

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2021**

A closed session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:35 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Barbara Sally, Frankie Alves, Steve Garver, Dave Hails, and Justin Mills

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, Shonna Oneal

A. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Sally called the closed session to order at 6:35 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Sally requested those who wish to speak on matters listed on the Closed Session Agenda to do so at this time.

There were no public comments presented.

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):

Mayor Sally adjourned to closed session at 6:35 p.m.

1. 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Negotiator: Adam Ennis
Employee Groups: All represented and unrepresented employees

A regular session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 7:10 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Barbara Sally, Frankie Alves, Steve Garver, Dave Hails, and Justin Mills

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, John Hall, Daymon Qualls, Rainbow Moore, Lisa Wallis-Dutra, Shonna Oneal, and Eekhong Franco

D. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any)

Mayor Sally called the regular session to order at 7:10 p.m. City Attorney Julia Lew advised there were no actions to report.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mayor Pro Tem Alves and an invocation was given by Pastor Jim Newman.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Sally requested those who wish to speak on matters that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Exeter Council, or to address or request a matter be pulled from the consent calendar to do so at this time. She also stated comments related to Individual Business or Public Hearing items that are listed on the agenda will be heard at the time that matter is addressed on the agenda.

Vicki Riddle addressed the Council to request an item be agendaized to have a legal review of the zoning ordinance pertaining to the downtown district because of concerns with a smoke shop on Pine Street.

Jacob Ortiz addressed the Council to express concerns with a smoke shop on Pine Street.

Jet Williams addressed the Council to express concerns with a smoke shop on Pine Street.

Robyn Stearns addressed the Council to express concerns with a smoke shop on Pine Street.

Heather Sanchez addressed the Council to express concerns with masking children and to ask parents be allowed to decide if their children should wear masks.

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G. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (if any): None

H. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Alves, seconded by Council Member Mills and unanimously carried that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

1. Approve regular minutes of July 27, 2021
2. Payment of the Bills
3. Payroll: July 23, 2021
4. Adopt Resolution 2021-16 correcting Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Salary Schedule for all Regular and Part-Time Employees, City Council Members, and Seasonal/Temporary Employees.
5. Update of COVID-19 status and review the need to continue the state of emergency established by Resolution 2020-12 due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) for another 60 days.

I. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **A Public Hearing to consider the following for a project on 9.85 acres located on the west side of Filbert just north of the Sequoia Drive intersection (APN 138-200-001): Introducing and giving first reading of Ordinance 698 Amending Title 17 – Zoning, of the Exeter Municipal Code, pre-zoning the subject territory from Tulare County’s AE-20 district to Exeter’s R-1-6 district; Adopting Resolution 2021-17, initiating Annexation of 9.85 acres into the City of Exeter, Smee Homes; and Adopting Resolution 2021–18, adopting the initial study and Negative Declaration prepared for the project pursuant to CEQA.** Assistant City Planner Tristian Suire provided a PowerPoint presentation for Council’s review and consideration. Mayor Sally opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m., and receiving no public comment, closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Mills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alves and unanimously carried to give first reading of Ordinance 698 Amending Title 17 – Zoning, of the Exeter Municipal Code, pre-zoning the subject territory from Tulare County’s AE-20 district to Exeter’s R-1-6 district, adopt Resolution 2021-17 and 2021-18 as presented. City Attorney Julia Lew read Ordinance 698 by title only.
2. **Discussion and consideration, as requested by Manuel Cunha Jr. with the Nisei Farmers League, to provide letters of support to California State Senators to expand the employee definition of the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 to include employees of packing houses and processing facilities under the definition of “Agricultural Labor or Services”.** City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a report for Council’s review and consideration. Vicki Riddle addressed the Council recommending that the Council take a comprehensive approach to the letters of support instead of a piecemeal approach. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Garver, seconded by Council Member Mills and unanimously carried to provide letters of support as requested with the following revisions: 1) Delete the 3rd paragraph, which begins with “Dreamers must not..” and ends with “almost all occupations”; 2.) Modify the last sentence of the letter by deleting, “and that legislation for Dreamers be passed concurrently”.

J. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mayor Pro Tem Alves reported on an upcoming TCAG meeting. Council Member Garver encouraged the City consider training some of the employees as certified arborists. The Council suggested an item be brought back at a later date regarding this type of job task. City Administrator Adam Ennis advised staff could review how that would fit into the changes in the Public Works structure. Council Member Mills reported on attending the National Night Out Event. Mayor Sally reported on attending National Night Out and the upcoming ambassador’s lunch.

K. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a brief update on City projects.

L. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Sally adjourned the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.