



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

**August 19, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers  
City Hall**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting for 8/19/15 was called to order by Mayor Poythress at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mayor Robert L. Poythress  
Mayor Pro Tem William Oliver  
Council Member Charles F. Rigby  
Council Member Sally J. Bompreszi  
Council Member Andrew J. Medellin  
Council Member Donald E. Holley  
Council Member Derek O. Robinson Sr.

Others present were City Administrator David Tooley, City Attorney Brent Richardson, City Clerk Sonia Alvarez, Director of Community Development David Merchen, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Chief of Police Steve Frazier, Director of Human Resources Wendy Silva, Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth, Deputy City Clerk Gabriel Rodriguez, Parks Business Manager Mark Etheridge, Public Works Administrative Analyst Jason Rogers, Redevelopment Agency Manager Bob Wilson, Fire Chief Nancy Koerperich, Battalion Chief Jim Forga, and Battalion Chief Matt Watson.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Barry Benard, Westside Church

The invocation was given by Pastor Randy Brannon from Grace Community Church in place of Pastor Benard who was unable to attend.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

No comments were offered.

Mayor Poythress called on the Deputy City Clerk to make a late distribution announcement.

Deputy City Clerk Gabriel Rodriguez announced that pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 members of the public are advised that documents related to the following agenda item were distributed to

Council than 72 hours before this meeting; under Section B, Consent Calendar, item B-6, consideration of a resolution approving additional rebates to be added to the existing water conservation rebate program; the resolution was distributed to the Council this evening. Mr. Rodriguez advised that extra copies are available at the podium for members of the public wishing a copy.

Mayor Poythress recognized and welcomed Supervisor Brett Frazier present this evening and who is one of their former colleagues on the City Council. He added that he is also a current colleague since he is across the street.

Supervisor Frazier stated from the audience that they are all working together.

**A. WORKSHOP**

There are no items for this section.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

B-1 Minutes – There are no minutes for consideration.

B-2 Information Only – Warrant Disbursement Report

B-3 Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the Central Valley Opportunity Center and the City of Madera for Drought Relief Temporary Job Creation, and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Memorandum of Agreement on Behalf of the City and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Future Workplace Placements of Additional Program Participants (Report by Mark Etheridge)

B-4 Consideration of a Resolution Approving First Amendment to Agreement with O'Dell Engineering to Modify the Scope of Work for Design Services for Knox Park Rehabilitation, CIP Project No. PK-59; and to Add the Scope of Work for Construction of Inclusive Play Structure at Centennial Park, CIP Project No. PK-61; and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Amendment to the Agreement on Behalf of the City (Report by Mark Etheridge)

B-5 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the State Interagency Intercept Collections Program and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Intent to Participate and Any and All Documents Necessary to Facilitate Participation in the Program (Report by Brent Richardson)

B-6 Consideration of a Resolution Approving Additional Rebates to be Added to the Existing Water Conservation Rebate Program (Report by Dave Randall)

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

**ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLEY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MEDELLIN, THE CONSENT CALENDAR WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7-0.**

**RES. NO. 15-178      A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRAL VALLEY OPPORTUNITY CENTER AND THE CITY OF MADERA FOR DROUGHT RELIEF TEMPORARY JOB CREATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY**



**ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE FUTURE WORKPLACE PLACEMENTS OF  
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

**RES. NO. 15-179      A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH O'DELL ENGINEERING TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR KNOX PARK REHABILITATION, CIP PROJECT NO. PK-59; AND TO ADD THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF INCLUSIVE PLAY STRUCTURE AT CENTENNIAL PARK, CIP PROJECT NO. PK-61, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

**RES. NO. 15-180      RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE INTERAGENCY INTERCEPT COLLECTIONS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM**

**RES. NO. 15-181      A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ADDITIONAL REBATES FOR THE WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM**

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

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

Community Development Director David Merchen stated that as the Mayor noted, this is the second reading of an ordinance that was introduced by the City Council at the last meeting, he believes. He noted that this is a cleanup item that is necessary to support the next item on the agenda which is a modification to the Riverside Villa Subdivision Map. He added that it is sort of after the fact noting that it is a little unusual from that perspective. He advised that the change in the General Plan would be a reduction in density to allow a little bit larger lot size to respond to market conditions. They think it is a better fit for the neighborhood; better fit for the market. As he mentioned, the General Plan is necessary as a precedent to the amendment to the subdivision map itself. Mr. Merchen offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions for Mr. Merchen. No questions were asked and Mayor Poythress announced that they would have title read.

The ordinance was read by title by the Deputy City Clerk.

**ON MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM OLIVER, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MEDELLIN, FURTHER READING WAS WAIVED, AND ITEM C-1, ORD. NO. 926 C.S. WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7-0.**

**ORD. NO. 926 C.S.      ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL CITY OF MADERA ZONING MAP TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 2.03 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO THE INTERSECTION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND MERCED STREET FROM THE PD-4500 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONE DISTRICT TO THE PD-6000 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONE DISTRICT**

**C-2      Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Madera to Approve the Amended Map for Riverside Villas of Madera Subdivision No. 06-S-04**

City Engineer Keith Helmuth stated that this item represents an amendment to the subdivision map for the Riverside Villas. He commented that it has already been seen with the zone change portion of the project. He advised that typically the Council would not see a final map be part of a public hearing. He noted that State Code however, requires that an amended map may be subject to such hearing. He added that that same code also sets several conditions or triggers under which an amended map can be permitted. He advised that staff has determined that an amendment is allowed based upon the finding that there are changes in circumstances that make any or all of the original conditions of the map no longer appropriate or necessary, that the modifications do not impose any additional burden on the fee owners of the real property, and that modifications do not alter any right, title, or interest in real property reflected on the originally recorded map. They made that finding and they feel the map can go forward. Mr. Helmuth offered to answer any questions prior to starting the public hearing.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions for Mr. Helmuth in regards to this item or clarification. No questions were asked and Mayor Poythress opened the public hearing. No comments were made.

Mayor Poythress closed the public hearing and brought the item back to Council for consideration of the resolution.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BOMPREZZI, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON, ITEM C-2, RES. NO. 15-182 WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7-0.**

**RES. NO. 15-182      A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE AMENDED MAP FOR RIVERSIDE VILLAS OF MADERA, SUBDIVISION MAP NO. 06-S-04**

**C-3      Second Reading and Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title IX of the Madera Municipal Code to Add Chapter 4 to Provide an Expedited Streamlined Permitting Process for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems**

Chief Building Official Steve Woodworth stated tonight is the second reading for the consideration and adoption of the ordinance amending Title IX of the Madera Municipal Code and adding to Chapter 4 to provide an expedited permitting process for small residential rooftop solar installations for those under 10 kilowatts. Mr. Woodworth offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions for Mr. Woodworth. No questions were asked and Mayor Poythress called for reading of title.

The ordinance was read by title by the Deputy City Clerk.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIGBY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MEDELLIN, FURTHER READING WAS WAIVED, AND ORD. NO. 927 C.S. WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7-0.**

**ORD. NO. 927 C.S.      AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE IX OF THE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 4 TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEMS**

**D.      WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**



**D-1 Consideration of a Written Request by the Original Madera Kiwanis Club Seeking Council Approval to Cover the Cost of Police and Public Works Fees in Conjunction with the Old Timer's Day Parade**

Chief of Police Steve Frazier stated the Council has before them an annual request by the Kiwanis Club for the City to cover those costs. He noted that the report identifies what that cost is and they are seeking Council's approval to move forward.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions of Chief Frazier. No questions were asked and Mayor Poythress announced that he would call for a motion and vote.

Council Member Medellin stated that once again they look forward to the Old Timer's Day Parade. He added that it is one of the cherished traditions of Madera. He stated his appreciation for what the Kiwanis Club does and that they offer all their time.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER MEDELLIN, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLEY, THE MOTION TO APPROVE COVERING THE COST OF POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS FEES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OLD TIMER'S DAY PARADE WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF 7-0.**

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**E-1 Weekly Water Conservation Reports**

Jason Rogers, Administrative Analyst for the Public Works Department, stated he is in for Dave Randall tonight. Mr. Rogers stated that in regards to water consumption, overall, the City has reduced water consumption by 28% for the month of August compared to 2013. During the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> they saw a 28% reduction while last week, they only saw a 27% reduction. He added that during the two previous weeks, Public Works received a total of 10 calls in regards to water leaks and all of those water leaks were repaired within 3 days. In regards to water citations, Mr. Rogers stated they had a total of 54 during the past two weeks with most of those being citations for first offense. He noted that this is a bit of an increase from previous weeks and part of that is due to the increased water patrol and increased night patrols they started.

In regards to their rebate program, Mr. Rogers advised that during the past two weeks they spoke with 18 customers which resulted in 13 applications. He stated that 10 of them were for turf replacement while 2 were for toilets, and 1 was for a smart irrigation controller. In the future, they are expecting an increase in interest in the rebate program partly because the State recently announced two new rebates in regards to the turf replacement program and a toilet replacement program. Regarding the turf replacement, the State is offering up to \$2.00 a square foot for a total of \$2,000. He advised that this is intended as a supplement to what local agencies are already providing. He noted that the City is providing \$0.75 a square foot for turf replacement which means that if they apply for the City's and for the State's, the State would rebate them a \$1.25 per square foot bringing the total up to \$2.00 a square foot. He explained that the big difference between the State's turf replacement rebate and the City's is that they do not cover synthetic turf while the City's does. In regards to their toilet replacement program, the state is offering \$100 maximum rebate for low flow toilet replacement while the City's is \$50. He explained that for this one they can use both of them and get the State rebate and the City rebate so they have a potential of getting \$150 in rebates for replacement of a toilet. Mr. Rogers advised, for this program, it is only available right now to single family residences and it is limited to one rebate per household.

Mr. Rogers advised that during the past couple of weeks they have also had a couple of turf replacement programs finish up and they wanted to show the Council a couple of those and what they looked like. He explained that displayed is one of the first ones that finished up under the program. They took out the grass and put in some nice AstroTurf; cleaned it up a bit. He displayed a second one and explained that they did some extensive work and really took out a lot of stuff, put in some more patio, and limited the type of plants

and everything that was there. He advised that this program seems to be drawing a lot of interest right now. He added that most calls they are getting are regarding the turf replacement program. They do expect that to increase with the announcement of the State's rebate as well. Mr. Rogers offered to answer any questions.

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

Mayor Poythress asked Mr. Rogers if he has any year to date numbers on their water conservation from whenever the conservation program started. He knows they are looking at it on a weekly basis, and for the most part, they have been well north of their goal. He was just kind of curious if they were...

Mr. Rogers replied that since June of 2015, they are at 36.4%. They are above the 28% mandate.

Council Member Bompreszi referred to the turf placement program and asked if people have just put the turf in, before the rebates, can they apply for any rebates.

Mr. Rogers responded no because it has to be after the date that it went into effect. He noted that it is the same with the State as well. He believes it is anything after August 12<sup>th</sup> with the State.

## **E-2 Request for Direction Regarding Public Safety Tax**

City Administrator David Tooley stated that the County of Madera is currently considering placing a half-cent sales tax measure on the June 2016 ballot. He advised the purpose of that sales tax measure would be to support public safety. He commented that Madera County has inquired as to whether or not the City would consider participating in a proposed tax measure for consideration by the electorate. In order for the Council to make that decision, they are going to provide some presentations this evening on how the use of funds might be spent. He added that he wants to be very clear that this is the beginning of a conversation. He noted that they, as a Council, have placed a very high premium on citizen engagement. He knows they are going to want to hear what people have to say and then that will, in large measure, define what the service delivery and financial plan looks like. He asked that they please, tonight, consider this the beginning of a conversation. Mr. Tooley advised that he is going to turn it over to their public safety professionals beginning with Chief Frazier and then he will have a few concluding remarks when they are through.

Madera County Supervisor Brett Frazier stated he just wanted to say thank you for having this conversation. He apologized for stepping in but, he just wanted to say thank you for looking into this. He noted that the City's citizenry is their citizenry with the County. They want this to be something they can engage in a conversation with the City and have real good healthy dialogue with the Council. He knows because he got to sit up here and understand that the thought process through the City is always a very thoughtful one. They are not going to do anything without looking at every aspect of it and that is going to be invaluable to their sales tax measure being ultimately successful. He just wanted to say thank you for even having this conversation and knowing how important public safety is for the City's citizens and the County's as well.

Chief of Police Steve Frazier stated he is going to pull a "Crazy Ivan" on the Council. He explained it is a term that law enforcement uses for a quick change in direction. He was supposed to stand up here and tell the Council why and what the City would look like if they had this tax measure. He thinks that explanation is much easier for his brothers and sisters in the Fire Department than it is for the Police Department (PD). He noted that Fire has a fire engine that costs millions of dollars. It takes so many people to staff that but, for a law enforcement agency, it's those officers going out and working on the street day in and day out. He wants to add and give credit to those men and women who do that on a daily basis that really, for the most part, you wouldn't know how bad things really are because they work their tails off, day in and day out, to provide a level of service to the City. If he started out by saying this is what it would look like, he doesn't think he could do that justice without starting first with where they are today. He is, unfortunately, going to paint a fairly bleak picture. Before he even gets to the slides, he wants to kind of go over that. In some of the slides, he will be a little bit redundant because he will talk about them again.



Chief Frazier stated that they gauge their ability to provide a level of service based upon what is called proactive patrol, free patrol, whatever you want to call it. He advised that three years ago when the Council and Mr. Tooley put him in this position, he sat down with the very capable that run the Madera Police Department and they had a plan on how they could change law enforcement in the City of Madera. He thinks they have been successful in a large portion of that plan which involved reaching out to the community; asking for partnerships. They did that. One, because they thought it was the right thing to do. Two, because they look at their numbers, and he has been before the Council and he has explained this before, but they looked at those numbers and realized that as an agency, for the past 10 years and probably longer, they didn't have an impact on crime. He commented that crime was pretty much status quo. If they remember his first annual report, they were twice the national average. They had some significant crime issues and they embarked on a plan to reduce that. He stated that again, he thinks they have made great progress. He thinks their neighborhood watch, their town hall meetings, their citizens academies are all great avenues for them to have an impact on crime but it is moving much too slowly. He noted that a testament to that is in a town hall meeting where they had 16 people attend and they were talking about a topic that was on events that had happened nationally in active shooter type events. He is trying to lay the groundwork just a little bit to kind of let them know the status of where they are at now.

Chief Frazier commented that he has gone to town hall meetings, he has gone to neighborhood watch, and he has asserted to the community that they are going to put their motor officers all in one group, have them focus on a certain day and time, or week, and have them go out and be productive. He has not been able to be true to his word because he doesn't have enough bodies to do that. He has shared with them in the past too, noting that as a Council Member they are fully aware of this, that the chief complaint they get as a department is traffic. He commented that arguably that is a problem in the City of Madera. He advised that this week marked the start of school. Obviously, they have had a lot of requests for appropriate patrol around the neighborhoods from both citizens as well as a department. They knew that was something that they had to do. They staffed their motor unit to work this week all together focusing on areas around the school. Three days later, and they have two more days to go, they have issued 261 tickets. He noted that if you don't think Madera has a traffic problem, guess again, they do. He restated 261 tickets noting that none of those are parking violations; those are all moving violations. Chief Frazier stated that the 261 tickets cost the Police Department, and therefore the City, \$7,200. He asked why \$7,200 and stated it is because he can't afford to pull his traffic units and place them on a team as a unit without impacting patrol. He has to do those functions on an overtime basis.

Chief Frazier advised that he would get back to July 25<sup>th</sup>. He sent Council an email in regards to another proactive activity. They teamed with Parole, Probation, and Department of Corrections (DOC). They had 28 people out working and they made 28 arrests over a 3-day period; all of them felonies. He advised that 16 of those arrests were gang members. They took two firearms off the street and several high capacity magazines. He restated again, at a cost which he can't even tell them because he doesn't know how much Probation and DOC contributed to that but, probably a like kind amount of \$7,000 for the City of Madera to participate in what they call a directed patrol. Their ability to provide directed patrol is contingent solely on their ability to pay overtime because he doesn't have the bodies to move them forward and be as proactive as they would like to be.

Chief Frazier stated that some of the things he talked about initially, when he came before the Council as their new Chief, was that they would begin paying attention to the data and they were excited about that. He noted that provides an opportunity for them to look at the data, know where they need to be as a law enforcement agency and be proactive, and put themselves in front of crime as opposed to just responding to crime. They have been out of that business for the past 7 or 8 months because of software updates and changes but, they are excited at the potential, when they get back into that, that they can truly have an impact. He noted however, that impact is contingent on one thing, proactive. Being in front of crime takes people. Last year alone they responded to 60,000 calls for service. He noted that takes a significant deal of manpower to have that level of service and be able to go out and respond timely, and make sure that they take care of the level of business. In order for them to be proactive, pay attention today, he has to have people available and not responding to calls to be in the right place at the right time. He stated that is difficult for them to do.



Chief Frazier advised that he would stop with the doom and gloom just for a moment and he is going to catch them up on the slides. He advised what they are looking at is \$3.5 million divided equally; \$1.8 million per agency. He noted that because it is a special tax it requires a 2/3 vote and it is yet to be determined whether that is a June or a November election.

Chief Frazier discussed justification. He advised that three years ago, they talked about not having enough bodies and coming up with a plan. Pre-recession, they had 61 sworn. Today they have 57 sworn. He noted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has come up with a standard that they say law enforcement should be able to meet in order to be proactive and productive, and that is 1.5 officers per thousand. He advised that the City is less than 1 noting that is a number that is arbitrary. It is not based on any hard data that anybody can find. It is based upon the FBI, which in their terms, stands for famous but incompetent. He commented that it really isn't a number that should hold a lot of value but it is a number that a lot of people should be familiar with. It is simply there to let them know kind of where they stand as a City through the eyes of the FBI.

Chief Frazier stated that today, for Council to make decisions, they asked their department to do a workload study. They did that. They started looking at the numbers in order to justify this both to the citizens as well as to the Council. They have to look at where and how they work. He referred to the percentages displayed: 45%, 19% and 27%. He noted that the Council has an idea of what that is because they have the paper before them but to everybody else, 45% is the number that most cities try to achieve in proactive policing. He stated that number is truly dependent upon the Council. They decide what City they want. They decide therefore, on a level of proactive policing that they are happy with and what they want to see out of their community. Chief Frazier stated that at 45% proactive policing, they think they can have a greater impact.

Chief Frazier referred to the 19% proactive policing and advised that is where they are today. It is the Madera Police Department with the motor units separated, 19%. He asked how much proactive policing do they think gets accomplished at 19%. He replied that it is very little and added that it was a rhetorical question. He advised that often times, just to run a shift, they have to bring someone in on overtime.

Chief Frazier referred to the 27%. He stated he has already established that they have a traffic issue in the City of Madera as evidenced by 261 tickets in three days. If he stops motor service, if he puts all those guys back in a patrol car and adds them to the team, that is five officers, then he can reach 27% proactive policing. He noted that still, in his opinion, is an inadequate number.

Chief Frazier stated that now, they can start saying that the future is potentially bright if they are able to get a sales tax to pass. He advised that he started their Citizens Academy last Thursday. He noted that the first class is his and Commander Lawson's class. He joked that Commander Lawson doesn't get to talk much and he cries about that a lot. Chief Frazier commented that it is his class and they talk about why they are here, why they are having a Citizens Academy. So he threw out kind of a what if question. He prefaced his question by explaining to them that on any given day, in a City of 62,000, he may only have four officers patrolling everybody. He stated that is not by choice; by choice he has six. Right now, they staff six. That is the most they can staff on a shift and still have motors, still have SIU (Special Investigation Unit), still have someone participating in MADNET (Madera County Narcotics Enforcement Team), still have those specialty units, which have a great impact on the City, but that leaves patrol at sometimes four. He asked why do they have only four officers working and stated well, they have long term absences. He would like to say that this was an easy job. He commented that it is when you are chief and when you are a commander because you sit on your butt behind a desk. For the men and women out on the street, it is hazardous and you get hurt, and sometimes those injuries are fairly long lasting. This is what they refer to as long term absences. They average about five. Then they have to factor in vacations, sick leave and other things so you take five and he runs four teams. He noted that means one team is missing two people right out of the gate if he has those long term absences, and then he factors in a vacation. If that is the team that is missing two, that team is down three bodies. If he staffs his team with six that leaves three. He can't go below four. That is what they call a minimum staffing level so he has to bring in and pay someone overtime in order to have enough people to go out and police the City of Madera. He stated that



most of them probably didn't know that and again, because their men and women work their tails off so that you don't notice that there aren't a lot of people out there. He recalled a time, in fact, when Commander Lawson was out on shift that they had two homicides. He advised that whole shift was tied up for hours with those. There was absolutely no one to send. He thinks they had the SO (Sheriff's office) and CHP (California Highway Patrol), allied agencies, providing law enforcement service to the City of Madera. He recalled that it was Green Way and Robinwood. He doesn't know why that stuck with him; it just did. He advised that to a PD that is not a good position to be in when you have to rely on someone else to provide a level of service that you take great pride in delivering.

Chief Frazier commented that in order for Madera to achieve a 45% proactive position, they have to add seven positions but with those seven positions, they have to move motors back to patrol. He stated that is a choice of the Council if that is what they want to see or they add nine positions and leave motors to focus on traffic. That gets them to their 45% patrol. Chief Frazier noted that when they add bodies, bodies require stuff; bodies require safety equipment; bodies require supervision; bodies require vehicles; and support personnel when they add additional bodies. He advised that there are a lot of things that start to trickle down that will impact the City.

Chief Frazier stated that some other things that would benefit them greatly, if they had the bodies, if they had the personnel. He advised that they began public outreach in a number of ways with one being their Citizens Academy, but social media, he thinks, they have been very successful in Facebook. He thinks it provides an avenue for the community to be aware of who they are, what they do and when they do it but, they have really only been limited to exploring Facebook just because they realized it takes a lot more time to manage that than what they expected. Their anticipation, noting that the Information Systems Manager is not here to back him up on this, was that they were going to explore all social media. In fact, he just learned one today, Periscope. He asked if they are familiar with that. He explained that it is videos from a personal perspective. He thought that would be really cool for the PD to be able to do that.

Council Member Rigby stated he used Periscope on his ride-along.

Chief Frazier stated he thinks there are opportunities like that for them to pay attention and continue moving their partnering efforts forward. He advised that clearly, they think that is the way to go but, they are still a law enforcement agency and they still have to provide a level of service to each and every one of them and there should be an expectation that that level should be here.

Chief Frazier commented on some of the other things. One is social media and they could certainly improve that. License plate readers allow intelligence. They allow them to take a picture of those and weigh in on whether they are stolen, whether there is a "BOL" (be on the lookout) for them. Ticket writers can reduce ticket writing time from 10 minutes to 5 minutes. They have a beautiful river trail that is used for jogging and walks in the evening but, that river trail is along the river. It has limited access. He advised that you can't always get a car down there and the motors aren't always readily available so they thought by putting a call box and cameras down there that could be monitored by dispatch, would allow them to keep an eye on that, and it would be an advantageous thing for this community. If they paid attention to the news in any way, shape or form, Fresno has new technology in what they call ShotSpotter where there are cameras and microphones put up throughout the City and when a gunshot is fired, it zooms in on a map and tells their dispatch right where it occurred. He advised that the cameras focus on that area and he thinks they have actually had some success in bringing some folks in to custody as a result of that technology. Regarding body worn cameras, Chief Frazier stated that they know that is a foregone conclusion; it is coming. Whether that is a tax initiative or not; who knows. He added that last week they got an email from Council Member Oliver that talked about streetlights as a crime prevention tool. He thought it was a great article on it, and he thinks there is some significant value in exploring that. They have a lot of older neighborhoods that don't have streetlights and streetlights act as a deterrent for crime. He restated that is certainly worth exploring. That is their job to find other avenues in order to reduce crime.

Chief Frazier noted that suffice it to say, that change is necessary and needed, and really, if they are looking at nine bodies, they are looking at \$900,000 that the Council will be faced with. They are looking at support



personnel. They are going to use up \$1.8 million. He stated that their department needs that in order to sustain its service delivery or improve its service delivery. Chief Frazier stated he is going to stop there. He hopes one, that he hasn't disillusioned anybody. He noted that they have a great Police Department of men and women who absolutely have the City's best interest in mind and they work very hard in providing that level of service. He is very proud, very lucky to be where he is at and he wants to thank them for that but, some attention has to be paid to that service in order for them to improve, in order for them not to wear themselves out to the point where they see an increase in injuries and their five is now ten on long term disability because that is the eventual outcome. Chief Frazier offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Poythress referenced the report regarding the network manager where it says they have no interest in this position unless they are permanently assigned to the PD and that they can only be used for emergencies. He asked who would determine an emergency. Would it be the Chief or Mr. Tooley?

Chief Frazier replied that would be Mr. Uyesaka, the Information Services Manager. He stated what they have before them, and he probably should have come out with the qualifier first, is that this is a process that the PD took to identify things that the PD thought were important and paid attention to. He noted that the things that are listed here, nothing is set in stone. He hopes that the Council decides to move forward, and moving forward that there is some committee that comes together and they sit down. He added that ultimately, everything that is here is a Council decision. For example, whether that 45% is appropriate or how they spend \$1.8 million if they get those things passed. He noted those are questions where the Council has to make that "valuative" judgment whether it is appropriate or not. He advised that these are just suggestions that are thrown out there; nothing is set in stone. Chief Frazier explained that the reason that came up is that they have had the pleasure to work with someone who was assigned directly to the PD. He noted this is not an indictment on Mr. Uyesaka and he has done a great job but he's got really, quite frankly, few resources to accomplish that job. Chief Frazier stated that as a PD, there is an expectation that their response is quick because their job requires them to have access to those kinds of things, and Mr. Uyesaka has done the best job that he can. Again, their experience is that if they have someone that is there in the department, they get a better level of service, and they get a quicker turnaround.

Mr. Tooley stated in the interest of full disclosure this is an ongoing discussion within the organization. He noted that he and the Chief do not see eye to eye completely on this issue, and it is one that they need to work through before they bring the Council a recommendation, that ultimately, the Council makes the determination on.

Council Member Medellin stated he has more of a statement than a question, and also along the lines with Mr. Tooley, he thinks they are just starting their discussion right now. Nothing is really set in stone. He just wants to be clear that seven to nine officers just brings them to status quo. He noted these are not additional officers. These are not above and beyond what they could use to help in the fight against crime but, this would bring them to status quo. He stated he will keep his comments brief until the very end but when he came on City Council in 2011, their theme here, their cheer was doing more with less, and not just PD, but all departments. He noted that doesn't stop crime; that doesn't stop their growth. They are now in 2015 and they need to pay attention to that. He restated that seven to nine officers really just brings them to where they should be anyway. Where the money comes from is to be determined but crime is not going to take a backseat anyway.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver referred to the SIU (Special Investigation Unit) sweeps. He knows they have had a lot of success in that regard when they do happen. He knows that often, they are in response to frequency and that type of criminal activity whether it be gangs or other specialized efforts. He stated that with regard to ability to pay and having the resources to pay for overtime, he knows that is a financial decision the Chief has to make as a leader of their department but, that is also a multi-agency effort. He asked if they find, that other agencies' inability to pay or have those resources set aside, ever stunting any progress or ability to go out and dispatch those guys for those targeted activities.

Chief Frazier responded yes. They had 28 to 30 people out on July 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that is probably a once a year occurrence. They try and do that quarterly within the PD and they invite their partners to participate



but they don't always get an acceptance of that based upon their ability to pay their overtime and everything else. The event they had on July 25<sup>th</sup>, for 2015, will probably be it. He stated that as an agency, they will have other directed patrols where SIU and their detectives, and whoever else is not working patrol, will go out and do their thing.

Council Member Robinson stated that because of Proposition 47, crime is really increasing because the criminals are not afraid to go to jail because they might get out the next day. He added that he was at Save Mart the other day and they had a security officer standing right beside the door. He said, wow you have security here, huh? And they said, yeah because people are taking stuff and running out the door.

Chief Frazier stated that is a true statement. He commented that last year they reduced crime across the board 25%. He wished he could just stop there. Looking at the mid-year numbers, Prop 47 is a nightmare. Their numbers are through the roof. He is not even sure how to respond to that. He wished he could say there was some way to get a handle on that but Prop 47 has been an absolute nightmare. They make easy, 10 drug citations a night, and the thefts from retail are through the roof. He noted it is going to be a real problem. He hates to tell them but, the mid-year numbers are just incredibly not good. They are really, really bad.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any other thoughts, points or questions. No other comments were made.

Mr. Tooley announced they will now have a presentation by the Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Nancy Koerperich stated that is the last time she is going to follow Chief Frazier. She commented that a lot of the things that the Chief brought up are actually things that affect the Fire Department as well. Obviously, when they are responding to vehicle accidents together, those are joint ventures between their police and fire so there are a lot of things that they do together and she supports the actions of the Police Chief just as much as Fire is looking for some assistance in improving fire protection as well.

Chief Koerperich stated she is starting year five in this unit, and for the entire four plus years she has been here, she has been attempting to improve their level of staffing in the County. She commented that the City does an excellent job with the fact that they have three bodies on a fire engine but unfortunately, the County has one. In those discussions with the County, she has worked really hard to try to show that there needs to be a stabilized funding source for their Fire Department. About 1½ years ago, they started a public tax initiative with the City of Atwater and they were successful in that endeavor. It brought in a half-cent sales tax to the city. She noted that was one of the ways they were able to start some discussions with the County. She stated that several months ago the County did ask the Fire Department to provide a presentation on what they would see as a potential for a public sales tax initiative and how that could improve their fire protection. As Mr. Tooley mentioned earlier, these are very, very preliminary discussions about what they could do for improving fire protection in the City of Madera but, they certainly want to make sure that the Council knows that there is information out there for them. They do look at this, have researched this, and talk about this all the time.

Chief Koerperich stated that the background for them is that, just as Supervisor Frazier mentioned, it is a joint venture, anything they do between the County and the City. They do see that there is an avenue for some improvements to both the north and southern end of the City in talking with some coordination efforts with the County because they obviously have jurisdiction. They respond into the County and the County responds into the City in order to meet some of their response criteria. She stated that it is really important for them to be able to talk with the Council to see what their potential involvement would like to be in participating in a possible sales tax initiative for 2016.

Chief Koerperich commented on what that could look like for the City and what it could look like for their Fire Department. First, they have established priorities and their number one priority is to improve their response times obviously, throughout the entire City. She stated that has to be their number one goal. She added that the City has tasked Cal Fire in a cooperative agreement to make sure that they are meeting



those responsibilities and that has to be their number one priority. They also believe that the suppression forces in the City need to be increased. Right now, there are two stations with three personnel and one Battalion Chief. She acknowledged Chief Forga in the audience. They have seven personnel that are on duty. She noted that with Chief Forga, they only have their Battalion Chief for 3½ days. The other 3½ days the City is served through the County's Battalion Chief. She stated that the County's Battalion Chief obviously takes care of response criteria in the City but they take care of their day to day business in the County, so the City really has its day to day business Battalion Chief, Chief Forga, 3½ days out of the week.

Chief Koerperich stated their second priority would be to bring the City up to NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards which happens to include not only response times, but also the ability to reach buildings that could have the potential for fire activity. Right now, they have about five buildings in the City that are over the three story limit. They have no ability to reach the top of those stories and ground ladders are ineffective when they get above three stories plus. They don't have the personnel. She noted it takes three people to ladder a building. That is a 35-foot ladder and she used to train on this at their academy for eight years so she is very familiar with the number of people it takes to do fire ground suppression. With three bodies, they absolutely have to rely on the County to bring in their resources. She advised that they bring in one person, one paid staff, and then their volunteer force in supplemental. Chief Koerperich added that they also have a bunch of big box stores throughout the City and people don't think about the effect that the big box stores have because well, they look like one story. They have one story and they have some storage in the top. Maybe they are tall but their ground ladders can't get to the top of their Home Depot. They won't get to the top of some of their buildings even at their schools. When they talk about what some of the potentials are, it is not always just about fire. There is also a rescue component to the Fire Department and if they don't have an ability to get to people that are in high elevated locations then, that is going to increase their ability of what they call the "Golden Circle" or their time to get to medical treatment at a hospital facility.

Chief Koerperich stated their third priority, noting not that it is not important, but their third priority is to reduce the insurance rates by increasing their ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating. She advised that just happens to be one of those things that is a nice to have as they look at improving their level of service in the Fire Department. She thinks it would be great for their citizens if they are able to reduce some of the costs of their insurance, especially their commercial businesses. If they could reduce their insurance they would be ecstatic to be able to do that. She stated that while it's certainly not something that they are trying to push as the catalyst for doing this, it's really a nice, as Chief Frazier put it, ripple effect that they would get off of improving the fire protection and level of service. She commented on how they are going to do that adding that she says that a little tongue and cheek, but it is not meant to be. They need to improve the infrastructure. Currently, they have two fire stations. One happens to be on North Lake and one happens to be on South Schnoor. They are staffed with one fire engine and they have three bodies on that fire engine. She added that they also have one reserve engine and one that they call a squad or mini-pumper. If they wanted to, or needed to use that, they could staff that and get those to incidents as needed. She advised that their two fire stations serve their City but, that is what they could do if they had a third fire station serving the rest of the City, pointing to the rendition of the third fire station on the display. When they talk about the infrastructure, that is the need for the Fire Department. To improve their infrastructure would be to add their fire station. She noted that they would all be at the ribbon cutting ceremony, she is sure. Chief Koerperich stated that just happens to be one type of fire station that is out there but, it is representative of what they find for most of the vendors that would be looking at a potential to build for your City. She advised the cost for that is approximately \$3 million. That includes not just the facility but, all the stuff that goes into that facility. She noted that they wanted to go with a higher cost so they would understand that they have an ability to flex that obviously. They know that with the initiative being split between the two departments, they are looking at \$1.8. They are not looking at funding a fire station but, they are looking at how do they lease that, what kind of bonds, what are the avenues that they could use so part of that sales tax initiative could be meant to bolster any of the financial obligations they would have towards that station if it were to be built.

Chief Koerperich noted that they are talking about the northern part of the City. She referred to the image displayed showing Station 6, North Lake, and Station 7, Schnoor, and advised that the purple lines are the



City boundaries. She explained that the yellow that they see is a two minute response which is an excellent response criteria; NFPA only requires four. Just like the FBI numbers, they don't know where it comes from. It is an arbitrary number but, it is the number that they use and it is considered an industry standard. She advised that is why they try to meet a four minute response. She noted that they have a great opportunity to hit a bunch of their residences in two minutes. The green they see is their four minute response criteria. They can see that they have a really good opportunity to meet the four minute response in the majority of their populated area within the City. She pointed to the lower area on the slide and noted they are still missing that. She knows they are doing more building out there and what they are really missing is this industrial area. She stated that the homes don't take near the amount of fire personnel or fire equipment to suppress a structure fire as it does if they were to get something in one of their industrial areas in the northern part of the City. She added that, not only does that task their Fire Department with the workload, that also harms the revenue that comes into the City. Chief Koerperich stated their first potential would be to increase their fire protection in the north end of the City. She commented that there is already some County land up there that they could possibly have the potential to place a fire station on, and that would also increase their protection to the airport which would be a valuable resource for them. If they were to do that, it would look as displayed. She explained that their two minutes response, with the proposed fire station, hits the majority of the little streets that are out there but, it also is going to give them, if they look down at the southern end, a potential to look at where they would like to grow the City and see where their response could be. She explained that their four minute response is a much greater area and then the area right on the bottom part of the City, that used to be greater than six minute response. She advised that the white is greater than six minutes and all of the City would be covered within the six minutes by adding one fire station. Chief Koerperich stated that is why that is where they have chosen to be their priority. She commented that they already have a six minute response towards the southern end of the City and she thinks again, in collaboration with the County, they could improve response to the southern end of the City easier than they could in the northern end of the City.

Chief Koerperich stated their second priority would be staffing those fire suppression resources. That is their other way to drop their ISO rating. Currently, they have 17 personnel in the agreement that allows for six personnel on duty and a battalion chief. She added that obviously, they work what is called 2½ shifts because people work 24 hours a day and 72 hour weeks, so it takes 2½ shifts to cover all of their fire stations 24 hours a day. That is why they have 17 controlled positions. Six are on a day plus their Battalion Chief.

Chief Koerperich stated that is what they would like to see their fire suppression resources responding to on the northern end of the City. Currently, if they were to build a fire station, there is obviously going to be the need to put a fire engine in that fire station and something for them to travel on. They already have a pumper or small squad. They would place that at the northern station, add an aerial apparatus, and that would help them meet their NFPA standards to beat the buildings that are greater than a three story. She added that being on the northern end, that is going to take care of all the industrial that is out there, the Hampton that has been built out there, and then any other potential. They understand that there are two to three more apartment complexes that are being talked about in the City. She advised that they are at a key point in the City to be looking at some sort of elevated platform. For an aerial apparatus, they choose the Quint because it brings water. When they talk about a truck, people like to say, oh your truck. She explained that trucks don't bring water. Trucks bring people and they bring equipment, and they bring an elevated platform. They want to have something that can be multi-usage so the Quint is better for this City. They don't have eight story buildings and ten story buildings. They have three and four story buildings and the Quint would suffice. She referred to the display which happens to be a 109 foot ladder. It has a large diameter nozzle at the top so they can get elevated and distance in fire suppression activities, and it also gives them the ability to rescue people in elevated conditions. She added that a ladder can get a little bit closer to a building than say a bucket. They have probably seen the fire engines with a bucket on them. She advised that it is a little bit more difficult to get them close and that is why they would choose a Quint. She stated that the cost of that Quint is approximately \$1.5 million. They were able to purchase this truck for the City of Atwater for less than \$1 million and equip it. She advised that it just depends if there are deals and they are always looking for a good deal out there. She added that if there are deals out there, they would obviously be looking at that but, there needs to also be the discussion of the equipment that



would be on it. They don't have another truck to take equipment off of and place it on here. They would be starting from anew to outfit a truck. She thinks it would be a definite added bonus but, it would also bring their ISO rating down, and lessen the cost of insurance within the City because it increases their fire flow to the northern end of the City. Chief Koerperich displayed one of the buildings that they see every day. She stated this is another building that would be a significant challenge for them if they were to have a fire at the top of it. She displayed the Hampton Inn which is in the northern part of their City. They also have, right across the street from them, the other hotel that is very close to here in proximity. She referred to the suites that are down in the southern end of the City and noted, that by placing the aerial apparatus in the northern end of the City, it gets right on the freeway and they are at the southern end of the City in no time at all. It is not like it has to go through surface streets if they were to place it at Station 6 or Station 7. This would be quick, on the road, anywhere in the City, in its shortest distance of time. She noted they also have the Sherwood Pointe Apartment complex. They know that there are other apartment complexes throughout the City but, that is just representative of the fact that they do have them and there needs to be an ability to service them for their level as well. Chief Koerperich stated they have the government buildings that are across the street, the Springhill, the Hampton, and the Madera Inn.

With their other priority is staffing, Chief Koerperich stated they would also be looking at the addition of a battalion chief. Just as Chief Frazier had mentioned earlier, with added bodies comes added supervision. Adding an additional battalion chief would greatly improve the service level within the City because they would have somebody here six days a week plus overtime in order to cover for their seven days. She stated that in order to staff the aerial apparatus, what they would like to do is add a shift of five personnel so that is basically 2½ people per shift. They would be looking at 12 to 13 people to staff the truck for 24/365. She advised there would be a fire captain engineer and a firefighter on their aerial apparatus which is exactly what they have on their fire engines now, and then they would cross staff an engineer and a firefighter on the squad that the City currently owns. Their engineer and firefighter could go to all the medical aid calls. It keeps down the wear and tear on their aerial apparatus but, should there be a structure fire, they can easily be released from what they are doing when they turn that patient care over to health professionals in the ambulance service, and then they can respond to the structure fire for staffing levels. She noted that it meets their NFPA standards and also reduces the maintenance and wear and tear on their truck. She advised that would be approximately \$1.9 million annually. They are basically doubling their fire suppression resources by doing that.

Chief Koerperich stated that with the City having a population of around 62,000, they wanted to give the Council kind of a comparative city. She referred to the handout the Council received and advised that there were some other cities as well, but Turlock is the closest to their values in the City as well as their citizenry. She advised that Turlock has 69,000 citizens. They operate out of four fire stations and have a suppression force of 45. They would be getting more in line with a city that is somewhat equivalent to the way that the City of Madera is laid out.

Chief Koerperich stated that with that, they know that the Council has many choices. They are glad that the City chooses them to be their Fire Department. She added that these really are simple preliminary recommendations and are not meant to be set in stone in any way. It is just where they see they could improve fire service in the City of Madera easily and beneficially for all. Chief Koerperich offered to answer any questions.

There were no questions and Mayor Poythress thanked Chief Koerperich.

Mr. Tooley stated that by way of concluding remarks, he thinks they have demonstrated to the Council this evening that a successful passage of a sales tax measure is literally a game changer. Depending on the decisions the Council makes, it provides them an opportunity to double the amount of proactive police time delivered to the City. He has run some preliminary numbers and in 24 to 30 months they could have a third functional fire station open dramatically changing the response times in the City. He advised that in order to pursue a sales tax measure, it requires approval of the legislative body. It then has to be placed on the ballot and there has to be a financial plan that goes with that ballot. If they are going to make an election next year, they need to engage in the conversation and move rather quickly. He added that it does require



a 2/3 vote; that is a significant threshold. He would recommend, if the Council was favorably inclined towards pursuit of this alternative, that they appoint an ad hoc committee and begin some immediate conversations with their counterparts across the street at the County. Mr. Tooley asked if there are any questions staff may answer in conclusion.

Mayor Poythress asked if there are any questions.

Mayor Poythress commented that it was just an easy straightforward presentation. It is just right there. Mayor Poythress asked if there are any comments from his colleagues on the Council in regards to direction, thoughts.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver stated he wants to say great job to Fire and PD folks. They provided a great snapshot as to services available today and as far as the future moving forward. Like his colleagues, he has had an opportunity to participate in several ride-alongs with both Fire and PD and those experiences have differed greatly. He knows his first ride-along with PD was an action packed night. Unfortunately, one of the officers that he rode with ended up in the ER so it was a real glimpse as to the work that these folks endure on behalf of their community. He noted that the second ride-along was a peaceful night and it was one without many calls and not the action and whatnot. Some of the guys were saying, sorry you picked this night, it wasn't the Saturdays that we are used to. For him it was actually cathartic and it was what he envisioned, he thinks they all envision, their City to be one day in the future. He thinks consensus is going to be clear that this is something that they have to pursue. Not just from this body but, he thinks their community supports the men and women in public safety. He thinks it also presents an opportunity to work with their friends across the street and other agencies to pursue a joint effort. He knows that there are areas that the list of needs and wants are probably great but, he would be real excited to see what they could come up with collectively working with several different partners. Those are his thought initially. He restated that he thinks the presentations were great and he looks forward to hopefully working on this.

Council Member Medellin stated quite simply, he is just going to echo those statements of his colleague Councilman Will Oliver. Council Member Medellin stated that if the Mayor is looking for volunteers, he hopes he is not overstepping his bounds, but he would love to be on that ad hoc committee to work with their County Supervisor.

Mayor Poythress state he guesses what he should ask is are there any Council Members who would object to moving forward with a discussion with their buddies across the street with the sales tax measure. There were no objections. Mayor Poythress stated he thinks they have consensus, direction in that regard. Regarding an ad hoc committee, he would definitely like to be in that discussion. They heard from Council Member Medellin and asked if there are any others who would like to participate in that effort.

Mayor Pro Tem Oliver stated he might make a recommendation. He would like to recommend Council Member Bompreszi to participate on that.

Council Member Bompreszi agreed.

Mayor Poythress asked if there is anybody else. He knows there are only three.

Mr. Tooley asked if he could have an alternate.

Mayor Poythress called on Council Member Robinson who agreed to be an alternate.

Mr. Tooley stated he would make the contact with the County Administrator and they will make best efforts to coordinate their schedules. Like they said, we are burning daylight, we got to go fast.

Council Member Bompreszi asked when the last time was that they passed a sales tax increase.

Mr. Tooley replied that they have not, during his ten years, passed a sales tax increase. There were two elections for public safety. He asked Chief Frazier if he remembers about when. Mr. Tooley noted that Sam Armentrout was still on the Council then. He restated that they have never passed one. They came within 100 votes of a 2/3 passage on one public safety tax.

#### **F. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Robinson reported that he attended the San Joaquin River Conservancy meeting. They discussed the Ledger Island Bridge Assessment Report. The report said that during high flows it was eroding the bridge foundation. They are thinking about retrofitting or replacing the whole bridge at a cost of about \$6 million.

Council Member Bompreszi asked if the bridge is the one across 41.

Council Member Robinson replied that it is near the dam.

Council Member Robinson stated that the Elk's have a dictionary fundraiser coming up this weekend. He advised that you can buy one dictionary for \$1.50, for a \$36.00 donation buy 24, or \$300 buys 200. This is for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders so that they will be able to learn more effectively. They are also going to have a rib cook off and he is one of the judges. He noted that the dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. He advised that if you are a barbeque chef, you can come on and try.

Council Member Rigby reported that this past Saturday he, along with Councilman Medellin and Councilman Oliver, and their good friend Gary Svanda, participated in the Madera Police Department / Sheriff's Department Explorers Program Charitable Golf Tournament at the Madera Municipal Golf Course. He thought they played well but, he heard that they fell short. He had to leave early to attend a family event so he blames himself for the loss.

Council Member Holley reported that he had a great day Monday morning. He was able to go to Sierra Vista School and welcome all the kids back to school and meet all the new teachers.

Mayor Poythress reported that he had an opportunity, along with Council Member Robinson, to meet the I-Lan folks on Monday morning at City Hall. The City received an extremely nice gift that is probably worthy of putting up somewhere here in the Council Chambers. He advised that the item will be re-presented at their concert at the Methodist Church. He invited everyone to feel free to head on over there after closed session tonight.

City Administrator David Tooley stated he is sensitive to the fact that they have a conflicting event this evening. He advised that his item for closed session is not time sensitive and, if they would like to delay it, he has no objections.

Mayor Poythress asked for comment from the City Attorney.

City Attorney Brent Richardson stated they are welcome to pull it and put it on the next agenda.

Mayor Poythress stated they can do that and members of the Council can send him the information for the next meeting so that they can have a productive session next time. Mayor Poythress stated that if it is ok with everybody they will go ahead and dispense with closed session this evening.

Mayor Poythress offered an invitation again to join them at the Methodist Church.

#### **G. CLOSED SESSION**

G-1 Closed Session Announcement – City Attorney



Council concurrence was reached to pull item G-2 from the agenda. The item will be brought back at a future meeting. No action was taken at this time. See discussion at the end of council reports.

G-2 PERSONNEL EVALUATION--Pursuant to Government Code §54957  
Position: City Administrator

G-3 Closed Session Report – City Attorney

See notes under item G-1.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Poythress at 7:17 p.m.

### **CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN**

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

  
SONIA ALVAREZ, City Clerk

  
ROBERT L. POYTHRESS, Mayor

