of Resolution Consenting to Inclusion of Properties within the City’s Incorporated Area in CHF Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy Efficiency, Water Conservation and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Improvements and Approving Associate Membership in CHF

And

Consideration of a Resolution Consenting to Inclusion of Properties within the City’s Incorporated Area in the CHF PACE Program to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Approving Associate Membership in CHF (Report by Sonia Hall)

B-7 Consideration of the City of Madera Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2015 for Approval and Acceptance (Report by Tim Przybyla)

B-8 Consideration of a Resolution Accepting a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Grant from the Enhanced Transportation Strategies Component of the Reduce Motor
Vehicle Emissions II Program and Approving the Standard Agreement with the District (Report by Sonia Hall)

B-9 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Improvement Deferral Agreement and Authorization of Lien for Madera Rescue Mission, Inc. (Report by Keith Helmuth)

B-10 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Final Map for Cottonwood Estates Phase 5 Subdivision, and Authorizing Execution of Subdivision Agreement

And

Consideration of a Resolution Approving Inclusion of Cottonwood Estates Phase 5 Subdivision into Zone of Benefit 25D of the City Wide Landscape Maintenance District (Report by Keith Helmuth)

B-11 Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Newmark Grubb to Provide Professional Marketing Program Services (Report by David Tooley)

B-12 Consideration of a Resolution Appointing Kelly Hogue to the City of Madera ADA Advisory Council (Report by Wendy Silva)

Mayor Poythress declared a conflict of interest on item B-9 due to customer relationship.

Mayor Poythress announced that Mayor Pro Tem Oliver will be conflicting out on item B-11 due to a business relationship.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any other items that a Councilperson would like to have pulled for further discussion. No other requests were made and Mayor Poythress announced that he would accept a motion for action on the consent calendar other than items B-9 and B-11.

ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MEDELLIN, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON, THE CONSENT CALENDAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS B-9 AND B-11, WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 6-0. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY.

RES. NO. 15-160 RESOLUTION APPROVING AT WILL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE PLANNING MANAGER, GRANT ADMINISTRATOR, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, CITY ENGINEER, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES, CHIEF OF POLICE, CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL, INFORMATION SERVICES MANAGER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER MADERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY


RES. NO. 15-162 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA RATIFYING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING (FMAAA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 FOR ADULT DAY CARE, RATIFYING PARTICIPATION IN THE
RES. NO. 15-163
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA RATIFYING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING (FMAAA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 FOR SITE MANAGEMENT, RATIFYING PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

RES. NO. 15-164
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA RATIFYING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING (FMAAA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, RATIFYING PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

RES. NO. 15-165
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION IN THE CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2014-1 (CLEAN ENERGY) TO FINANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROVING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AUTHORITY RELATED THERETO

RES. NO. 15-166
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY’S JURISDICTION IN THE CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY, PROGRAM TO FINANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROVING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AUTHORITY RELATED THERETO

RES. NO. 15-167

RES. NO. 15-168
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR COTTONWOOD ESTATES PHASE 5 SUBDIVISION, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, APPROVING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR SAID SUBDIVISION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

RES. NO. 15-169
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ANNEXATION COTTONWOOD ESTATES PHASE 5 SUBDIVISION INTO ZONE OF BENEFIT 25D; CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS FOR COTTONWOOD ESTATES PHASE 5 SUBDIVISION FOR CITY WIDE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ZONE OF BENEFIT 25D FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016; AND AUTHORIZING
THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT WITH THE 
MADERA COUNTY AUDITOR

RES. NO. 15-170 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA 
APPOINTING KELLY HOGUE TO THE MADERA ADA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mayor Poythress turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Oliver for item B-9. Mayor Poythress exited 
the Council Chambers.

B-9 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Improvement Deferral Agreement and Authorization of 
Lien for Madera Rescue Mission, Inc. (Report by Keith Helmuth)

ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOMPREZZI, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER 
MEDELLIN, ITEM B-9, RES. NO. 15-171 WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0. 
ABSTENTION: MAYOR POYTHRESS. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY.

RES. NO. 15-171 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, 
CALIFORNIA APPROVING IMPROVEMENT DEFERRAL AGREEMENT AND 
AUTHORIZING OF LIEN FOR MADERA RESCUE MISSION, INC., AND 
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver exited the Council Chambers and Mayor Poythress returned to the Council 
Chambers.

Mayor Poythress announced that they would move on to item B-11.

B-11 Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an 
Agreement with Newmark Grubb to Provide Professional Marketing Program Services (Report by 
David Tooley)

ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOMPREZZI, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER 
MEDELLIN, ITEM B-11, RES. NO. 15-172 WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 5-0. 
ABSTENTION: MAYOR PRO TEM OLIVER. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY.

RES. NO. 15-172 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, 
CALIFORNIA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF 
MADERA AND NEWMARK GRUBB, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL 
MARKETING PROGRAM SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY 
ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver returned to the Council Chambers.

C. HEARINGS, PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENT

C-1 Public Hearing and Consideration of Introduction of an Ordinance Rezoning a 2.03 
acre Portion of the Riverside Villas Subdivision from the PD-4500 (Planned 
Development) Zone District to the PD-6000 (Planned Development) Zone District

Planning Manager Chris Boyle stated their first item on tonight’s public hearing agenda is an introduction 
of an ordinance that would rezone a little more than 2 acres of the Riverside Villas Subdivision from the PD 
4500 to the PD 6000 Zone District. He commented that Planned Development Zone Districts are used for 
a residential development that may provide for enhanced livability beyond what would normally be typical 
of the regular R (Residential) Development Standards. He noted that in this case the Riverside Villas 
Subdivision was approved some time ago, in 2006 he believes. That subdivision was developed under the 
PD 4500 Development Standards. He advised that the area in question is located at the intersection of
Riverside Drive and Merced Street. It is in, and would remain in the LD (Low Density) General Plan Land Use Designation. He added that the zoning designation for the PD 6000 is really brought about by an amendment to the currently recorded map. He noted that the amendment itself will come to the Council by separate action in an upcoming hearing. He stated that currently the lots that are recorded have very narrow lot standards, as narrow as 40 feet, and in order to enhance livability and provide General Plan Conformity, the lots are proposed to be redrawn with wider lot widths and consequently there is a raise in the amount of square footage per lot which raises the zoning designation from the PD 4500 to the PD 6000.

Mr. Boyle stated that the Planning Commission and staff recommend that the Council, after consideration of the public hearing, introduce an ordinance rezoning the subject properties to the PD 6000 Zone District. Mr. Boyle offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions for Mr. Boyle. No questions were asked and Mayor Poythress opened the public hearing and asked if there are any members of the public who would like to make a comment in regards to this particular item. No comments were offered and Mayor Poythress closed the public hearing and brought the item back for action.

Mayor Poythress announced that if there are no further questions then he will ask for title.

The introduction of an ordinance was read by title by the City Clerk.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOMPREZZI, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLEY, FURTHER READING WAS WAIVED, AND THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE, ITEM C-1, WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 6-0. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY.**

**INTRO. ORD.**

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL CITY OF MADERA ZONING MAP TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 2.03 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO THE INTERSECTION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND MERCED STREET FROM THE PD-4500 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONE DISTRICT TO THE PD-6000 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONE DISTRICT

**C-2 Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Licensing and Support of Software Products, Consulting, Implementation Services, and Training for a New Enterprise Resource Planning System, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement, and Authorizing the City Administrator, or Their Designee, to Approve Proposals and Scopes of Work as Contemplated in the Agreement**

Information Services Manager Ted Uyesaka stated today they are asking for Council approval to enter into an agreement with Tyler Technologies for their MUNIS Software including implementation services and ongoing support. He commented that they have this new day in front of them. They have been working towards this for almost 5 years now. He has been here a little over 5 years and right after he got here they started discussing the need for replacement of the core financial system that they have. They have been moving along with it for another 5 years and came to that point where last fall they decided it was time to begin the process.

Mr. Uyesaka stated what they are introducing is Enterprise Resource Planning software (ERP). If they take the dictionary element out it is a software for business process management that allows for organization and all this other good stuff in here. He commented that the key word there is integration of the applications. He advised that it has multiple modules for development services, for code enforcement, for core business functions; all those things that they need, work orders, fixed asset. Today they have a lot of different products that aren't integrated and that is how they work with them today.
Mr. Uyesaka stated that MAIS was implemented in 1997 and they are owned by a company called Temple Consulting based out of British Columbia, Canada. He added that they have very few U.S. customers. Mr. Uyesaka commented that it is based on old technology, difficult to use, difficult to upgrade, and difficult to integrate because of a lot of customization that has happened over the last 15/20 years. They also have some difficulty just producing standard reports that they are required to produce by the state and by the federal government. He added that a lot of the functions they do are done in Excel for financial purposes and then they manually put that data into their financial system. They have become more and more reliant on Excel and less and less reliant upon MAIS, and that is really not the way, he thinks, they should be doing their financials.

Mr. Uyesaka commented on why Tyler Technologies and MUNIS. He stated that MUNIS has all the modules and capabilities of a modern municipal system. They had two vendors that they finalized. They started out with six. They eliminated one through their evaluation team for the process. They came down to two final vendors. One was Tyler Technologies and the other New World Technologies. He commented that both are modern solutions that do a lot of really good things but they found that Tyler was the best fit for the City and the best overall value. He stated that some of the processes couldn’t be addressed by the other vendors and the Tyler proposal, for their core system that they first proposed was the least expensive and provided the most functionality for them. He advised that they are the nation’s largest software company solely focused on the public sector. They are a publicly traded company and they provide what is called an evergreen service for their support. They pay a fee, which is an escalating fee and that happens because of cost of living increases and things of that nature but what it will do for them is that they will get an upgrade whenever one is available. He commented that many times software vendors will go about 5 or 7 years and then have a major release and then they have to pay almost the same amount of money they originally paid to bring in this new software. They are experiencing that right now with a couple of upgrades they are doing. Mr. Uyesaka stated that with this evergreen policy in place, the annual maintenance fees include any major or minor upgrades that may occur during the life of the software.

Mr. Uyesaka addressed how this will be accomplished and what impact this project will have on their organization. He stated there is a lot of stuff going on here but the big things they want to point out, noting that it was in the report also, is that it is a minimum 24-month project from the time they kick if off. That is what they developed their statement of work on. He advised that their first system will only be core financials and their final module will be the utility billing module. He added that during the implementation they could have key staff members, key decision makers, throughout the City being required to spend at a minimum the equivalent of two full days of work during the week for up to three months for each module. He noted that it is going to take up a lot of time of a lot of key people in the organization. He added that service delivery and daily activities will likely be affected in all departments at some point because it is an integrated system. It goes from top to bottom; everybody has to have a part of this implementation process. At some point in time, things are going to be delayed, activities will need to be either pushed back or just put on the back burner for a while.

Mr. Uyesaka stated that from an Information Services (IS) Department standpoint, they will be required to have at least one, two, or even all four of them involved in each module throughout the whole process. He noted that, of course, will impact their service delivery and they will need to either push projects out or extend the implementation time for just about anything coming onboard. He will be assuming the role of the Project Manager. He usually manages from the very beginning most of their projects so of course, that is going to have an impact on what he is able to do. He added that usually an ERP of this size takes about 50% of a person’s time just to manage the project. At some point and time it could take 100% of their resources for a very short period of time but, it will happen.

Mr. Uyesaka commented on what they should expect from this project and how it might impact that complete integration with their core financials. He thinks that is key. They talk about it in these meetings. Mr. Tooley talks about it all the time about how they want to make good decisions based on good information. As they have moved forward with MAIS over the last few years, they are realizing sometimes they are just not quite sure how good that information is. To have a solid core financial system in place where they are confident that the information that they are gathering, that they are doing their analytics on, is good and staff can, in
turn, give the Council good information to base their decisions on and that is big. Today, as they said before, they have separate systems for payroll, fixed assets, code enforcement, and a number of other products. They only have full integration in the core financials. Fixed assets, they put those in there and as they build these products out, they see all the integration and any activities happening in those core financials. They will bring in some more things that they don’t have right now such as project and grants management, public works and facilities work orders, a full document management system coming in as well as contract management. They will have a single customer database. Today they have multiple databases that hold information about their citizens and sometimes it is a little bit different. From utility billing to building permits to business licenses, although it is from the same system, they have their own piece and their own database within that system. If they go to this, they have a single one. It makes for fewer errors and really for a more streamlined functionality. Today they have trouble doing basic reporting and doing in depth analytics. They can’t do what if scenarios on budgets. If they had a downturn in the economy or something happened and they had to project out what a 10% cut across the board might look like; they really can’t model that very well. He commented that with a product like this, that is the kind of stuff they can do.

Mr. Uyesaka stated they come to the Council asking for the software implementation, licensing, all these things that are included here, including data conversion and full training of all of their identified end users; a cost of $835,065. He stated it is a substantial investment but it is something he thinks is well overdue. They will also need another $150,000 investment in hardware so that they can have multiple servers to run this on as well as have the storage capacity for today and for the future to store the data. Mr. Uyesaka stated they will have a report following this, with this approval, asking to approve financing for the software implementation. He advised that today in the budget they have money set aside for the first year lease payment and the cost of the hardware. With the help of their Grants Department they are pursuing a grant with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for about $150,000 and they will be able to apply that to the cost of the hardware.

Mr. Uyesaka restated that it is going to have an impact on service delivery during the two year implementation. Once they are done, once they get going, once their employees become adept at using these new tools, they will have new ways to deliver service. They will have self-service. They will have new processes, post implementation that should help them to have better interaction with their citizens. He referred to the display showing what their success factors are to deliver on time and within budget. He added that Tyler, because of their experience doing this, they haven’t found too many that have diverted from this except when the customer asked for more. He advised that Tyler will fully train the City staff of the people that staff has identified. One of the things that Tyler does is they train the trainer. He noted that the train may be two or three key people then the City is responsible to then go out and train our employees but as they made some site visits, one of the things that was pointed out to them is if they had the opportunity and if they had the funds, invest in as much training they could for the end user if they want to be successful. What they did is they wanted them to train their identified end users and they increased the time for that by 20%. He stated this is a not to exceed cost so they may not have to use all of that time. As they move forward they will keep track of that. He added that they have use of online services by their citizens which is one of the big selling points of these products today is self-service and online services. Customers can come in. They can do utility billing, they can do building permits, dog licenses, business licenses; all these things that today they have to come in and do. They will be able to provide many of those services online.

Mr. Uyesaka restated that the total cost includes all the core modules that they proposed. He commented that all the optional modules that they as a City staff determined are a real good fit today to go after, since they were making this investment, they could integrate things in more easily if they brought the products on board today. It would be conversion of all of their existing data up to as much as the City defines they want to carry forward. He stated that it would be full implementation services and again training of both the experts within the departments and the experts within the modules but also the end users that they have identified and that will be done by Tyler and not by City staff.

Mr. Uyesaka stated he would give an example of what the City looks like today and what their system may look like. He noted that is what the City deals with on a daily basis when they bring up MAIS adding that
the interface is fairly old. He advised that he was able to find a decent screen shot of what the Tyler MUNIS homepage may look like. He added that it is web based, Windows based, and everything is menu driven; pull down, graphical; things for them to easily navigate. He stated that this dashboard, as they call it, is very easy for each end user to manipulate and customize for their own use.

Mr. Uyesaka stated that today they have one citizen self-service option and that is an online bill pay system that they click on a link and it goes to somebody else’s website. Within a couple of years, if they do citizen self-service, that is included in all of their optional modules. He referred to the display and commented that if they look down the right side there are multiple things that they can do in order to interact between City staff and their citizens. He noted that there are a lot of nice things out there that will allow them to do a lot of things online. Mr. Uyesaka offered to answer any questions and added that he hopes the Council comes back and gives them the ok to go forward.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions for Mr. Uyesaka.

Mayor Poythress asked how many cities are using this system in California.

Mr. Uyesaka replied that he can’t give him a count but it is at least 20 he would say. He added that there is a strong users group just in California and there is a strong national users group but, within California, they had at least two dozen that they could have gone to visit. He stated that it is a very popular system in California.

Mayor Poythress asked if when they went out to their site visit everybody was very impressed, happy and pleased.

Mr. Uyesaka replied that anytime they do an implementation this size there are always going to be some pitfalls. There are always going to be some speedbumps but all in all they felt that Tyler did a very good job with the implementation. They were happy with the software. Most of them weren’t using software as old as the City’s but they were still very impressed with the new functionality that they have.

Mayor Poythress agreed that is the key in these types of situations; it is the support they get.

Mr. Uyesaka commented that just down the road at Clovis Unified they are a Beta site for a lot of things that they are doing on the education side, K-12, but they are more than happy to let them come over and work with them. He has worked with them in the past on another financial system. When he was with the City of Clovis they had the same one there and they are real good about allowing City staff to come in and work with them, and they will show us how to do some things. He added that it is nice to have a good partner locally.

Council Member Medellin stated that it sounds like training is the big issue. With the 18-24 months or so, and at least 50% of Mr. Uyesaka’s time, at times 100% of his time, he asked if that is how long it would take to transfer files or is it more of training and getting used to working with something that is basically brand new.

Mr. Uyesaka responded that the way they have broken out the timeline is into four large modules that are all related. Within those modules are subcategories. Their first one is core financials which includes a lot of pieces from accounts payable to purchase orders and those things. As they go, and those pieces become ready to go live, that is when they will do the training. He commented that the people will be able to get the training and within a week or so, maybe less, it is rolled out to everybody and they are able to use it so it is going to be a very quick turnaround time between when they are training and when they are actually going to use the product. He restated that there are four large modules broken into subcategories over a two year period and there are four of those. He noted that some will overlap so some people may get pulled in to multiple products but it is all based so that as soon as they finish the training they are ready to go live.
Council Member Medellin stated that is why some of the people recommended that if you can get extra training or advanced training that would certainly help the process.

Mr. Uyesaka added that because they were so busy on the implementation piece and moving to the next module they were having trouble finding the resources to do the training.

Council Member Medellin commented that anytime they can be efficient and cost effective; it sounds like the City is in the olden times. If something is 10 years old in the computer world or software world, as they know, that is ancient so they are kind of bandaiding things and really wasting a lot of employee staff time on trying to stay current so obviously this is a large cost but if he looks over the next 5 to 7 years possibly, over staff time saved in being efficient and then having that connection with their customer, it seems like that would definitely bring them into the 21st Century.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver stated he appreciates all the work they have put into this report. He knows that this is a project that has been a long time coming. His only question, and slight concern, is post implementation. He asked what their relationship is like with Tyler and do they have some comfort or assurance in mind that they are going to evolve with technology and allow the City to evolve with those upgrades and maintenance that is going to be required ultimately of their system and in line with their City.

Mr. Uyesaka commented that a lot of their updates, upgrades, and changes are driven by the user groups. He added that is a nice feature of a large company that is supportive of their user groups. They get together and they find something that could be done better or something new that needs to be done and propose that to them and they will bring those on. He noted that Tyler has been around for many, many years. They have had many different iterations of software and they continue to bring their customers on. They have about a 98% retention rate. They do very well in keeping their customers and keeping them upgrades. They are also a Gold Partner with Microsoft and are actually developing the next level of larger systems for large, large enterprises like the City of Los Angeles. He added that the product they are buying is their top tier but it is probably not big enough to handle an organization of that size so they are working directly with Microsoft today to develop that next level of product. He added that they will definitely bring in new technology.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any other questions for Mr. Uyesaka. No other questions were asked and Mayor Poythress announced that he would accept a motion for action.

ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOMPREZZI, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM C-2, RES. NO. 15-173, WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 6-0. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY.

RES. NO. 15-173 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR LICENSING, CONSULTING, IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES, AND TRAINING FOR A NEW ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO APPROVE PROPOSALS AND SCOPES OF WORK AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE AGREEMENT

Mayor Poythress announced that the City Clerk will make an announcement.

City Clerk Sonia Alvarez announced that pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, members of the public are advised that documents related to the following agenda item were distributed to the Council less than 72 hours before this meeting: regarding Item C-3 under hearings, petitions, and bids; subject matter is a resolution on equipment lease-purchase agreement and escrow agreement; a resolution for this item was distributed to the Council this evening. Ms. Alvarez advised that extra copies are available at the podium for members of the public wishing a copy.
Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Execution and Delivery of an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement, an Escrow Agreement and Equipment Schedule with Respect to the Acquisition, Purchase, Financing, and Leasing of Certain Equipment for the Public Benefit; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing the Taking of All Other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by this Resolution

Mayor Poythress stated to Mr. Przybyla that this is a brilliant description noting that it's got to raise a lot of questions like what are you talking about. Mayor Poythress referenced the title. He added that he always looks for a key word; what is the subject, it is not in here. He thought that was really good.

Director of Financial Services Tim Przybyla stated, to shorten it up, the title could be we got money. Mr. Przybyla advised that they found some funding for not only the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System, which Mr. Uyesaka just gave a presentation on, but they went out and sought lease financing funding for that project and came up with a good solution for what they were looking for. As they will see in the report, they came in at 2.71% as compared to 3.99% or 6.5% of the others that even gave proposals. He stated that there were a number of organizations that would not even provide proposals because of the type of equipment that it was not. He explained that this is an equipment lease and they realized that but in fact, the company, Holman Capital had three of the lenders they work with that rejected it because there really wasn't collateral that they have in their ERP system. He stated that they came back with a really good rate. He added that they are also going to need financing shortly for the new fire truck that they will be purchasing. He commented that to save the $5,000 loan fee they grouped that together with this one and came up with a good lease financing package. As they can see on the table displayed, this is the new amortization. He apologized for the change in the dollar amounts. Previously in the report it showed $877,585 related to the ERP system. That has been reduced by $37,520 because apparently they had added the recurring fees to subtotals that already included that. They had them revise the agreement, take that amount out so the total amount of funding is now $1,540,065 which includes $700,000 for the new fire truck.

Mr. Przybyla referred to the display and stated that it shows the ERP for $840,065 which includes the $5,000 processing fee. He noted that is the same figure that Mr. Uyesaka quoted at $835,065. They are adding the $5,000 loan fee to that. He commented that the semi-annual payments are $90,393; basically $180,000 per fiscal year. For the fire truck, the semi-annual payments are $75,322. They have located a good rate. It is a good opportunity for them to leave the money that they have in reserves and pay for this over a 5 year period. Mr. Przybyla offered to answer any questions. He stated that the recommendation is to approve the resolution.

Mayor Poythress agreed that is a good rate. He knows the Fed is talking about increasing rates. They have been talking about it for 6 years now but it looks like maybe they might see a little inch up this September but that is kind of the consensus and then maybe something after that. He stated that to lock in a rate like this for this period of time is really, really good.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any other questions/comments. No other questions were asked.

ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLEY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM C-3, RES. NO. 15-174 WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 6-0. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY.

RES. NO. 15-174 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW AGREEMENT AND EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION, PURCHASE, FINANCING, AND LEASING OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF
C-4 Consideration of Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Title IX of the Madera Municipal Code to Add Chapter 4 to Provide an Expedited Streamlined Permitting Process for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems

Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth stated that in September of 2014, Governor Brown signed into law the Solar Permitting Efficiency Act (Act) which is Assembly Bill 2188. He explained that this Act required local governments to adopt an administrative ordinance creating an expedited permit process for rooftop solar installations. He noted that is rooftop solar installation of under 10 kilowatts. He stated that the overall goal of the Act is to improve the ease, cost, and efficiency of obtaining permits for rooftop solar installations. He advised that the Building Department is introducing an ordinance for Council’s review which will amend Title IX of the Municipal Code. He added that the ordinance will comply with the requirements of AB 2188, substantially conform to guidebook drafted by the Governor’s office. He noted that the ordinance will streamline the permitting process for the small residential rooftop PV (photovoltaic) solar systems. Mr. Woodworth stated that the Building Department requests the Council’s consideration for the introduction and first reading of the proposed ordinance. He offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Poythress referred to the streamlining and asked what does it cut out in terms of what would be the normal.

Mr. Woodworth responded that if you fit in the box, if everything works on your permit submittal process, staff is getting it done in 3 to 4 days now but it streamlines it to 2 or 3 days so they can continue to do rooftop installations.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any other questions. No other questions were asked and Mayor Poythress called for title to be read.

City Clerk Sonia Alvarez read the introduction of the ordinance by title.

ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOMPREZZI, AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM OLIVER, ITEM C-4, AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE, WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 6-0. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY.

INTRO. ORD. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE IX OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 4 TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There are no items for this section.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

E-1 Report on New Honda CNG Vehicles Purchased with SJVAPCD Grant Funding

Fleet Operations Manager Randy Collin stated he will give a quick presentation on the new vehicles they got and then Mr. DeYoung from the Air District was kind enough to come and maybe talk about some of the other programs they have that could benefit the City.
Mr. Collin stated they received five new Honda Civic cars from the Air District under what they call a Public Benefits Grant. He advised that it provides funds for alternative fuel vehicles. He commented that they might ask what an alternative fuel vehicle is added that the Air District has a pretty good list on their website. They do have an eligibility list so it has to be on their list to be eligible for the funding that they have. He added that it includes battery electric. This would be like your Chevy Spark, Ford Focus, plug-in hybrid electrics, Chevy Volt, Ford C-Max, Toyota Prius, and CNG which is the Honda Civic cars they got. He added that CNG’s also have Ford F-250’s which might be a good fit for their organization also if they were to do another one. There is also LPG, Neighborhood Electric, which is going to be their golf cart type vehicles for meter reading; that type of thing. He stated that they also offer Hydrogen Fuel Cell which he knows very little about but he did see it on the list when he was going through.

Mr. Collin advised that they did take full advantage of the funding that they offer. They got five vehicles. They offer $20,000 per vehicle for a maximum of $100,000 per year. That is what they applied for and got approval for. Mr. Collin stated that a new Honda CNG costs about $29,000. He noted that the Air District supplied $20,000 per vehicle which left the City about $9,000. He hopes that when they sell the vehicles that are replacing to maybe get about $3,000, or a little bit more, on those so the net to the City is going to be about $5,000/$6,000. He advised that replacement tanks for these vehicles are in the range of about $5,000 so for the same cost that it would take them to replace the tanks they can have brand new vehicles. He noted that this equipment car, in a gas, is about $20,000 for that vehicle so by going this route they had a savings of about $44,000 to the General Fund so that was good for them.

Mr. Collin referred to the display which shows their car. He stated that he told the Chief that he could take his Charger in the quarter mile but he laughed at him. He showed another slide of the inside and added that they have one out in the parking lot if they had an opportunity to see it when they came in.

Mr. Collin advised that they are replacing four Honda Civics now and an older van that was in IT (Information Technology). He commented that the reason these need to be replaced is that there is a limited life on the tanks. They have about a 15 year life. They have to be inspected every 3 years, 36,000 miles, but then at the end of the 15 years there is not an inspection or recertification pressure testing that they can do so essentially they would have to be replaced or the vehicle sold. He advised that this has been a good opportunity for them to replace those.

Mr. Collin commented on some of the benefits. He stated that recently, at one of their last invoices, gasoline at Tesco is about $3.10 and CNG is about $1.25 for what they call a gas gallon equivalent. He explained what they do is compare energy; the amount of energy that a gallon of gasoline has then they equate that to the same amount of cubic feet of CNG at 3600 PSI. When they are talking gallons, that is how they do it so that they have equal amounts of energy. He commented that when they convert that to miles, CNG’s are about $0.04 a mile and gas is a little over $0.09 so the cost is less than half of what running gasoline vehicles is.

Mr. Collin referred to cleaner burning noting that they have reduced hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, oxides and nitrogen, and all that ends up in less greenhouse gasses which is good for the environment.

Mr. Collin advised that there is lower maintenance cost. He commented that any new vehicle is going to have lower maintenance cost so that is a benefit. He added that everybody likes the smell and feel of a brand new car so that is always good. He noted that this does have some added safety features on some hands free and backup cameras, and side view cameras that came standard with the car.

Mr. Collin stated that with this being his first time on a project like this, he had lots of questions so he would like to thank a lot of people for helping him out getting through the process including Grants, Finance with Mr. Przybyla helping quite a bit, the City Council for approving the project, and the Air District for supplying the funds. He stated the Fleet Division’s appreciation for the support they are given. Mr. Collin offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions.
Council Member Holley stated he wants to ride in the front seat.

Council Member Bomprezzi stated she thinks she rode in one last night with Cheryl. She commented that it is a nice car.

Council Member Holley agreed and added that they look good inside.

Council Member Bomprezzi restated that it was very nice riding.

Mr. Collin invited Mr. DeYoung to speak who can talk about this program or any other programs.

Council Member Bomprezzi asked if Tesei is the only place in town that has the CNG.

Mr. Collin responded that the school district also has a site at their corporate yard.

Council Member Bomprezzi asked if it is hard up and down the valley to find CNG.

Mr. Collin replied that there are apps that they can get that will tell them where the stations are, price, availability, whether it is private or public so it is possible to get places; you just have to plan a little bit because they are not at every corner.

Todd DeYoung stated he is with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). He is the Grants Program Manager and he is definitely happy to be here tonight and thanked them for the invitation. He wanted to congratulate this Council in the City of Madera on their clean air investments. He commented that it takes the leadership of council and cities and counties to make these sorts of investments to lead the way. He stated that obviously the San Joaquin Valley has an air pollution problem and that is not a surprise to anyone but it is investments like this that really go a long way particularly on the compressed natural gas side, the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District is a strong proponent of using natural gas whenever possible. He added that there is the greenhouse gas reduction benefit. There are what are called criteria pollutant reduction benefits. He noted that it even goes to how the gas is generated. They can start using renewable sources to generate natural gas in the future, makes a huge difference, so all this will result in cleaner air for the valley.

Mr. DeYoung stated again that he wants to congratulate them on taking advantage of the Public Benefits Grant Program. In addition to this particular grant, and he sort of feels like he is preaching to the choir a little bit because the City has been extremely active in their grant programs, the City of Madera was awarded, just recently, another grant under the Public Benefits Grant Program for traffic signal synchronization program for $24,000. He advised that one is in the final stages of the contract and should be up and running fairly soon. They do have a couple of other components directing noting that this gets to Council Member Bomprezzi’s question about supply of natural gas throughout the valley. They have an alternative fuel infrastructure component that they are funding several all-fuel and compressed natural gas stations every year so they expect that network to continue to expand over the next few years. They also have an advanced transit and transportation component which is what the traffic signal synchronization program funded for the City of Madera.

Mr. DeYoung stated that the one new program that they have that he wanted to just briefly mention and plug was their new Charge Up program which is for electric vehicle charging equipment; public access electric vehicle charging equipment. He stated that entities both private and public are eligible for up to $50,000 per year to install electric vehicle charging equipment and that breaks down to up to $5,000 for a single port charger and up to $6,000 for a dual port charger. For instance, if they wanted to locate some out in their parking lot here, they could pay for the chargers and any installation cost up to that $5,000. Right now they are seeing costs that could be, depending on their infrastructure needs, right around $5,000 so it could be potentially fully paid for. He encouraged them to look into that. He advised that he did bring some information and he will leave that with them this evening.
Mr. DeYoung commented that is all he had on the grant side and added that he would be happy to take any questions but before he does, his mother always taught him that if you are invited to someone’s home that it is rude if you don’t bring something. In that spirit he did bring a check for $100,000 this evening for the CNG vehicles.

Council thanked Mr. DeYoung.

Council Member Holley stated that if a person bought one on their own, do they get a discount rate when they buy them as well.

Mr. DeYoung replied that they do have a program for residents. It is called the Drive Clean Program. They are eligible for up to $3,000 for battery electrics; slightly less for CNG. He noted that it is all based on sort of the emission level of the vehicle but there are subsidies available and there is also a companion program at the state that you can layer on top of that to provide even more incentive for these types of vehicles.

Mayor Poythress thanked Mr. DeYoung.

E-2 Weekly Water Conservation Reports

Public Works Operations Director Dave Randall stated he doesn’t have a check for $100,000 but he has good news.

Council Member Bomprezzi stated she hopes he doesn’t have a bill either for $100,000.

Mr. Randall replied no bills. He commented that they should be in good shape with the state; they won’t be looking at them for a while. Mr. Randall stated that the Council previously received one email with the weekly report for July 13th through the 19th and it reported their conservation savings of 36%. In this package there is the one for the following week of July 20th through the 26th which is 33% and then they should have received an email today which unfortunately is only 27%. He noted that maybe things are tapering off with the weather. He is not sure. They hope to see it go back up but they are still doing quite well. He advised that overall they are hovering between 33% and 35%. They have seen a little bit of decrease over the weeks in calls. He thinks it is sort of a normal wind down from when they were looking at the new rates. He added that the nature of the calls are changing a little bit more about rebates. They are starting to see the rebates start to heat up and hopefully they will see a lot more success going forward.

Mr. Randall advised that is about all that he has unless they have any questions for him.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions. No questions were asked and Mayor Poythress thanked Mr. Randall and commented that it was a great report.

F. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Robinson reported that on the 16th of July he attended the High Speed Rail Meeting along with Mayor Poythress. He pushed for maintenance facility and he is still doing that.

Council Member Robinson reported that on the 29th he went to an interview for the United Way to become a board member. He advised that they have a free backpack giveaway on the 14th of August at Town and Country Park. He added that Crown Homes was the biggest donor.

Council Member Robinson reported that on the 30th of July he attended the Probation Transition Celebration at the Frank Bergon Center. He stated that it is a joy to see how young people turn their life around.

Council Member Robinson reported that he attended the Soccer Clinic for the Big Brothers Big Sisters. His daughter had a good time and learned how to play soccer.
Mayor Poythress stated that is good and asked if she just turned 6.

Council Member Robinson replied yes today.

Mayor Poythress wished her a happy birthday.

Council Member Bomppezzi reported that last week she had the privilege of touring the new courts. She stated it is a beautiful facility, state of the art. It will be nice when it is all ready to go in a month or so.

Council Member Bomppezzi reported that she also attended the Town Hall meeting that Chief Frazier put on. They had Crime Stoppers there. She noted that there was a lot of good information. They need to get more people there. She thinks they had a lot of good dialogue with the people that were there. She thanked Chief Frazier for putting that together.

Council Member Holley reported that he attended a few of those things that the Council Member’s did so that is all great. They are all in the same place at the same time. He commented that the Chief did a good job. They just need more people to hear what he just put out because that was something good for them to know because he didn’t know how the calls went through, the anonymous call. He didn’t believe it but now he knows it is.

Council Member Holley reported that he also attended the courthouse.

Council Member Holley stated that the greatest thing he did last night was the National Night Out. He wanted to give it out to the RDA Department. They did a wonderful job getting them around town to different sites, and seeing how people are starting to come together. He thinks that is a program that hopefully will go on for years and years to come because neighbors are starting to find out who is in their neighborhood. He added that it also gives them a chance to find out what people are talking about; the questions that they need answered. He thinks his driver who is sitting back there (in the audience) had him on point so he did a good job. Council Member Holley noted that he had seven that he had to go to so he was busy.

Council Member Holley referred to Reverend Richardson. He stated they had a good home going. He added that the Mayor was there and different people. He added that if you missed it, you missed it but that man served their church for over 30 years and to come back here and get a home going like that was awesome. They had over 300 people at their church; pretty close to 400 but he doesn’t want to tell the building code. He commented that it was well put together. Everything was nice from the start to the finish. The night before they had the wake. They had a good turn out there with maybe 40/50 people showed up the night before just to talk about some of the things that he did in their lives. Council Member Holley stated he was one of them. He commented that that man served their City well. He thanked the City Clerk for giving them a letter to present to them on behalf of the City of Madera.

Council Member Medellin stated he too wants to thank the Chief and his staff for the Town Hall meeting on the 28th. He stated it was very informative and he said a few words that night. He commented that Mayor Poythress made a challenge to the Council for the National Night Out to get people to be involved with Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out which is a huge success. He thinks they need to do the same for the Town Hall meeting because for the 15 or 20 people that were there, which were pretty much the regulars, even some of those people were claiming, I didn’t know. They reached out last night to 33 neighborhoods and they have 50 plus neighborhoods. He thinks it would behoove them as leaders to let them know, maybe event personally invite the captains of the Neighborhood Watch to the Town Hall meetings. Hopefully they will bring another neighbor or friend with them because it is valuable information and it is coming right from the Chief and his staff. He challenged the Council to invite those captains and leaders in the neighborhoods to attend these Town Hall meetings because the Chief is being very proactive and the message was let’s not wait for something bad to happen or a catastrophe before we come together as a community of thousands and have candlelight vigils because something has happened. He thanked Chief Frazier again for being proactive and trying to be ahead. Council Member Medellin stated they will get more people to those town halls.
Council Member Medellin stated that speaking of captains, he too had a wonderful time at National Night Out. Last night he was at about 10 different stops. He thinks one cancelled and one either they didn’t start or it got wrapped up fairly early but between pizza and hot links and ice cream, he wrote it all down, he had desserts, coffee, tacos, sandwiches and watermelon. He stated that it was the neighborhood watch with a twist because usually neighborhood watch meetings are, maybe they have some hot topics or issues, but this was more of an appreciation in coming together. They were very appreciative that they had police officers there giving out candy and trinkets and things, and the Council, as elected officials, were willing to show up and eat their ice cream and things like that.

Council Member Medellin asked if they will indulge him, he will share a couple of stories. He went over to Santa Bonita which is a high crime area. He noted that there were a few people sitting out across the street that normally don’t get involved with National Night Out or with anything other than their own day to day issues whatever they may be and they had a couple of their own beverages with them. When they pulled up, he walked over to them. They got a little defensive and asked who are you looking for. He said, nobody and he extended his hand, and Andrew Martinez his driver, he thinks was a little reluctant to follow him, but they actually had a few moments and handshakes turned into hugs and it is so nice to see you here and we appreciate what you are doing. He commented that they weren’t going to join them but he thinks that they appreciated the fact that they too were engaged so he wanted to send a message that this is the entire neighborhood which includes you and you live here. He added that however they took it was entirely up to them.

Council Member Medellin stated that there were a few other stories that way, people they could tell were quiet or maybe didn’t want to get involved. After they had left and after they had their sugar rush, or whatever it is they ate, they couldn’t wait for next year. He advised there were 33 neighborhoods this year. If they can get 50 plus next year, he would absolutely be thrilled. He shared a lot of stories, and he has a lot of stories, but there is one in particular again, if they will give him just a few minutes that the Chief actually shared with him. Council Member Medellin asked Chief Frazier to come up and share a little story of what he experienced. To him it kind of sums up that engagement and what National Night Out is about.

Chief Frazier thanked the Council, first of all, for coming out and supporting this event. He thinks their participation, along with law enforcement, probation, everything else, really kind of solidifies the message and that message is as a community they can do anything. Again, going from what was it, 17, 18 the first year to 33 year three is a tremendous undertaking.

Chief Frazier advised that he needs to lay a little background to the story. Each year he and the Commander try and do something special so that they will remember them because really the Chief and Commander don’t amount to much. Last year they gave away bikes. They had a Facebook contest and they gave away some bikes to how many would get a picture with them and how many likes they had, they would give away a bike to that group. This year they waited till the last minute and they decided to give away ice cream bars. They bought 200 ice cream bars. They loaded them in the back of the car in a chest with ice. He asked Commander Lawson what kind of ice. Chief Frazier commented that you don’t touch dry ice and Commander Lawson didn’t learn that lesson after he reminded him don’t touch the ice. He hears this expletive and that’s hot because he warned him it is not a Workers Comp issue. Chief Frazier returned to his story and stated that they loaded up and they had these ice cream sandwiches. They advertised it at the kick off but they also intended to, if they found an opportunity to reach out in the community, to make some stops and give out some ice cream sandwiches. They went to a couple locations and they gave away some sandwiches and they are driving from one to the next. They are going southbound on Gateway and they see a car in front of them at 10th Street. There are five individuals that look like males in this car and in the back of the car it says I “heart” Police. He said, Dino, you gotta give this car ice cream. They lit the car up, stopped it, and they didn’t stop right away. They keep going and he said, Dino what if they don’t stop we are in trouble. He says, ya and they were debating at that time whether to turn the lights off or not. He added that a couple of 100 yards down the road the turn signal is on that they are going to stop right on the curb and they keep going, and they are following, and they keep going and they finally stopped. He thinks they are both thinking silently to themselves, this was a mistake. So
they go walking up to the car and they are going to play this up as much as they can so they go up and there are five young East Indian men in the car and they are extremely apprehensive. They come up and in a stern voice, who’s car is this. Everybody is kind of looking around at each other and in the back he hears. it’s my mom’s. He said, well you’ve got a sticker on the back that says we love police, we want to give you some ice cream, huh? Chief Frazier stated that these young men were absolutely taken aback so they abandoned the car, went back grabbed their ice cream and came back, and every one of them is on their phone, I’m going to Snapchat this and they are taking pictures of them, this cop gave me ice cream. Chief Frazier stated that it was arguably the best encounter they had all night. One, he thinks, they had a race that is reluctant to trust law enforcement anyway and have probably encountered significant issues relative to terrorism and things like that. By the time they left, getting high fives. They were getting pictured on Snapchat and it was just really good. Chief Frazier commented that they had a lot of encounters like that, on Wallace Street, it was just a good night. He thanked the Council again for their participation and for allowing him to share the story.

Council thanked Chief Frazier.

Mayor Poythress thanked them for handing out those ice cream sandwiches to those people.

Council Member Bomprezzi shared a story about Cedar Creek. She commented that Pistoressi Ambulance is there and she is thinking ok they were there last year and stuff. So they get up there and they are taking a resident back in to the facility and she is going oh man, could they like have waited a little bit to bring this person back. They did it quickly.

Council Member Medellin stated they actually stuck around and engaged everybody, and it was really good. He stated when he heard that story, to him, that is what NNO is about, engaging the community and caught for doing something good. He is sure they ripped that bumper sticker off maybe by today. They never want to encounter that again but that was great.

Council Member Medellin stated he has one last thing. He was at Casa de Dallas. It is an apartment community on Howard Road, 1712 or 1713 Howard Road. They are going to build a Jack in the Box right next door. They have some very serious concerns. There is only one ingress, egress, wall height, things of that nature. He told them that they would be notified if they haven’t been already. He kind of wanted to talk to Mr. Boyle. He appreciates that they asked him and had some concerns. They do have a gate on the side that in case of emergencies or that one area is closed off, they could walk next door but somebody has welded it shut or something so they have a safety issue there. He commented that it all came up at the meeting last night. He asked Mr. Boyle to make a note to look into that before Jack in the Box progresses any more, they would certainly appreciate it.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver agreed it was very well said and everyone captured last night very well. For him, being new to the Council, this was definitely the most rewarding and exciting deal to take part in. He stated that there is really no greater satisfaction than to see young boys and girls flock their men and women in uniform and law enforcement. To him, that was very humbling, very rewarding. To Chief Frazier he stated that it was a tremendous job by him and his team, as well as to their Revitalization Department and other community partners who make this a success. He commented that he really looks forward to next year. He looks forward to the months after this as they utilize this momentum and pivot that into more neighborhood watch groups and more activity such as these.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver stated that in regards to the Police Town Hall meeting, he absolutely agrees with Council Member Medellin. He thinks they have to challenge themselves even more to get out there and to encourage and challenge people to take part. He also thinks too, that they should look at some alternative methods to get the message whether it be through Facebook, through live streaming, through these tools that exist today that other businesses and community groups and campaigns are applying. He thinks it is an opportunity for this City which in his opinion, not to be biased, is thinking ahead and is doing things differently, and as the rubber hits the road, especially with their police force, he thinks there are ample
opportunities there. He restated that last night was a tremendous success. He had the greatest time and he thanks his colleagues and staff and their community for helping make it great.

Mayor Poythress commended everybody for a great job.

Mayor Poythress echoed the remarks of Mayor Pro Tem Oliver in regards to getting the message out. He stated that he thinks, all of them here have Facebook accounts, and they all have hundreds of contacts within the City. He thinks they could get that message out just by having link, share it and be able to get it out and contact a lot, a lot, a lot of people. He stated that young folks these days just don’t read the newspaper. They just don’t. It is just one of those things they are seeing consolidations and lots of different things happening but they do read Facebook, social media, Snapchat, Instagram, etc. etc. That is how they really need to go out and continue to engage folks. That is what he would encourage. The next time they have a Citizens Academy, Police Academy, any type of event, that would be a great way to go.

Mayor Poythress talked about momentum. They are talking about National Night Out. They’ve got these great neighborhood organizations. What he would like to see, they used to have and they kind of had a little version of it earlier this year, is Love Madera type of events on Saturdays. They would go out and work at different places. He would love to see the groups that are engaged be their neighborhood groups. He has been noticing a lot of areas for instance, more on their eastside of the City when he has been doing his runs, that there are some areas that are really in need of trash pickup. There are lots or behind down an alley or whatever. He knows by the Tozer Bridge there is a field out there by some of the housing in the river that could use some help. He would love to see their neighborhood groups because they want to look for a purpose beyond. He noted that it is great getting together and meeting friends and so forth but, they need to take next steps. He commented that with any organization, if you don’t have a purpose people become disengaged and they lose interest and so on and so forth. He noted they should provide that. He would like to challenge again, his colleagues, staff to develop one of these events and to get their neighborhood groups to be those participants and to really make a difference. He stated that occasionally they will see, speaking of social media, they will see criticisms about different areas in different parts of the City about how things aren’t getting done and he really disputes a lot of those claims. He doesn’t also engage in any kind of arguments or whatever on Facebook but he thinks it would speak volumes to see people who actually live in neighborhoods to actually go out and be involved in certain projects. He commented that a lot of times they will have kids, the Interact or the Leos or 4H or whatever out there. People say oh that is nice these kids are getting involved but whenever they see their friends and neighbors involved in rolling up their sleeves, it makes a statement. To him that would be a great next step to keep this momentum and people showing pride in their neighborhoods. He called it an onramp for activity to make a difference.

Mayor Poythress thanked everybody and called for the closed session announcement.

G. CLOSED SESSION

G-1 Closed Session Announcement – City Attorney

City Attorney Brent Richardson announced that the Council will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss conference with real property negotiators as described under items G-2 and G-3; and pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss conference with labor negotiators as described under item G-4.

The Council adjourned to closed session at 7:10 p.m. Absent: Council Member Rigby.

G-2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

PROPERTY: 1 PARCEL
Mansionette Estates  APN:  006-441-015  
Agency Negotiators: Keith Helmuth, Mary Anne Seay  
Negotiating Parties: County of Madera  
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

G-3  CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

PROPERTY:  1 PARCEL

Mansionette Estates  APN:  006-440-022  
Agency Negotiators: Keith Helmuth, Mary Anne Seay  
Negotiating Parties: County of Madera  
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms

G-4  CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: David Tooley and Wendy Silva

Employee Organizations: General Bargaining Unit

G-5  Closed Session Report – City Attorney

The Council returned from closed session at 7:45 p.m. with all members present. Absent: Council Member Rigby.

City Attorney Brent Richardson announced that the Council met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss conference with real property negotiators as described under items G-2 and G-3 and reported that no reportable action was taken on either item; and pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to discuss conference with labor negotiators as described under item G-4 and reported that no reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Poythress at 7:45 p.m.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN

Approval of the minutes is not addressed in the vision or action plans; the requested action is also not in conflict with any of the actions or goals contained in that plan.

Sonia Alvarez, City Clerk  

ROBERT L. POYTHRESS, Mayor  

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