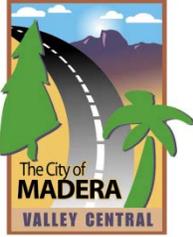


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## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA

June 21, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
City Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Madera City Council for 06/21/17 was called to order by Mayor Medellin at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

**Present:**  
**Mayor Andrew J. Medellin**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Cece Foley Gallegos, District 1**  
**Council Member Jose Rodriguez, District 2**  
**Council Member Donald E. Holley, District 6**  
**Council Member Derek O. Robinson Sr., District 4**  
**Council Member William Oliver, District 3**  
**Council Member Charles F. Rigby, District 5**

Others present were City Administrator David Tooley, City Attorney Brent Richardson, City Clerk Sonia Alvarez, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Planning Manager Chris Boyle, Director of Financial Services Tim Przybyla, Battalion Chief Jim Forga, Police Chief Steve Frazier, Parks and Community Services Director Mary Anne Seay, Public Works Operations Director David Randall, Community Development Director David Merchen, Grants Administrator Ivette Iraheta, Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth, Information Services Manager Mark Souders, Neighborhood Preservation Supervisor Viola Rodriguez, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist I Steve Montes.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Joyce Lane, Glory of Zion Ministries

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Medellin 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.

Gary Svanda of Madera, California stated he was not there as the Madera County Assessor. He was there as a member of a group called the Intergovernmental Relations Committee that was formed by his board and the management of the County at their annual planning event.

Mr. Svanda stated that Madera County Supervisor Robert Poythress from District 3 was with him and they were there to personally invite the Council and any staff members they deemed necessary to attend a

workshop which would include the City of Chowchilla, the City of Madera and representatives from the County of Madera in an exercise to identify areas where they can speak with a united voice to Sacramento, to Washington, DC and to the shared constituents that they all serve.

Mr. Svanda stated the proposed date for the workshop is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Madera Municipal Golf Course. It would include breakfast, lunch and for those wishing to participate, a possible nine-hole golf outing where they could potentially mix and match the representatives from all three jurisdictions. The workshop will be headed by a gentleman named Bill Khayat who is a formal facilitator from CSAC.

Mr. Svanda stated the cost for the meals and the facilitator will be covered by donations and not taxpayer dollars or their credit cards. The County of Madera will take care of securing those funds and individuals who wish to play golf will pay their own \$20.00 which will cover the cost of nine holes of golf and cart rental.

Mr. Svanda stated that is two meals, some friendly competition and a chance to find areas of agreement rather than disagreement. He hopes they accept the invitation.

Mr. Svanda introduced the Honorable Robert Poythress, former City of Madera Mayor and Councilman, and currently Madera County Supervisor, District 3.

Supervisor Poythress thanked the Council for allowing them to exceed the three minutes in Public Comment. He stated it is a pleasure being there. He loves being there with them. It feels like family. He thanked them for the warm welcome.

Supervisor Poythress stated they are looking forward to this event on September 30<sup>th</sup>. He thinks it is going to work out well.

Supervisor Poythress stated he thinks they have a new day in the County organization. There are two members of the Board of Supervisors that are former City Council Members and they have the Assessor who is a former Mayor and former Council Member. He stated he thinks it's allowing them to have an opportunity to break down barriers. He thinks what it comes to is the will and desire to do that and he knows it can be accomplished. He knows this organization well and it's a class organization and he knows the City is going to be stepping up and they are going to be doing their best in regards to the County.

Supervisor Poythress stated that Chowchilla was invited and he believes they've accepted the invitation. He's given invitations to David Tooley, City Administrator, Mayor Medellin and Sonia Alvarez, City Clerk.

Supervisor Poythress stated he's looking forward to it. He thanked the Council.

Mayor Medellin thanked them both. He stated he appreciated them being there both as former Mayors and understanding the value of working together. He stated that remembering both of their campaigns, they both had said "through cooperation and collaboration" and this is doing just that. Mayor Medellin stated that what they can do as a community and as a whole can really move that needle so he really appreciates them being there.

Mayor Medellin stated the invitation they extended would be a wonderful day. He stated he does not want to speak on behalf of his colleagues but they would love to accept their invitation to work together with the two cities and the County of Madera to be that one solid voice and put Madera on the map.

Mayor Medellin asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak under Public Comment. No comments were made. Mayor Medellin closed Public Comment.

## **PRESENTATIONS**      Mid Valley Disposal 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event Donation

Annette Kwock, [Recycling Coordinator] of Mid Valley Disposal and introduced herself and her boss Joseph Kalpakoff.

Mr. Kalpakoff stated he is the President of Mid Valley Disposal. They are their franchise solid waste recycling provider. He stated they have an open house this Friday to unveil their new processing line in Fresno.

Mr. Kalpakoff stated that he and his staff Ivette [Rodriguez, Recycling Director], Kacey [Auston, Government Relations Consultant] and Ms. Kwock have worked with Mary Anne [Seay, Parks & Community Services Director] and her department and they do a fantastic job each year putting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Golf Tournament and the fireworks show. As a family company they know what community means and what it means to a City to bring their family out to a great event like that to celebrate independence and their freedom. That is something that rings true with their family.

Mr. Kalpakoff presented the City with a donation of \$10,000 for their fireworks show this year and stated that hopefully it gets bigger, longer and higher for the residents of the City.

Mayor Medellin stated it was wonderful and thanked them.

Ms. Kwock stated that the only suggestion she had for Ms. Seay regarding the golf tournament was a nice prize for last place. She stated her team would appreciate that.

Mayor Medellin thanked them and stated they really appreciate their support.

Mayor Medellin stated that Item D-1 is a presentation by the Madera Coalition for Community Justice and they've requested that they be moved up in the agenda due to an illness. Mayor Medellin stated that if his colleagues didn't mind he would like to call them up now so they can do that presentation and let them be on their way. No comments were made by the Council Members.

#### **D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

D-1 Presentation by the Madera Coalition for Community Justice on Resilient Madera II Grant (Mark Colley)

Mayor Medellin stated it was his understanding that Mark Colley [Community Outreach Coordinator] was not going to be there and asked if Lourdes [Herrera] or Mr. [Rafael] Nuñez were going to be doing the presentation and asked that they come up to the podium.

Lourdes Herrera, Director of the Madera Coalition for Community Justice and Rafael Nuñez, Youth Coordinator for [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice] Youth Leader Program introduced themselves.

Ms. Herrera stated they were there to make a few presentations for the program they made this last fiscal year.

Mr. Nuñez stated that their program consists of 35 individuals. Twenty-two are consistent active members that are involved in all their programs.

Mr. Nuñez stated that initially at the start of a program they start covering bases such as A-G requirements with their students. They make individual empowerment plans by sitting down with each of them and plan out their goals for the future. They work with youth ages 13 to 19 for the most part.

Mr. Nuñez stated a lot of them are in high school already so they are working on meeting the requirements for attending a university. They target a variety of kids that work on different programs but they want them to spark the interest and to pursue higher education. They cover a majority of the A-G requirements.

Mr. Nuñez stated they had the opportunity to visit Stanford University to give the kids the opportunity to see the prestigious schools and not just watch them through movies and TV. They get to be there physically, see the culture and see what it is all about.

Mr. Nuñez stated that when they went out there Dr. Silva [no first name given] from the University of Stanford and David [no last name given] from Madera Unified [School District] expressed the importance of education to both youth and parents. Dr. Silva explained to the youth that just because their parents do not have the financial stance to cover them to go to these schools it doesn't mean they don't have the opportunity to work hard and get scholarships to attend these schools. It is still possible for them.

Mr. Nuñez stated they had an opportunity to have one of the current Stanford University students give advice to the youth that went out there. The Stanford University student shared his experience; what he would have changed and what he would advise them to do. The youth took it to heart and enjoyed the conversation.

Mr. Nuñez stated they have also visited Fresno State [California State University, Fresno]. They were able to participate in the Chicano Youth Conference where a certain population was targeted. They want to encourage that. It isn't just certain races that get to go to college. They want to expand it so they know that the opportunity is open to everyone.

Mr. Nuñez stated they took some of the parents and youth to Fresno State on a campus tour. They enjoyed walking around like students. Most parents were interested and most of their kids will be attending that school in the fall.

Evelyn [no last name given], Youth Coordinator for the Madera Coalition [for Community Justice] stated she does the training for the Cara y Corazon program. This program involves the parents and youth together to know their roots, backgrounds, generations, not lose their traditions, and to keep the connection going so they can pass it down through generations in their families and their futures.

Evelyn showed pictures of some of the training classes that they had taken. She stated she gives them the perspective of the youth so they don't only see the parental side of it.

Evelyn stated they attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Conference that was held at [Jack G.] Desmond [Middle School]. The youth that she and Mr. Nuñez work with recruited other youth so those are the ones they are going to be working with this coming semester.

Mr. Nuñez stated that during their weekly meetings they have ice breakers for the youth to get them involved with one another and to break down the barrier they have. They all understand that youth nowadays are stuck on their phones. Person to person communication is dying down so what they are trying to do is get them to talk to one another face to face. These ice breakers basically build communication, leadership, and teamwork as well as other aspects.

Mr. Nuñez stated they had the opportunity to take them on the Color Me Rad Run in April. They got to experience what it was to be part of something bigger other than exercise. They made it fun. Kids have the opportunity to do similar activities but with the way things are right now kids tend to not want to do it but this was more of an incentive to go out there and it was for a purpose. It was a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House and kids got to understand that what they were doing was making a difference in people's lives.

Evelyn stated they did the OAC training with another organization. They brought a lot of youth from the Central Valley together out at the San Luis Reservoir. They worked on teambuilding skills, leadership, and they got to see what other youths are doing in their own communities. They got to see a lot of different point of views and a lot of different backgrounds. They brought them all together for a three day weekend. They put them in teams with different people so they'd learn to work with others and not just within themselves in their own community.

Mr. Nuñez stated he is sure they've seen the mural piece that finally went up. The piece was put up by the artist as well as with help from most of their youth. He stated that every individual in the picture, and there were more that went to help, were able to understand the purpose behind the painting. It wasn't just an arts and crafts moment. It was learning history and modernizing it using the Justice League that exists in comic books and relating to more individuals that made a purpose in the world. He stated the second slide is just implying justice and a good artist named Eric [no last name given] who was giving lessons on urban art.

Evelyn stated that other projects they've been involved in include the Kern Farm which is a local organic farm that's out in Kern County. They got foster youth and high school youth working together to harvest potatoes and onions. She stated they went on different dates because there were a lot of them and just few of them. They did enjoy picking them. They didn't see the whole process of planting, etc. but they did enjoy helping them. What is usually a whole day process was done in four hours with all of them working together as a group.

Evelyn stated they got to meet some farms. They killed a rattlesnake because it was out in the chicken place thing.

Evelyn stated she has been involved with them for a pretty long time now. She was a youth and now she is staff. Evelyn stated she got a hold of Doug [no last name given] for the first time.

Evelyn stated some kids didn't even know what holding a chicken was so they brought them to that farm. There were more exotic animals but those were the ones that they could hold.

Evelyn stated that for Breaking the Ice they went out to Visalia to a Food Justice Conference. This was meeting youth from the Central Valley. They brought them from different diversities and they were all sharing stories about how difficult it is to reach organic foods. They cooked together to see how easy it is to grab anything and just cook it. She stated that was basically what the training was about. They took them out and they did enjoy this trip also.

Evelyn stated the Education Session was just showing their experience on how poor they were to get food, how expensive organic food is, and how they don't have access to stores. They have more access to liquor stores than they do to food markets.

Evelyn referred to a group picture and stated they were trained by a food bank out of Visalia. She stated they became close. They haven't had any contact with them again because of time and staffing but they do want to continue this, to take them out to meet more people, to know that there are more problems out there rather than their own.

Mr. Nuñez thanked Council for their funding because due to the funding they were able to enrich their youths' lives and empower them to be great leaders within their community. He referenced some pictures and stated they got to experience.... The kids are enjoying these and they are becoming role models themselves and that's what they want their youth to continue to keep doing.

Council Member Holley stated they made a statement that they are reaching out to all nationalities and asked what they are doing to get other nationalities involved.

Mr. Nuñez stated that at the moment they are reaching out to Jr. Highs and high schools. They are trying to get more and as they are expanding their programs. They are trying to target other populations and other ethnicities.

Council Member Holley asked what they are doing to involve other nationalities like African Americans, Caucasians and Japanese.

Ms. Herrera stated everybody is welcome to come in. They have a brochure and they give them out during the outreach they are doing in schools and events. She stated everyone is welcome to this group. She stated they get teenagers that do not have a good GPA. They try to get more youth. Some have problems or have a 1.7 GPA. They try to talk to the parents to motivate them to continue their education. Ms. Herrera stated they see results. They went to Stanford [University] and now they have a dream that maybe they can go to that school.

Evelyn stated she meets the parents, talks to the youth, does one-on-one contact with them and then she engages them to come. She stated there is a little hook to get them to come in so that's what she does. She goes in one-on-one, introduces herself, gives them her number, gives them her card and asks them to contact her. Evelyn stated she tells them she's not there to force them to be there because some of them don't even want to show up because their friends don't go. She tells them to bring their friends because they are more than welcome and that's what she does during their outreach events.

Council Member Holley stated that still didn't answer his question. He stated his question was, what do they do to reach other nationalities? He asked if they personally go to the schools, see them and give them fliers and tell them they are all welcome.

Ms. Herrera stated that as Mr. Nuñez mentioned, they are going to middle schools and high schools. They are open to serve everybody. They approach maybe the Indian, African American Clubs and other groups and they have meetings at the different high schools. They meet with different ethnics, cultures and races.

Council Member Oliver thanked them for returning to City Hall and providing the update. He stated it means a great deal. He thanked them for their continued good work. He stated that obviously they are all aware of the Coalition for Community Justice as well as Madera Youth Leaders and proud of their on-going efforts and it helps him and makes him proud to see through the images and the report they provided tonight all the good work they are doing. Council Member Oliver stated Mr. Nuñez did a really good job for this being his first time.

Council Member Oliver stated that Evelyn mentioned that she was a previous Youth Leader and now she pivoted into the role as a staff member and asked her to share a little bit on how this group shaped her experience as a youth and how that's guided her through her career and professional development.

Evelyn stated she would be brief as it was a long story. She stated she started when she was 12. She started at the Food Share. She started going and she would tell her mom she didn't want to be there and her mom involved her in the Youth Group. She drifted off. High school came. She started doing her own thing and then realized she wasn't graduating high school and asked herself what she was going to do. She graduated late from high school. She asked herself what she was going to do with her life. She wasn't going to go to college and she wasn't doing anything.

Evelyn stated her mom started working with the [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice] and told her there was a job opportunity and that maybe she could go in. She told her mom that she didn't have the experience. She didn't have anything. Her mom told her she could use the [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice] when she started doing the Food Share. Evelyn stated she was forced to go to the Youth Group again and they had another coordinator. It wasn't for her so she left again. She didn't go back.

Evelyn decided to finish school and get financial aid. She started asking for help from the other staff members. Thanks to that staff member, she stayed and she got an opportunity to volunteer in the office. When she started volunteering in the office, she got the opportunity to apply for AmeriCorps. She worked off site so she was at First 5 and the [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice] and after that they just saw potential in her to not give up and she's still finishing college.

Council Member Oliver thanked her for sharing her story. He thanked them all for being there that evening. He stated he would love to see a presentation in the future from some of the other Youth Leaders and it

would be a great opportunity to meet them. They appreciate their service and their passion for the community. He asked that they please share that.

Ms. Herrera stated that one of their ideas is to recruit the youth from 2001 and maybe they can get pictures on where they are because they have a big list from 2001 to now.

Ms. Herrera stated that maybe for the next presentation, they can bring Elsa. He was working for the Madera Tribune. There are many students. She stated that maybe for the next one they can start to contact them and bring them to the City Council to see what they are doing now.

Mayor Medellin stated they would love to have them there. It would be great.

Council Member Rodriguez stated she'd said she had 35 students on this program now.

Ms. Herrera responded no.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that monitoring these students especially if they go through the program... He asked how long the course was. He asked if it was a one year type of deal. He asked if this was from when they start up until they graduate and post high school. He stated she brought up a good point to going back to 2001 and maybe sharing some data and possibly keeping some data so that they can see how this program effectively helps these students in reaching their potential just like Evelyn's story, really having a positive outcome. Council Member Rodriguez stated that is something he would be interested in seeing in the future such as how these kids come from there, do they graduate, what their GPA is after they graduate, if they start at a 1.7 are they up to a 3.0, and did they attend Stanford [University]. Council Member Rodriguez stated he would like to see more data if possible in how they monitor these students and how they achieve their goals.

Ms. Herrera stated they are happy to bring to them everything. They have files from 2001 to now and a lot of pictures. She stated that she has been with the [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice] since 1996. She started as a volunteer. When they started the Youth Group it was amazing to see the change from little kid to young adult. She's seen many parents approach them asking for help with their children. She stated that now they tell them that they finished college and thank them. She stated it's a little bit that they can work with the community.

Council Member Rodriguez asked if they get any assistance from the Madera Unified School [District].

Ms. Herrera stated they work with Madera Unified [School District].

Council Member Rodriguez stated he saw that Mr. Hernandez [no first name given] was also a part of that.

Ms. Herrera stated that was a field trip for parents and the youth and Mr. Hernandez is a friend of Mr. Silva. They asked him if he knew anybody from Stanford [University] and he did. They had the opportunity to travel over there. There were 88 people; parents and students. It's was great opportunity. One of the things that parents asked them was if their kids could go to the school and she responded of course, why not. They stated they didn't have that much money and Mr. Silva asked them if they earned \$130,000. Everybody responded no, maybe \$30,000 and Mr. Silva stated they could send their kids there. The parents get motivated to tell their kids that if they feel they can go over there, they can do everything.

Council Member Rodriguez stated this was a great example of the term, "It takes a village to raise a child" and in their case, he thinks that when they have multiple agencies such as the [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice], the City of Madera, Madera Unified [School District] and other agencies, that is how much it takes to really try to get a child that's probably underserved or troubled youth to try to make it out. He stated he thinks if they see that and support it then there is more opportunity for these kids to go out and make and do something positive.

Council Member Rodriguez stated he was glad and thanked them for coming out and presenting this to them. He is proud to see that those kids have really sought for something bigger and hopefully they get to continue to see this year after year.

Ms. Herrera stated that they do approach all the races as Mr. Holley asked. She stated they serve all races. Last year they had a Sikh lady who was a volunteer during the summer time. They have Indian people, African American and one Filipino. She thanked the Council.

Council Member Rigby thanked Ms. Herrera for returning to City Hall. He stated this stemmed from the Block Grant application that they submitted. He stated that if this was the type of presentation that they are bringing every year to Block Grant it would be a lot easier for him to make a decision. He stated they have a tendency to pick new projects out of the sky.

Council Member Rigby stated that echoing some of the sentiments of his colleagues, the idea is consistency. He stated they were telling him that from 2001 till now, 16 years of legacy that this Coalition has imparted into young people of their City and they are returning like Evelyn to return the favor and to be an example and license kids to dream even bigger than perhaps they were when they were that age.

Council Member Rigby stated that as he is looking at some of the amazing programs and opportunities they are offering to teenagers in their City, one of the things that he wants to encourage them in is to dream within the City.

Council Member Rigby stated he loves the idea of partnering with the Food Bank, farmers and organic farms. They have an incredible ag[ricultural] community in the City of Madera and he knows several that are involved in that Farm Bureau who would probably chomp at the opportunity to educate and inform young people who are deemed as leaders within their community as well as the Food Bank that would probably do the same. He stated he knows Ryan [no last name given] is very involved in the community. Opportunities that just popped in his head are Junior Fair Board members that he thinks they would excel at. He is thinking of the opportunities that are offered in their own Parks and Recreation Department through community groups.

Council Member Rigby stated he is encouraging them to not only expand into other cultures and other races but expand within their own community. He knows the difficulty in reaching teenagers in this generation. He's been a Youth Pastor for almost 15 years now. He gets it. He knows exactly where they are at. They are in his space. They are in his zone. He would love to sit with them and maybe together they can sort of dream up or just a time of consultation of what it looks like to get kids plugged in because he kind of battles those same things.

Council Member Rigby stated he looks at their number of 22 teenagers and he thinks they have almost 10,000 students between high schools and junior highs. Twenty-two students are a drop in the bucket. They have the tools to do something awesome. He knows it's hard to say but after 15 years, they are just laying down a foundation of what they are going to do. Evelyn is a prime example of "it works". The tortoise wins the race. It is not always the hare.

Council Member Rigby stated he is excited to see where they move in the future. He is excited to hear of the amazing feats that they accomplish here locally. He stated he is all about how they must go out and experience cultures that are outside of Madera but he thinks there is something to be said when a young person can walk by an accomplished feat daily and say they were a part of that. Just like those murals they are looking at right now. They painted that. That is there. They were there. It's not in Visalia. It's not in Palo Alto. It's right there in their home City.

Council Member Rigby encouraged them to do that and he hoped that 2017/2018 would be the year of expansion for them, a year to be bold and to take a risk with their group and with their kids, and to step into something that is seemingly risky but at the same time know it is going to benefit not only the City of Madera but the kids that they are reaching out to. He is a firm believer of where there is no vision, people perish

and they are a prime example of when vision is instilled inside of a young heart, great things can be accomplished.

Council Member Rigby thanked them for returning and giving them an insight on what they do daily.

Ms. Herrera thanked him for his comments. She referred to a picture and stated he asked her the last time why they changed to art if they continue to do education. She stated that as they can see, they are not just doing education they are doing everything. They participate in the Community Garden too. They have many things with the youth.

Ms. Herrera stated that in regards to art, when they started to do this they asked why they didn't have their own space to do this, why couldn't they have more City participation to do these kinds of things and, is the idea coming to apply for the funds. She stated they are going to continue to do art but at the same time they will continue to educate them in several things.

Mayor Medellin stated that times have changed a little bit over the years as to what the kids want to do and she is changing with the times and giving them the opportunity. He stated that Ms. Herrera has done so much for the community of Madera over the last 20 years with Cesar Chavez Day and multiple different events. He stated she has such a great impact in their community and the International Cultural Event that they have that represents many different countries from people right there in Madera. He asked her how many countries those were.

Ms. Herrera stated there are 50 in Madera.

Mayor Medellin stated 50 different countries are represented. People living here in Madera that will represent a different country outside of the United States and that is fantastic and reaching out and crossing those borders was just fantastic. He thanked her for all her efforts that she's done so far and they look forward to continuing that partnership.

Mayor Medellin stated he understood that Mr. Nuñez had a car accident today and probably wants to get off his feet. He stated that his presentation was fantastic and if he and Evelyn are leading the youth today then they are in great hands. Investing in their youth and investing in their future, they can't lose. He thanked him for his efforts.

Mayor Medellin thanked Evelyn for her story and being a product of the [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice] and what they are doing. It's just a fantastic story of "If I can do it, you can do it too." She is now giving back to the community and showing their youth that there is a way. Maybe a little pressure from mom as she said and sometimes that's what it takes; a little bit of a push.

Mayor Medellin thanked them for being there that evening and giving them that update. They look forward to great things to come from the [Madera] Coalition [for Community Justice].

## **A. WORKSHOP**

### A-1 Transit Workshop (Presentation by Ivette Iraheta)

Ivette Iraheta, Grants Administrator stated she is very excited to bring this presentation to them tonight. She thanked them for their interest in Transit. She stated she was going to try to give them a very general overview of City of Madera's Transit operations.

Ms. Iraheta referred to a picture and stated it was of the Intermodal which is on 123 E Street. She stated that is the place from where their operations are executed. This houses their dispatch and pretty much their First Transit operation.

Ms. Iraheta recited their Mission, "The City of Madera Transit Department seeks to provide transit customers in the City's transit service area which public transportation to specified destinations in a professional, courteous and timely manner with equipment that is accessible, affordable and comfortable."

Ms. Iraheta stated it's quite an undertaking and she will explain to them how they go about achieving that. They are in operation 365 days a year. They feel they are accomplishing their mission. Their in-house staff consists of a Grant Administrator which is herself, a Program Manager and a Transit Consultant. It's a very small contract but it's become very valuable in the recent months. They solicit a lot assistance from their Finance staff. They are currently managing 24 open grants. She asked them to imagine the number of financial reports they must produce on a quarterly basis. They solicit help from the Financial Service Manager and an Accountant. They also solicit help from Public Works. They have one Maintenance Worker on a part-time basis that helps them maintain the bus stops. They have 105 bus stops. They have a part-time Custodian position that maintains their Intermodal.

Ms. Iraheta stated they contract with First Transit and the General Manager of First Transit was there tonight in case Council has operating questions for him. He has three dispatchers at the Intermodal and 23 drivers. Her understanding is that all of them are licensed to drive the MAX buses but only 11 can drive the Dial-A-Ride buses. Ms. Iraheta stated their current fleet is comprised of 17 buses. She stated that some of the buses are quite old.

Ms. Iraheta stated they provide two services. One of them is the Dial-A-Ride service. It is basically door-to-door service. Individuals call dispatch and make an appointment a day in advance and based on availability they can schedule a door-to-door ride. They operate Monday through Friday starting very early and ending at 6:30 p.m. They also have Saturday and Sunday service. A lot of cities don't have Dial-A-Ride service on Sundays so they are providing an added service in Madera. Ms. Iraheta stated the general boundaries are in the City but they also extend service to the County. They charge \$1.00 for a ride in the City and \$2.00 for a ride in the County. They also have a discount for students. They are typically college students that go to Madera [Community College] Center.

Ms. Iraheta stated the other service is Madera Area Express which is the MAX service. They have two routes. She referred to a slide and stated that as they can see, they start off at the Walmart Shopping Center. One of them travels west and into town. The other travels east. It is a longer route throughout town. Their cash fare is 75 cents. It's very low in the region and in addition they offer a discount to seniors and disabled passenger during non-peak hours. Children under three years are free and they offer a monthly pass for \$26.00.

Council Member Rigby asked what the cash fare covered. He asked if it was for one ride, one stop or sit in the bus all day long for 75 cents.

Ms. Iraheta stated it was for one ride with a free transfer.

Ms. Iraheta referred to a slide and stated that in regards as to who they are serving, the snapshot was of their riders for a month. She stated that Madera Area Express is mainly serving the general public with a good portion of seniors and disabled passengers. She stated that Dial-A-Ride mainly serves seniors, disabled and students. She stated the number they used is very low and they might have used data from a month in which school wasn't in session. It is not very representative of the number of college students that utilize the service.

Council Member Rigby asked what a better number was.

Ms. Iraheta stated that in May they had over 700.

Council Member Rigby asked that she help him understand. He stated they have Child separate and asked if that was because it is separate price point.

Ms. Iraheta responded that was correct.

Council Member Rigby stated that rather than throw them in with General they indicate the price point even though they are free.

Ms. Iraheta stated that on Dial-A-Ride children one year and under are free and on MAX three years and under are free. She stated they have many different fares. They are hoping to consolidate some of them in the future because it gets confusing.

Council Member Rigby agreed.

Council Member Rodriguez asked if they have a shuttle bus that goes back and forth for students or if it was based on Dial-A-Ride.

Ms. Iraheta responded it was the Dial-A-Ride.

Council Member Rodriguez asked that based on those numbers did she think it might be convenient to have something like that that goes at certain hours.

Ms. Iraheta responded absolutely. She stated there is a great demand for a fixed route for the college and that is something that she is going to talk about in a little bit but there is a demand for a fixed route that goes directly to the college. She stated that something that happens when school is in session is that the morning hours from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. the students saturate Dial-A-Ride service so it doesn't leave much availability for the general public in town.

Council Member Rodriguez stated they can always have a fixed fare for the students as well or they might have something monthly and that way they have a shuttle more directly from and to school.

Ms. Iraheta referred to a slide and stated it was a glimpse of their 2014/2015 transit operation expenses. She stated that they are at about \$1.8 million. They didn't see a significant increase between 2015/2016 to this fiscal year because they weren't fully staffed during 2015/2016. She stated that typically they increase their expenditures by about 10% so this will continue to increase approximately by 10% in the future.

Ms. Iraheta referred to a slide and stated it was the break out of their operation expenses. She stated that their operator, First Transit consumes about 50% of their budget followed by salaries and Interfund expenses and then vehicle maintenance which includes maintaining the Intermodal.

Ms. Iraheta stated that if they relied solely on their fares, they would raise approximately \$116,000 a year which is 6% of their overall budget. Fortunately, they have a lot of grants that help them subsidize this service.

Ms. Iraheta stated that in their books currently they have a little more than \$6 million and they don't use it each year. In addition, this last fiscal year they've been awarded approximately \$1 million. They have applied for some additional smaller grants as well as a larger \$1.7 million FTA grant that they are waiting to be awarded so that will hopefully be an additional \$2 million coming up this year.

Ms. Iraheta stated she would highlight some of the future developments. They are working on the Bus Shelter Phase II project. That's underway and they are expecting to complete construction of 21 new shelters that fall.

Ms. Iraheta stated they are in the design phase of the new Transit facility. She referred them to a slide where they could see what it looks like at 60% of the design. Engineering Department staff works on these projects with Grants Department staff. They compensate the Engineering Department staff for design and engineering work they do to move the projects forward.

Ms. Iraheta stated they have the expansion of the [Madera Community] College [Center] route underway. They've been working with college staff. First Transit has already proposed what a route would look like if they are going to the college. She stated there are a couple of pieces that they still have to check off before they launch that service. This year they will be ordering up to seven new buses. They are working on the first four and if they get through that then they will continue to work on the remaining three for which they already have funding for.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that before she got to that line, he was looking at her grants. He asked if their grants were pretty consistent year after year and were they always looking for new grants. He sees that they have a pretty healthy reserve. He asked if they were consistently looking for different avenues and different grants.

Ms. Iraheta stated that FTA provides an annual apportionment for the City and the more they grow the more they get. It is based on population so that is secured. She stated that other grants do change. It depends on what the State is sending for transit and transportation so some of them expire and new ones come about so they just keep track of what the State and the Feds are doing and ensuring that they apply and follow those cycles.

Council Member Holley asked if they have a new site for the new Transit building. He stated he keeps hearing about but doesn't know if they have a location for it. He asked if they've picked a site or if they are building off the old.

Council Member Rigby stated Freedom Industrial.

Ms. Iraheta stated that they do have a site for the new transit facility.

Council Member Holley asked where it was going to be located.

Ms. Iraheta asked Dave Merchen, Community Development Director if he could help her out with the question.

Mr. Merchen stated that Council Member Rigby noted correctly that it was at the Freedom Industrial Park on the large City owned property which is just west of Madera South [High School].

Ms. Iraheta referenced their challenges. She stated they have to respond to the residents and one of the challenges was responding to the on-going complaints. They started tracking the complaints in 2014/2015 and it seemed there was an increase in complaints last year. She referred to a chart that shows them. They are complaining about customer service for the most part that had to do with dispatch. They feel that they're not answering, are being rude or that they are not offering them the Dial-A-Ride that they need at a certain time. She stated she knows that Dial-A-Ride dispatch receives a large number of phone calls so it's a challenge to improve that customer service.

Ms. Iraheta stated that road hazards are another challenge. She stated they sometimes get phone calls from individuals that are not necessarily in the bus but are witnessing the driving skills of a driver.

Ms. Iraheta stated that on-time service is an on-going challenge.

Ms. Iraheta stated that their technology and dispatch equipment seems to be outdated. They don't have the GPS devices to integrate into their dispatch which would give them estimated arrival times for the buses when they are out on the routes. They are also in need of mobile platforms. There are mobile apps that tell real-time location of buses en route. They don't have that at this moment. They haven't numbered their bus stops so it is quite a challenge to coordinate pick-up when they can't identify the bus stop location. Ms. Iraheta stated they don't have a modern fare collection system. Collecting change on their buses is very challenging.

Council Member Rodriguez stated she brought up an interesting point about the mobile app. He stated she said it's available but obviously they don't have it integrated into their system. He stated that she'd said something about customer service. Nowadays people tend to schedule a pick-up via mobile. He stated he's not trying to utilize Uber but obviously that is more competitive with the fares they're getting and practically giving away but at least this way people can go through their apps and set up a time, a schedule and obviously she's saying that right now they have outdated technology that doesn't support that. He asked if that was right.

Ms. Iraheta stated that some of the new grants are for technology improvements. They are very excited about that.

Ms. Iraheta stated that responding to their unmet transit needs is another challenge. MCTC [Madera County Transportation Commission] recently completed the annual Unmet Transit Needs Assessment. It's an annual process by which stakeholders have an opportunity to express what their unmet transit needs are. A definition of Unmet Transit Needs is, "All essential trips requests by transit-dependent persons for which there is no other convenient means of transportation." She stated they also have to be reasonable to meet, feasible, have community acceptance, serve a significant number of the population, be economical and demonstrate cost effectiveness.

Ms. Iraheta stated that for the City of Madera four items were considered as unmet transit needs. They were increased access to Madera [Community] College [Center], fixed routes going to Fresno, Oakhurst and Coarsegold, Sunday service and longer hours Monday through Friday, and increasing and changing routes for regional travel; for example, from Madera to Chowchilla to Merced, and having additional buses on existing routes.

Ms. Iraheta stated that from the four the only one that was considered reasonable to meet was increasing access to Madera [Community] College [Center] which they are already working on.

Ms. Iraheta stated they are considering some immediate changes. They would like to reconsider what their logo looks like. She showed them what the current logo looked like and stated it was difficult to read. It doesn't stand out. They want to consolidate some of those fares, potentially increase some of those fares and maybe reduce Dial-A-Ride service to the Madera [Community] College [Center] since they are going to be offering that fixed route.

Ms. Iraheta stated she is thinking of working with the Transportation Advisory [Board] Committee, seeing what their recommendations are and then bringing some of those recommendations back to Council for consideration. Ms. Iraheta asked if a Council Member was interested in being a liaison with the TAB Committee to please let her know so that they can work together on addressing some of the ideas for improvement.

Council Member Holley stated she'd mentioned that the bus stops are not numbered in case people needed to know where it was and asked if it was a hard fix to go out and number each location.

Ms. Iraheta stated it doesn't seem to be a hard fix. They just hadn't allocated funding specifically for doing that. She stated they needed to decide if they wanted to post schedules and asked if that's outdated. She questioned if it was relevant to modern day technology. She stated they haven't done that in the past but they want to find something that is going work and be consistent with their plans for technology.

Council Member Holley stated he noticed they were putting in more stops and the more they get it still doesn't tell you where the person can be picked up at. He asked how they would know what bus is going to pick up a certain person. He stated that if he were to call in at a certain stop he wouldn't know where he was at and asked if he would just have to use the street.

Ms. Iraheta stated they would use the street or the address. Ms. Iraheta stated that for the most part people are picked up from their homes, clinic or school but it does get confusing sometimes when they are on the wrong corner. It would be helpful to identify a bus stop and pick up people at specific bus stops.

Council Member Rigby stated she'd said their manager was present.

Ms. Iraheta responded affirmatively and introduced Doug Thompson, First Transit General Manager.

Council Member Rigby asked Mr. Thompson for a little insight on the day to day, his feelings, and his thoughts.

Mr. Thompson asked if that was on transit in general and Council Member Rigby responded sure.

Mr. Thompson stated he would expand a little bit on the question regarding the bus stop locations and numbering them. He stated that in speaking with the public on a regular basis on the telephone a lot of times they'll have difficulty identifying which bus stop they are at like which side of the street they're on at a specific place where they've got bus stops on both sides. He said if they had numbers there they could just ask which number it was so they could quickly identify where they are at and which direction the bus was going to be heading so that they could move them across the street to go in the opposite direction and that sort of thing.

Mr. Thompson stated that as far as the bus system in Madera, they are a small-town bus operation. They don't have a lot of technology and of course there are so many transit agencies that are kind of going nuts with technology anything from wi-fi on the buses to the GPS locating. A lot of that stuff is very good for the people that are adept at that but then there are a lot of people that will still need to give them a call on the phone who say they are at a bus stop and ask when the next bus will come by. He stated they have customers that they tell every day that the bus is going to be there at 3:15 p.m. and they'll call every day to find out what time the bus will be there.

Mr. Thompson stated they have a whole wide range of customers out there. There are lots of family people that is why when they see the passenger counts they see a lot of children. He stated there are a lot of moms and kids running around in town throughout the day taking care of business.

Mr. Thompson stated they are a small-town bus company. Their streets are kind of small where they can't just say they'll buy 40 footers and start driving them through town. That would be a challenge at this point.

Mr. Thompson stated that Route 1 goes through a lot of the neighborhoods to connect everybody getting into town and get where they need to go. Mr. Thompson stated they can see it snakes all through town and a lot of that is on residential streets. He stated that would be another obstacle in having large buses. At this point they have smaller buses. They have three that are 30 footers and the rest of them are 25 footers and they function between being a Dial-A-Ride bus or being a MAX bus depending on where they are needed on a particular day.

Mr. Thompson asked if they had any questions.

Council Member Rigby stated he had a lot.

Council Member Rigby stated that looking at some of the things that were presented to them by Ms. Iraheta, he asked Mr. Thompson what he felt was the number one issue that needs to be dealt with in the public transportation program they offer. He asked what the number one issue was that Mr. Thompson wished they would tackle besides the route to the college.

Mr. Thompson stated the fares need to be broken down so that there are not so many. They are very segmented. They've got a regular Dial-A-Ride fare, senior and disabled Dial-A-Ride fare, a MAX fare, and a senior and disabled MAX fare that is off peak and all day on Saturday.

Mr. Thompson stated that what they need to better serve the community, is input from the community. He's been going to the Unmet Needs hearings since his first year there in April 2010 and he was bombarded at that time. There were a couple of community members that he got to know well after that first meeting. The Madera's [Lideres] Campesinas group was there. He stated that out of that first meeting he set up a meeting with the [Lideres] Campesinas folks and so they did a lot of explaining on how the MAX and Dial-A-Ride works.

Mr. Thompson stated that was one of the biggest issues because every time they went there they asked for all that service on Sunday, all day on Saturday, and later into the evenings so over the years they've done things like run one bus on Sunday. They've offered it up. If they get enough reservations, then they'll schedule a second bus to run on Sundays. It's strictly Dial-A-Ride. This year specifically somebody was there and they were talking about getting to church on Sunday. They need the community to say they want to go, come get me or turn in a complaint they can deal with. He stated that is where he is at because he is there to deal with problems every day and if he's not hearing from people then what else do they want them to do.

Mr. Thompson stated he really likes the new bus stops. He thinks it gives them a good look and it gives them some recognition out there on the street. He thinks that from the standpoint of people that are not technically aware, having a sign with the stops of when the bus is coming by and where it's going would be good. He stated he's done some of that on his own since they started their route change last August.

Mr. Thompson stated their signs have been the same forever. Those could possibly have a tear off or something that they could put a new face up every time they do a schedule change.

Mr. Thompson stated there are a lot of things to consider and he thinks some of the technologies are more for show than they are for reality but from the operational standpoint it would be great for them to have GPS on all the vehicles so that he could look at a screen and be able to tell where that bus is.

Council Member Rigby stated he agreed. He thinks going from point A to point B is the most important thing they offer. It would probably better suit them if they were to invest in some of those technologies. Crossing their fingers that the grants come in so that they can do so. Council Member Rigby stated he appreciates Mr. Thompson's willingness. He agrees that there needs to be maps of routes available on bus stops. He thinks that is something that they need to move forward on and no longer just consider. He thinks that's a must. That's probably essential.

Council Member Rigby referenced the part about getting more riders. He encourages Mr. Thompson. He thinks they have an incredible platform in the City of Madera to reach their public which is not only through social media but also at their Neighborhood Watch groups and National Night Out. He thinks they could even target some of the larger denser populated areas that would more than likely use this daily that way he's strategically hearing from people that are seemingly riding this more often than not. Council Member Rigby stated that if not Mr. Thompson or Ms. Iraheta they should just be more cognizant as a Council that when they are at Neighborhood Watch groups they help to promote what they have.

Council Member Rigby stated that what would make it a lot easier for him to promote is the issue concerning customer service. He asked if it was an issue. He asked if they have poor customer service in their Transportation Department.

Mr. Thompson stated that he didn't think so. He stated he is standing there as the man who has been running it since 2010 and he can tell him that they have conflicts with customers and he thinks that's where complaints will come from. If they need something and they can't produce it for them sometimes that can devolve into an issue. They deal with that. They've had a history before he was even there of people calling in and saying it's rude. They went to the trouble of getting a phone system. They are recording every call that comes in so if anybody ever calls up and says they weren't treated right, they can pull the recording which he has done many times and reviewed it with staff.

Council Member Rigby stated that sometimes it just has to have the perception that they're friendly. He asked if the name of the bus driver was available to people when they walk on. He asked if it was protocol that the bus driver say hello when somebody walks in to the bus or if it was their job to not engage in conversation.

Council Member Rigby stated he knows that when the Dial-A-Ride shows up at 7:30 a.m. every day at a house across the street they honk their horn for the person to come out. He doesn't know a better way to get them out. He doesn't know if they should get out, turn off the key, leave people in a hot bus in the middle of summer, and go knock on somebody's door. He doesn't know. He's not sure. He stated he's just curious.

Council Member Rigby stated that when he was in Kansas City there was a restaurant called Gate's Barbeque and as soon as they walked into Gate's Barbeque the first thing you heard really loud was, "Hi, may I help you?" It startled him but it was kind of cool at the same time.

Council Member Rigby stated he is kind of curious and asked if there is something they can do as an agency to send the perception to the customer that they are valued and important and maybe they can begin to turn the tide from the concept or ill-thought that the MAX is bad customer service. Council Member Rigby stated he agrees with Mr. Thompson. He thinks they can offer a great product if they don't already do. He asked what they can do to change that perception.

Mr. Thompson stated he thinks they do offer that and he wouldn't say it's 100%. He stated another thing they have is video on board the buses so if someone calls and complains he gets to pull the video and find out what really happened. He stated he does see a lot of that. He does see good morning, see you later, thanks. There's conversation and of course too much conversation is a distraction to the driver so they discourage that. Mr. Thompson asked how many complaints they had for the year.

Council Member Rigby stated there were only 23.

Mr. Thompson stated they only had 23 in a year. He stated even if they multiplied that times 10 which a lot of people like to do, its 230 in a year of 365 days and they are transporting 700 people a day. It's still a pretty small part of it.

Council Member Rigby stated absolutely.

Mr. Thompson stated he didn't want to cast any aspersions but when they get down to the actual complainant and what the complaint is.... When the complaint comes in, it doesn't mean they were correct but whether they are correct or not they are always the customer so the answer for him is to solve the conflict; what happened, why was it a conflict and why was the customer unhappy. He stated he uses those tools; the phone recordings and the video recordings. He stated he works with the customer once they've complained and works with his staff that may not always respond in the appropriate manner.

Council Member Rigby asked what sort of training were their staff going through as far as customer service. He asked if that was something they offered annually, biennially or every three years.

Mr. Thompson stated he would say it is ongoing especially in light of the fact that they do get comments from people so he is always working with his staff and he's listening as well. His door is open. He hears 90% of the phone conversations going on throughout the day so he can get in the middle of that if he feels it's not going where it should be and presenting them with good customer service.

Council Member Rigby stated that to address Council Member Rodriguez's comment on how can they compete with the Ubers or those that utilize mobile platforms in a place where they are not capable of doing that yet; feeling that they're moving in that direction. He stated he thinks it's the personal touch. Council Member Rigby stated that Mr. Thompson said it himself. Somebody is going to call every day to ask if the

stop was happening at 3:15 p.m. because their whole day revolves around that stop. He stated that is all that old man or that old lady or that person is thinking about. They wake up at nine in the morning thinking about their appointment at 3:30 p.m. and what time that bus is going to get there. He thinks it's that personal touch.

Council Member Rigby thanked Mr. Thompson for his years of work and continuing to make the transportation better every day. He asked Mr. Thompson to please pass his encouragement to the drivers and dispatchers. He stated that every day they get the opportunity to touch somebody else. They represent him. They represent everybody at that dais and a smile, a hello, a thank you..... He stated they should take their time and breath before they respond and react. He stated he knows it's tough dealing with people on a daily basis. He looks forward to when they have to address the issue of having too many people riding their public transit system.

Mr. Thompson stated they do have that to a great extent with the Dial-A-Ride now. When college is in, they are swamped in the early morning hours with people getting out to the college. Mr. Thompson stated that with any luck at all with the start of the new college route, they will relieve that pressure for the Dial-A-Ride service.

Mr. Thompson stated that before he came to Madera he was the Manager for the Paratransit in Fresno and it was nothing but Paratransit and so every time and every rider they'd touch them before they rode, during their trip and after their trip so it was very customer service intensive.

Council Member Rigby stated it was awesome and he loved it.

Mr. Thompson stated there is a lot that goes into that Dial-A-Ride.

Mayor Medellin stated he wanted to let the record reflect that Council Member Rigby, Council Member Oliver, and he serve on the Madera County Transportation Commission so they were privy to the Unmet Transit Need meeting and all the testimony that was taken in for the riders that use the system.

Council Member Oliver stated he appreciated the presentation from Ms. Iraheta and Mr. Thompson. He stated it was really great information. He stated it was eye opening for him. He stated that personally his only experience with Dial-A-Ride in the past was with his father. There was a time when his health was failing a little, and he was immobile and bound to a wheelchair. They don't realize how difficult it is to find transportation. Dial-A-Ride and its disabled person capability was a godsend for his dad and his family so he is always appreciative of that. There was great customer service at that time.

Council Member Oliver asked if they accept credit cards. He never has cash on himself and he would be the person who is ready to go and doesn't have anything.

Ms. Iraheta stated they have that capability in the Finance Department but not on the daily trip.

Council Member Oliver stated that in line with the comments about their technology capability, utilizing apps and GPS, he thinks that should be a priority. He agrees with Council Member Rigby. He thinks they must have that personal touch and hopefully they are instilling that as a priority with those staff persons. He thinks the demand is there. It's something that the constituency that they serve rely on in most aspects of their lives.

Council Member Oliver thinks that Council Member Rigby made a good point especially with their route to the State Center Community College District and its increased passengers. He thinks that is something they should really prioritize if possible especially if they are going to be bringing on a new fleet of buses. He asked that they see what they can do to put that on the top of the stack whether it's applying for new grant funding or looking for alternative sources. He thinks that is something that is really needed.

Council Member Oliver stated that at one of his first meetings as a Council Member they had a group of drivers attend one of their meetings to complain about issues and concerns about safety and security on the buses. He understood that was followed-up on at a staff level. He asked what precautions are taken to ensure the safety of their drivers who are doing an incredible public service in their community.

Mr. Thompson stated that was a result of a very unfortunate incident. One of their drivers was assaulted. They are in a public transit bus and anybody can get on for the fare on a fixed route bus so it is a difficult challenge. Mr. Thompson stated the driver called in and said they had a person they didn't feel good about so he met the driver out on route over at the Walmart during a layover. He approached the customer that she didn't feel very good about and spoke to him, found out where he was going, tried to get a feel for what type of person he was, whether there was an issue that he felt was a danger and he and the driver both talked to that person. It ended up that they continued to transport him and he attacked her.

Mr. Thompson stated he found out something about himself. He can't tell whether somebody is going to go nuts on one of his drivers or not. They've tightened up on things like if somebody seems like they're intoxicated or if somebody is acting in any way threatening to the driver, they get them off the bus. Whether it's him going out there and getting him off the bus or whether they ask to voluntarily leave; that type of thing so that the actions of the customer are an important feature of whether they get to ride the bus to their destination or not. Of course, they are not going to dump them off in the middle of nowhere. They will take them to a stop but one way or another if the driver feels uncomfortable about that customer, then they are getting off the bus.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated that their Police Department puts on a good Active Shooting training because right now in their world they do have that happening and their drivers are defenseless with that. She stated that maybe they would want to put them in some type of training and self-defense. She suggested they meet with Police Chief Frazier and see if they can get an officer over there to train some of their drivers.

Mr. Thompson stated that would be great.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated that Council Member Rigby talked about perception of the Dial-a-Ride and MAX buses. She stated that maybe Mr. Tooley could spare some of Mr. Carrello's time to shoot a video of their Dial-a-Ride and MAX program to give it a "woo".

Mayor Medellin stated the wow factor.

She stated that Mr. Carrello does magic. She doesn't know if that's an option they can look at.

Mr. Tooley stated the answer was absolutely yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated that would help their image. She stated that she's sure they've seen some of the things that Mr. Carrello has put on their website. She stated it is beautiful work.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos thanked them for working with their Transit [Advisory Board] Commissioners that they've all put in place to make decisions and help advise them for what he needs there. She commended Mr. Thompson for all that he does for their residents in Madera.

Mr. Thompson thanked her.

Council Member Robinson stated he is concerned about safety and security for the drivers also. His wife rode the Dial-A-Ride many times to the community college. His step-father was a bus driver for RTD [Regional Transportation District] for many years. He asked if the drivers had mace or pepper spray on them.

Mr. Thompson stated they do not to his knowledge. He stated he hadn't had that conversation. He's not sure if that would be permissible as a policy for them. He'll have to look into that.

Council Member Rodriguez stated he noticed that in 2008 they had two or five vehicles and now they are up to 17.

Ms. Iraheta stated they have a total of 17 buses. That is just the year of the bus.

Council Member Rodriguez asked if he was reading the information correctly in that they started with two buses in 2008.

Ms. Iraheta stated that is the age of the bus.

Mayor Medellin stated they have two buses now in their fleet that are nine years old.

Council Member Rodriguez stated total fleet is 17 and they were in operation now and asked if that was correct.

Ms. Iraheta stated that was correct.

Council Member Rodriguez asked what they saw in another five - ten years as Madera continues to grow. He asked if they were going to continue to increase that fleet and if so what kind of fleet are they starting to jump into. He asked if it was more environmental friendly. He asked if they saw other cities that are similar to their size that are doing something different especially with the demand for more public transportation. He stated they talked about technology but asked what they saw in the future for Madera as it continues to grow.

Mr. Thompson stated that one of his goals is low floor buses specifically for the fixed route because it is so much easier for people to get in and out of the bus rather than having to go up steps and then onto the bus. It is much better for people using mobility devices as well. The low floor allows them to have a ramp that comes out, sets down and they can motor or get themselves right into the bus without having to go through the process that they currently do where the driver has to stop the bus, get out, go around, open doors, lower the lift, get them on the lift, get them up and into the bus, close it all up again, and then get in and secure the customer. That's one of the bugaboos to on-time performance. They get a lot of mobility devices on the fixed route and that's slowing them down. The low floor technology is what he is interested in.

Mr. Thompson stated that from the standpoint of the overall environmental aspect of it, they have a lot of CNG [Compressed Natural Gas] buses and they only have one place to fuel them which is Tesei [Petroleum] and they've had numerous issues with Tesei [Petroleum]; pumps up, pumps down, slow fill and all kinds of issues going on there so he is not too thrilled with the whole CNG aspect of it.

Mr. Thompson stated there are a lot of pure electric buses out there but not in the type of vehicles they use at this point. There are some 40 footers that you can re-charge in five minutes en route. There are those out there on the market but they're very expensive so they've been getting what they can afford based on the grant money coming in.

Mr. Thompson stated that as far as the pollution aspect of it they are going with a lot of CNG because that's where the grant money was coming from. They were promoting the idea of the CNG so that's why they have so many CNG buses.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that at an earlier meeting on Monday, Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos had mentioned something about CNG over at the school district. He asked if there was any type of partnership with the unified school district or anything that could possibly be arranged for....

Mr. Thompson stated that at certain times they have tried to switch over to the school district but their pump had issues and he didn't know if they even had it back in business yet.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated they do. They have both pumps running and they are running well. She stated the City put in another compressor. They approved \$3,000 to put another compressor in. She stated she spoke to the engineer at the first of the year and he said they are not even using the pumps enough. They should be running 24/7 and they are at about a quarter of what they should be using them at. She stated the gas is much cheaper at Madera Unified [School District].

Mr. Thompson stated that the goal would be to get them hooked up with fuel cards for that location so that whenever possible they can use it. He stated that one of the issues they had at Tesei [Petroleum] was all the school buses being there and clogging the lanes up. There were five or six Central Unified buses going to Tesei [Petroleum] every morning so the competition at the pumps was definitely an issue. He is not sure what they'll find if they get set up to go to the school district.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated they are pretty empty after 7:00 a.m. and they don't come back in until about 10:00 a.m. to start fueling or even in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. before they go on their routes and then they are cleared out of there until 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson stated their buses will typically be doing end of the day fueling; somewhere between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. if it's available at that hour of the day. He doesn't know what their security's like over there.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated it is.

Mr. Thompson stated that would be something he would look forward to using just to take the pressure off always having to have Tesei [Petroleum] up and running.

Mayor Medellin stated that just to be fair he asked if Council Member Rodriguez was finished with his questions.

Council Member Rodriguez responded his questions had been answered.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated they had quite a bit of money in reserve and asked if it was possible to use some of that reserve to boost their technology. She asked Mr. Tooley who made that decision.

Mr. Tooley stated that a significant portion of the funds that are in reserve right now will be for the construction of the new facility. To the extent that funds are available and they fall within the parameters of the grant, they can certainly explore the technology that the Council has discussed.

Mr. Tooley addressed Ms. Iraheta and stated she is a little closer to the budget than he is and asked what was the degree of flexibility.

Ms. Iraheta stated those grants come with strings attached. They already have specific allocations for what they applied. She stated that they did apply for \$60,000 for marketing and they are considering their newer grants such as the Cal OES [California Governor's Office of Emergency Services] for technology. They've written those grants really general to later determine if they are needed for the transit facility or if they could potentially use it for technology upgrades.

Mr. Tooley stated that he wrote a big note; technology. He thinks he understands the Council's direction.

Mayor Medellin stated that just to be fair, through the meetings they've had at [Madera County] Transportation Commission: additional buses, larger buses, additional routes which means more drivers and costs like that and now technology. He stated they would add that to the list of needs, figure out what the priority is and figure out what that is going to cost but certainly heard loud and clear that evening.

Council Member Robinson asked if they have a defibrillator on the buses in case someone has a heart attack since they deal with the public.

Mr. Thompson stated they don't.

Council Member Robinson stated that maybe Mr. Thompson can look into adding one.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos asked if the drivers had CPR [Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation] training.

Mr. Thompson stated that some of them do and some of them don't.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos asked if they had first aid training.

He stated that is not something that they are mandated on at this point.

Mayor Medellin stated they will get them trained by PD [Police Department], they'll get a concealed carry weapons permit and now medical training for the drivers. He stated they just keep adding to the list.

Council Member Holley stated he had a question and he knows it is probably something that they'll look at in the future. They were talking about the safety part of it of somebody getting hurt. He asked how they contact PD if they had a driver or a person on the bus who is real adagrate. He asked if they just had to use their cell phone or if it was available.....

Mr. Thompson stated he didn't understand. He asked if he was being asked what the driver would do if they were having an issue.

Council Member Holley responded affirmatively.

Mr. Thompson stated the first thing they do is call on the radio and they can ascertain what the issue is and either call 911 or he'll call the regular police line and get a dispatcher and get help on the way.

Council Member Holley asked if Mr. Thompson had ever looked into having security people on his team just to go around and make sure.....

Mr. Thompson stated that was himself.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated her commissioner for the Transit Advisory [Board] is a trainer from Madera Unified [School District] who also does in-service training for their drivers. She stated that maybe they can team up with them when they have in-service training on certain issues that they might think their drivers need so that they could go to those in-service trainings. She sees they're transporting a lot of children and she thinks that is something they need to look at especially in the summer time. She stated that might be an open door to get in and do a partnership thing with them.

Ms. Iraheta stated she would bring it up at their next TAB [Transit Advisory Board] meeting to explore that avenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos advised Ms. Iraheta to let her know if she needed any help with that.

Mayor Medellin thanked Ms. Iraheta for the presentation. He thanked Mr. Thompson for being there.

Mayor Medellin stated that he thinks the theme that evening was that they were trying to give them input to have the best service possible. He stated that to Mr. Thompson's point of being a small town, they are a small town but there should still be big expectations and customer service doesn't cost anything.

Mayor Medellin stated that was relayed to Mr. Thompson when they had the Unmet Transit Needs. Mayor Medellin stated they spoke to the [Lideres] Campesinas. They came to the meeting. Some women from the Shunammite House as well as others. He thinks the most important thing is to hear those people who use their service. He understands that sometimes it's a one-sided story but providing the best service possible is who they are regardless of what department. Mayor Medellin stated he thinks Mr. Thompson understands that completely.

Mayor Medellin stated that whatever training they can give their employees and whatever best service they can provide for their riders is their ultimate goal. Whether it be technology or additional buses, he thinks that is an avenue they are going to continue to pursue and he looks forward to their new building which will be down the road and what that would look like is a big beautiful building with beautiful buses and beautiful service is their ultimate goal.

Mayor Medellin stated that disabled, seniors and students seem to be the majority of their ridership. He stated they had discussed at [Madera County] Transportation [Commission] additional stops at places like the Camarena [Health] Center, additional routes to the hospital, pharmacies and things of that nature which would fit their ridership.

Mayor Medellin stated he knows they've pursued some routes to the State Center and he thinks the number on students is not during school but he thinks they still haven't tapped into the market to let them know that there is a ride available. He stated that there are a number of students that do not go to higher education simply because they do not have a ride. He thinks they really need to market that to their students and let them know that just a few miles down the road they will be able to get an inexpensive ride or some sort of free ride to further their education.

Mayor Medellin thanked them for being there and all of their input.

Mayor Medellin stated that as he's said before during these workshops, the more information they have the more they can advocate and let their community know.

Ms. Iraheta thanked them for their attention.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- B-1 Minutes – 9/07/16
- B-2 Information Only – Warrant Disbursement Report
- B-3 Bi-Weekly Water Conservation Report for 5/25/17 – 6/11/17 (Report by Dave Randall)
- B-4 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Applications for Transportation Development Act-Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds for Fiscal Year 2017/18 and Authorizing the City Engineer or the Deputy City Engineer to Execute and Submit the Applications to the Madera County Transportation Commission (Report by Keith Helmuth)
- B-5 Consideration of a Minute Order Approving Settlement of a Claim Filed with United Services Automobile Association for Property Damage (Report by Wendy Silva)
- B-6 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Department for Used Oil Payment Program Cycle 8 FY 2017/18 and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute all Grant Documents (Report by Dave Randall)

- B-7 Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Side Letter Agreement between the City of Madera and the Madera Police Officers' Association Related to Health Benefits and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Agreement (Report by Wendy Silva)
- B-8 Consideration of a Minute Order Approving and Accepting the City of Madera Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2017 (Report by Tim Przybyla)
- B-9 Consideration of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Madera, California, Approving a New Schedule "A" Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019 for Fire Service Operations, and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement on Behalf of the City of Madera (Report by David Allen)
- B-10 Informational Report on Council Conference and Travel Budget (Report by Sonia Alvarez)

Mayor Medellin stated he would like to pull Item B-10 for further discussion and asked if any Council Members would like to pull any other Consent Calendar item for further discussion. No comments were made. Mayor Medellin entertained a motion for action excluding Item B-10.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLIVER, AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FOLEY GALLEGOS, THE CONSENT CALENDER EXCLUDING ITEM B-10 WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7-0.**

**RES. NO. 17-83 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS AND STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER OR THE DEPUTY CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATIONS TO THE MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**RES. NO. 17-84 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT FOR USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 8 FY 2017/18 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS**

**RES. NO. 17-85 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MADERA AND THE MADERA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION RELATED TO HEALTH BENEFITS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

**RES. NO. 17-86 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A NEW SCHEDULE "A" AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) FROM JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2019 FOR FIRE SERVICE OPERATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MADERA**

Mayor Medellin stated he knows this is an information report regarding an overage of approximately \$900.00 to Councilman Robinson's budget. He asked Sonia Alvarez, City Clerk to briefly elaborate on protocol regarding overages on a Council Member's budget.

Ms. Alvarez stated that typically as the expenses come through it is the responsibility of her office to monitor those. They make sure they have appropriate receipts and that they are eligible expenses. At some point when she sees that a Council person is approaching their total allocation then she will notify them of that.

Mayor Medellin asked if there was a software change or if they were switching over to Tyler Munis at the same time and so....

Ms. Alvarez stated there was a little bit of a change under the old MAIS system. They had individual budget line items for each Council Member. When the new system was implemented and they went live, it was one lump sum. At that point, she requested that the Finance Department please break it down into individual project budgets so that she could better track those.

Mayor Medellin stated that where he is going with this is basically.... Obviously, they had their budget meeting on Monday which was four hours long and they made some recommendations to Mr. Tooley. A 3% M&O [Maintenance and Operations] reduction basically, tightening the belt and he doesn't think the Council should be exempt from that. He thinks they need to tighten the belt all the way around so leading by example. At another meeting date what he would like to do is bring back the Council's budget and protocol and make sure they stay within their means, and make sure there's a better way of tracking what they use as far as travel and expenses and things of that nature.

Mayor Medellin asked that his colleagues chime in if they had any questions or concerns but he thinks the Council should not be exempt. In this case, he understands there may have been a software issue. He just doesn't think it's fair to ask for additional funds when they are asking for everyone else to cut or tighten the belt.

Mayor Medellin asked if that was something they could bring back to Council at another meeting.

Ms. Alvarez responded absolutely.

Council Member Rigby stated he agreed. He stated he had just asked Ms. Alvarez by email for the status of his budget. Maybe catching wind of some of the things across the street. It just made him a little more self-aware of what he was doing with the allotted amount of money that he was given to utilize to his discretion. He stated he appreciated Mayor Medellin wanting to bring this back and he agrees. He thinks if they are asking their departments to look at areas that they can begin to save money and better utilize resources, he should be no different. He supports that sentiment.

Mayor Medellin stated absolutely.

Council Member Robinson stated that since he is on the Executive Board for the League of [California] Cities, they have guidelines that he has to go by which specifically say that they must attend all the meetings. Previously, they gave him more funds for transportation because most of the transportation is down in Tulare, Sacramento and Long Beach.

Council Member Robinson stated that when he attends the meetings in Sacramento, he won't spend the night. He drives up there early in the morning, attends the Policy meeting and then he returns home. Council Member Robinson stated he had to attend the golf tournament in Dinuba which was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and then he attended the League of Sacramento Community and Economic Development in Sacramento on the 8<sup>th</sup> and then on the 15<sup>th</sup> it was General Membership in Visalia.

Council Member Robinson stated he has 280,000 on his vehicle. That's a lot of gas. They provide meals but everybody has to turn in the gas that they spent. He stated that even when he has to go down to Ontario, he doesn't ask for a hotel room. He goes down and stays with his relatives then he has to fight traffic and then he comes back.

Council Member Robinson stated if they don't want him to be present on the Executive Board and the Policy Board... If they can't afford it, then he'll just bow out.

Mayor Medellin stated that this was not personal.

Council Member Robinson stated he knew it wasn't personal but if they can't afford it, he is for it also; to save money.

Mayor Medellin stated that is exactly his point. He appreciated Council Member Robinson understanding that if they are going to tighten the belt and ask for staff and basically across the board to try to fill a million dollar gap....

Council Member Robinson stated he understands.

Mayor Medellin stated he doesn't think they are exempt at all. He stated he appreciated Council Member Robinson understanding his point.

Council Member Robinson stated he did.

Mayor Medellin stated he understands that Council Member Robinson has a lot of responsibilities as they all do. They all have responsibilities, meetings, travel and things of that nature.

Council Member Rodriguez stated he knows their representative at the Executive Committee for the League of [California] Cities is Council Member Robinson. He doesn't know how many meetings there are throughout the year but he knows he gets constant emails. He stated they are fortunate enough to have someone to attend those, come back, and bring back all the new policies that are out there that can affect their City.

Council Member Rodriguez stated he is in support he just didn't know to what extent. He stated he is assuming it is not like family sharing where Council Member Robinson can take from him and take from someone else. He stated he thinks it's individually. He asked if they are allotted for individuals.

Ms. Alvarez stated they are individual budgets. She stated in situations where they have considered requesting an allowance of going over the individual budget, they still look at the overall budget and they have been able to capture it in the overall budget.

Council Member Rodriguez stated he wanted to get it correct. He stated they are allotted a lump sum and asked if that was correct.

Ms. Alvarez stated that was correct.

Council Member Rodriguez asked if every individual is then broken down to a certain amount or are they talking about a sum they have already exceeded for the whole Council or if this was for individual.

Ms. Alvarez stated that for the current fiscal year, what they are talking about for the current report is an individual budget has been exceeded; not the overall.

Council Member Rodriguez asked if historically and typically they were under.

Ms. Alvarez stated typically they are under.

Council Member Rodriguez stated he is not asking for an exemption but he does want to make sure that they don't lose that value between the League of [California] Cities and especially their Council but as their Mayor stated, they are obviously in the position where they are asking every other department to tighten down and he wasn't sure if any other funds from that allotment would be able to be transferred over.

Ms. Alvarez stated if the Council wanted to make a change to that, then it's entirely up to the Council but she thinks in the end the overall budget is looked at. She stated she didn't know if Mr. Tooley or Mr. Przybyla would like to add to that.

Mayor Medellin stated he just wants to make sure they are clear. It is not really for discussion this evening. This is something that he is asking they bring back. They will have proper information and a lot of those questions will be answered and then they can have that discussion at that time. He doesn't want to go off necessarily sideways on this.

Council Member Rodriguez apologized.

Mayor Medellin stated it was fine. They were all valid questions. He just wanted to make sure that....

Council Member Rodriguez asked if it was pulled for a later time.

Mayor Medellin stated that is what he is requesting.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos asked if it was pulled for a later time then they would use her question for discussion later.

Mayor Medellin responded if she wished.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated she is new to the Council just like Council Member Rodriguez. She asked that he correct her if she was wrong. She stated she is trying to get this in her head. She stated that at Madera Unified [School District] they have MUTA [Madera Unified Teachers Association] representatives that choose to be part of the union but the MUTA representative can choose to become Exec[utive] Board so it's a choice.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated that Council Member Robinson represents them for the League of [California] Cities because they've chosen him to be their representative but for him to go to the Exec[utive] Board, and she asked if she was getting it right, it's a choice to do Exec[utive] Board and to go further on to do extra meetings for that.

Mayor Medellin stated that is correct. He stated he believes there is a stipend from the League of [California] Cities to be on the Exec[utive] Board and just for the record Council approved for Council Member Robinson to have double what their own stipend is and then this evening it went above and beyond that another \$900.00.

Mayor Medellin stated that Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos is correct in that it is a choice and not necessarily an appointment that this Board would make knowing that there would be additional travel and things of that nature.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos asked if the tax dollars that they are using to send him to the League of [California] Cities is to be a representative of the City Council.

Mayor Medellin stated that was correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos asked if it comes from the League of [California] Cities to do Exec[utive] Board.

Mayor Medellin stated he was not sure if it was an appointment or if it's an election.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos asked Council Member Robinson if it was an election that got him to be on the Exec[utive] Board.

Council Member Robinson stated he got appointed by the Executive Board.

Mr. Tooley stated the City is a member of the League of California Cities. They pay dues for that purpose. There are numerous opportunities for leadership within the League. Council Member Robinson has chosen to step up to the plate and assume one of those leadership positions. That comes with a cost. Council recognized that and provided additional funds for that purpose. He stated he thinks that is the discussion they are having that evening.

Mayor Medellin thanked Ms. Alvarez and stated they would wait for that to be on an upcoming agenda.

Mayor Medellin asked for a motion.

Council Member Rigby stated it was a non-action.

Brent Richardson, City Attorney stated it was informational only. There was no action.

Mayor Medellin stated it was part of the Consent [Calendar] and asked if they didn't need it on the Consent [Calendar] originally. He stated they excluded it in their original motion to approve the Consent [Calendar] so as long as there is direction, they're good.

Mr. Richardson stated it was fine. It was informational only.

### **C. HEARINGS, PETITIONS, BIDS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND AGREEMENTS**

#### **C-1 Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Madera, California, Amending the Madera Municipal Code to Add Chapter 16 to Title IV Pertaining to Rental Housing Inspections (Report by Steve Montes)**

Steve Montes, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist I stated he would make it short. The City of Madera has a significant interest in ensuring that the rental housing remains safe, sanitary and desirable housing options for its citizens. Due to issues concerning the deterioration condition of the City of Madera housing stock identified in the current and previous General Plan Housing Elements and Neighborhood Preservation staff observation, a proactive Rental Housing Inspection Program was developed with the help of various interested parties and stakeholders.

Mr. Montes stated staff presented the proposed ordinance to City Council at its June 7, 2017 meeting. After conducting a public hearing and considering testimony provided, Council voted unanimously to introduce the ordinance. Completion of the second reading is the final step required to adopt the ordinance. The staff report provided to Council contains the outline of the major components of the proposed Rental Inspection Ordinance.

Mr. Montes stated he would answer any questions otherwise staff recommends that City Council adopt the proposed ordinance amendments.

Council Member Holley said that was great.

Mayor Medellin stated that was short compared to the last five months that Mr. Montes has appeared there. Mayor Medellin asked if he had any pictures for Council. No pictures were submitted.

Council Member Rigby stated he wasn't there for the spirited conversation that was had at the last meeting and for that he is forever going to be reminiscent of it. He stated he did watch it online.

Council Member Rigby thanked Mr. Montes and his team for taking the lead on this. He can't help but feel that he has a small part in this. He remembers walking through that home with Viola Rodriguez, Neighborhood Preservation Supervisor and another Code Enforcement officer whom he doesn't know. He was appalled and shocked that it was a living condition of a family. Not just a single person. Not just a few fellas living the bachelor life. It was a family with children and an elderly woman. Council Member Rigby thanked him and stated he appreciates all the efforts Mr. Montes puts in to not only draft the ordinance but to reach out and get as much input and to hold the position of not having all the answers and is willing to connect with those that have input. For that he is grateful and he appreciates all the hard work.

Mr. Montes stated it wasn't just his hard work. He had a lot of help from the Director, management, Council, staff and everyone involved in the process. It wasn't him. He wouldn't have been able to do this alone. He had a lot of help, a lot of encouragement, and a lot of direction. Mr. Montes thanked them for the opportunity to do something like this.

Mayor Medellin stated it was a team effort and that Council Member Rigby was cutting himself short. He thinks it was Council Member Rigby's ride along with Code Enforcement that got the whole ball rolling on this thing.

Council Member Rigby stated he is glad he said that when there is nobody in the room. He stated it's beautiful. He'll get several phone calls.

Mayor Medellin asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

Mayor Medellin called on the City Clerk for title.

The ordinance was read by title by the City Clerk.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER OLIVER, FURTHER READING WAS WAIVED AND ITEM C-1 WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7-0.**

**ORD. NO. 942 C.S. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 16 TO TITLE IV PERTAINING TO RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTIONS**

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

There are no items for this section.

**F. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Robinson had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos stated she attended the Madera County Compact banquet for their ag[ricultural] community. They put together an Ag Camp for 42 junior high students who visited different agricultural companies in Madera. At the beginning of the camp, students were asked who could see themselves with a future in agriculture. Three hands were raised. At the banquet after seeing that ag[riculture] is not just farming, those students were asked the same question and almost every student raised their hand which almost brought tears to Mrs. Sisle's eyes. It's hard to get junior high kids excited about anything. It's a very difficult age. That was neat to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos thanked their Police Department for their lovely coins. They are beautiful.

Mayor Pro Tem Foley Gallegos announced that Mr. Taubert has a grandson. They don't know the weight or the size but his name is Dominic. He arrived today. Congratulations to him.

Council Member Rigby asked Mary Anne Seay, Parks and Community Services Director to fill him in on how the cooling centers are working and where they are. He stated he had a couple of phone calls and he thinks he sent them to the right spot. He asked her to fill him in on how those have been going because he doesn't see the triple digits going away any time soon.

Ms. Seay stated they have two cooling centers funded by PG&E. They fund staff and any equipment. The Parks and Community Services Department purchases water and passes that out. They are at the Pan Am[erican Community Center] from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are at the [Frank] Bergon [Senior Center] from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. but noticing the extreme heat they expanded those hours at the [Frank] Bergon [Senior Center] this week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and they did have 12 or 14 people there this week in the afternoon up until probably 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Rigby thanked her for the information.

Council Member Rigby stated he is now a member of the Tadpole Swimming. It is not swimming for him. He holds a child that is monkey-gripped to his body screaming at the top of their lungs.

Council Member Rigby stated Ms. Seay's lifeguards are doing a phenomenal job. They are hands on. They are great. They are friendly. He appreciates that.

Council Member Rigby stated his son is really excited about the lunch he gets to eat.

Council Member Rigby stated it's a great program that they offer. Free lunch throughout the City of Madera to kids that need it. He gave kudos to Ms. Seay and the job she is doing. He stated it is fun to be out there to see so many caveats of Parks and Recreation and how they are serving the community for kids that are out of school.

Council Member Rigby stated they got to hear a great presentation of different organizations that are reaching their next generation.

Council Member Rigby stated it is fun to be in the pool with his son but it's a lot more fun to see others enjoying the same park.

Ms. Seay stated she would pass it along to staff.

Council Member Holley had nothing to report.

Council Member Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Council Member Oliver advised Ms. Seay that Olga Saucedo-Garcia, Recreation Community Programs Coordinator and Adam Romero, Recreation Community Programs Coordinator both gave a great presentation that morning at 6:30 a.m. at [Madera] Sunrise Rotary. He really appreciated their participation. They gave a good report on the upcoming summer activities one of which is men's basketball. Team Madera Glass is going to be coming back this year. Two seasons in a row, they are the defending champs so he is looking forward to the league as well as all their programs that are going to become available to their City's residents.

Mayor Medellin asked Ms. Seay if there were no rules against stacked teams. He asked if they could have a blind draw next time or something.

Mayor Medellin thanked staff for all their input and his colleagues for phenomenal questions. When they have workshops and people coming to City Council, the more engaged they are the better for both their sakes.

**G. CLOSED SESSION**

G-1 Closed Session Announcement – City Attorney

Brent Richardson, City Attorney announced that Council will adjourn to closed session in one item. That is G-2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) in one matter.

Council adjourned to closed session at 8:02 p.m.

G-2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): 1 case

G-3 Closed Session Report – City Attorney

Council returned from closed session at 8:40 p.m. with all members present.

Mr. Richardson announced that Council met in closed session in one item - Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2).

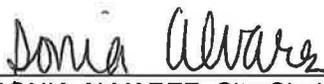
Mr. Richardson stated no reportable action was taken.

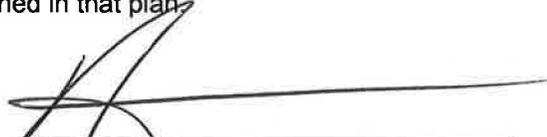
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Medellin at 8:41 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

  
ANDREW J. MEDELLIN, Mayor

  
Prepared by: ZELDA LEÓN, Deputy City Clerk

