



EXETER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024, REGULAR MEETING
ACTION MINUTES
Closed Session – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.
137 North "F" Street, Exeter, California 93221

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Adam Ennis

MAYOR
Frankie Alves

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Daymon Qualls

CHIEF OF POLICE
John Hall

MAYOR PRO TEM
Justin Mills

CITY ATTORNEY
Julia Lew

FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY
TREASURER
Eekhong Franco

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Jacob Johnson
Vicki Riddle

CITY PLANNER
Greg Collins

CITY CLERK
Francesca Quintana

Barbara Sally

CITY ENGINEER
Martin Querin

DEPUTY CITY CLERK
Christina Arias

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A closed session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street in Exeter CA 93221.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frankie Alves, Justin Mills, Barbara Sally, Jacob Johnson, and Vicki Riddle.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, Christina Arias, ¹Chief John Hall

6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION

Mayor called the closed session to order at 6:00 p.m.

¹ Present only for closed session Item B.3.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

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

1. 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiations
Agency Negotiator: Shelline Bennett
Employee Groups: Exeter Police Officer's Association (EPOA)
2. 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiations
Agency Negotiator: Adam Ennis
Employee Groups: All represented and unrepresented employees
3. 54956.9(d)(4) Conference with Legal Counsel
Re: Potential Initiation of Litigation by the City: Two (2) cases

No public comments were presented.

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

Mayor Alves adjourned the closed session at 6:56 p.m.

A regular session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street in Exeter CA 93221.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frankie Alves, Justin Mills, Barbara Sally, Jacob Johnson, and Vicki Riddle.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, Chief John Hall, Daymon Qualls, and Christina Arias.

7:00 p.m. (or, immediately following Closed Session)

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

Mayor Alves called the regular session to order at 07:00 p.m. There was no reportable action out of closed session.

E. INVOCATION

Presented by Pastor Zoll

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member Riddle.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comment from Martha Tavares. Tavares addressed the Council to express concerns regarding her water usage and water bill amount.

Public comment from Sarkis Davidian. Davidian addressed the Council regarding potential unclaimed funds available through the State of California.

H. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (if any)

None.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ITEM I.1.

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

1. Approval of May 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes (pp. 4 – 8)
2. Payment of Bills (pp. 9 – 17)
3. May 10, 2024, Payroll (pp. 18 – 23)
4. Award and authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with West Valley Construction of Fresno, CA, in the amount of \$37,860.67 to install four (4) 1-inch service connections from an existing 6-inch water mainline to existing meter boxes and authorize a contingency amount of \$3,786.00 (10%) for potential unforeseen conditions (pp. 24 – 33)
5. Approval of Letter of Opposition for Assembly Bill No. 1886, as requested by the City Council to oppose California Assembly Bill (AB) No. 1886, an act to amend Sections 65585 and 65589.5 of the Government Code, relating to land use (pp. 34 – 41)
6. Approval of Letter of Opposition for Senate Bill No. 1037, as requested by the City Council to oppose California Senate Bill (SB) No. 1037, an act to add Section 65009.1 to the Government Code, relating to Housing (pp. 42 – 51)
7. Council authorization for the City Administrator to enter into a one-year agreement with Tulare County to provide emergency dispatch and communication services for \$135,705.00 (pp. 52 – 63)

Approval of Consent Calendar as presented							
1 st	2 nd	Result	ALVES	MILLS	RIDDLE	JOHNSON	SALLY
ALVES	MILLS	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Mayor Alves and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

J. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

Comments related to Individual Business and Public Hearing Items are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. The Mayor may reasonably limit or extend the public comment period to preserve the Council's interest in conducting efficient, orderly meetings.

1. Review and approval of the final Public Safety Task Force report (pp. 64 – 122)
Presented by Vicki Riddle, Council Member and Justin Mills, Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Alves opened the floor to public comment at 7:41 p.m. Pamela Whitmire addressed the council and expressed her interest in volunteering in the community, with no other public comments Mayor Alves closed public comment at 7:43 p.m.

Approval of the final Public Safety Task Force report as presented							
1 st	2 nd	Result	ALVES	MILLS	RIDDLE	JOHNSON	SALLY
ALVES	MILLS	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Mayor Alves and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills, that the final Public Safety Task Force report be approved as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of final Public Safety Task Force report recommendations be considered as permitted							
1 st	2 nd	Result	ALVES	MILLS	RIDDLE	JOHNSON	SALLY
ALVES	MILLS	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

ITEM I.1.

It was moved by Mayor Alves and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills, that all recommendations be considered as permitted in the upcoming budget. The motion carried 5-0.

- 2. Adoption of **Resolution 2024-11**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter granting a utility easement and right of way along portions of North Filbert Road to Southern California Edison Company, across and along certain real property related to the Yokohl Landing Development and authorizing the City Administrator to execute the agreement and any and all documents necessary to complete the easement transaction, subject to minor language modifications as determined necessary by the City Attorney. (pp. 123 – 131)
Presented by Daymon Quall, Public Works Director

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1 st	2 nd	Result	ALVES	MILLS	RIDDLE	JOHNSON	SALLY
MILLS	ALVES	(5-0)	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE	AYE

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and seconded by Mayor Alves to adopt Resolution 2024-11, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Exeter granting a utility easement and right of way along portions of North Filbert Road to Southern California Edison Company, across and along certain real property related to the Yokohl Landing Development and authorizing the City Administrator to execute the agreement and any and all documents necessary to complete the easement transaction, subject to minor language modifications as determined necessary by the City Attorney as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

K. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mayor Pro Tem Mills had no report.

Council Member Sally reported that she attended the Kaweah Water board meeting and informed on what the board is working on. Sally asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Rural Community Committee.

Council Member Johnson had no report.

Council Member Riddle thanked Police Chief John Hall and Public Works Director Daymon Qualls. Riddle reported she attended the TCAG meeting and provided an update on the SR65 project and discussed upcoming events through the Chamber of Commerce and CACHE. Riddle provided an update on Sequoia Shuttle.

Mayor Alves reported that soccer sign ups ended last Friday. Alves reported that the Senior Center and Library are cooling center locations.

L. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator Adam Ennis, Director of Public Works Daymon Qualls, Police Chief John Hall, and City Attorney Julia Lew provided a brief update on City and department related items.

M. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Alves adjourned the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.

ITEM I.1.

Prepared by:
Christina Arias, Deputy City Clerk