

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 7, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ashbeck **at 6:04**
Flag Salute led by Councilmember Basgall

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers, Basgall, Bessinger, Mouanoutoua, Pearce
Mayor Ashbeck

PRESENTATION – 6:04

6:04 – ITEM 1 - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:27

Jordan Hunter, Clovis Police Officers Association President, spoke in support of Measure Y.

Don Watnick with Centerstage Clovis Theater invited the Council to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, October 5-19, 2024.

Rosy Watkins, resident, addressed concerns with constant water in her gutters.

Neal Steller, resident, spoke regarding the U.S. Constitution to promote civic engagement and protect liberty.

Eric Rollins with Team America invited the Council to The Great American Freedom Revival, October 19, 2024, at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

Dy Hin, resident, addressed concerns related to issues to illegal sewer connection on his property.

Dr. Monica Chahal, interim President for Clovis Community College, invited the Council to Applied Technology Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 9, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:57

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Pearce, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved, including the waiver of the reading of the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Administration - Approved - Minutes for the September 16, 2024, Council Meeting.
3. Administration - Approved – Request from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for closure of a portion of Eighth Street to hold a small special event on October 13, 2024.
4. General Services – Approved – Waive Formal Bidding or Proposal Requirements and Authorize 60-month Leases of Copiers through Cooperative Purchase Contract between OMNIA Partners, Kyocera and Image 2000 for an Estimated Annual Cost of \$20,253.84.
5. General Services – Approved – **Res. 24-107**, Amending the City's FY 2024-2025 Position Allocation Plan by adding one (1) Construction Manager position within the Public Utilities Department.
6. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for CIP 23-11 Alley Improvements.
7. Planning and Development Services – Approved – Final Acceptance for Final Map Tract 6168, located at the northwest corner of Gettysburg and Leonard Avenues (Wilson Premier Homes, Inc.).
8. Planning and Development Services – Approved – **Res. 24-108**, Final Map Tract 6203 located on Thompson Avenue between Ashlan and Dakota Avenue (KB Home South Bay, Inc., a California corporation).
9. Planning and Development Services - Approved – **Res. 24-109**, Annexation of Proposed Tract 6203 located on Thompson Avenue between Ashlan and Dakota Avenue to the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 of the City of Clovis. (KB Home South Bay, Inc., a California corporation).

COUNCIL ITEMS – 6:18

6:18 ITEM 10 - APPROVED – APPOINTMENTS OF CITY OF CLOVIS YOUTH COMMISSION.

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Mouanoutoua abstained from the vote because his daughter was recommended for appointment as a youth commissioner.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Pearce. Motion carried by 4-0-0-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Mouanoutoua abstaining.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 6:57

6:57 ITEM 11 - APPROVED - RES. 24-110, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS DECLARING ITS INTENT TO INITIATE A TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION.

Eric Rollins, resident, spoke in opposition to the resolution to initiate and suggested that the Council pursue litigation instead of approving the resolution of intent.

Don Watnick, resident, spoke in opposition to the resolution to initiate and urged the Council to fight against the change.

Neal Steller, resident, spoke in opposition to the resolution to initiate and suggested that the Council reach out to the state to address the issue, with corrections anticipated by January 2025.

Jenny Krens, resident, expressed concerns about legal fees and questioned how Clovis could remain responsive and uphold the "Clovis Way of Life" under a district-based system.

Councilmember Pearce opposed Mr. Shankman's assertion that the City of Clovis lacks Latino representation and argued that the lawsuit is forcing the city to adopt district-based elections and disregards Clovis' inclusive history, and puts the city in a difficult financial position, making it impractical to fight in court despite strong reservations.

Councilmember Bessinger emphasized the benefit of Clovis' at-large election system, where residents have access to all five councilmembers rather than just one, ensuring that all parts of the city are represented. However, he acknowledged the legal and financial realities, and expressed frustration that the city cannot afford to fight a losing battle in court and therefore must adapt to district-based elections.

Councilmember Basgall stressed the responsibility of current and future elected officials to continue representing all residents of Clovis and pledge to uphold the "Clovis way of life," ensuring the city remains successful and united, regardless of district boundaries.

Mayor Pro Tem Mouanoutoua questioned the attorney for being more interested in financial gain than truly caring about minority representation and argued that Clovis residents, regardless of ethnicity, are capable of electing leaders based on shared values, not just racial or ethnic identity.

Mayor Ashbeck addressed the financial burden of potentially spending millions in a lawsuit the city is likely to lose, finding it insulting and impractical, given the city's long record of serving the community well through its current system.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Basgall. Motion carried by 4-1-0-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Mouanoutoua voting no.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 7:41

COUNCIL COMMENTS – 7:42

CLOSED SESSION – 7:51

ITEM 12 - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION ONE POTENTIAL CASE

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – 8:15

On a motion by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Basgall, and approved 5-0, the City Council approved an Extension Agreement with the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and its counsel, Kevin Shenkman, which provides a ninety (90) day extension of the deadline for the City to complete the map approval process and adopt an ordinance to complete the transition from at-large voting to district based voting for city council elections.

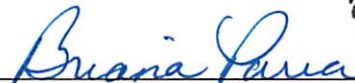
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ashbeck adjourned the meeting of the Council to October 14, 2024

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



RE: 3092 Dewolf Ave

Received

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ADMIN/CITYMGR

From: Thad Avery (thada@clovisca.gov)

To: clovisdonuts@aol.com

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 04:40 PM PDT

Dy,
I am getting back to you with an explanation as to why your fees are higher than your neighbor to the north of your property. The short answer is that you own a corner lot, your lot is slightly larger than your neighbors, and the fees went up since your neighbor paid.

- **Front Footage Fee:** You are required by the Clovis Municipal Code 6.4.03 to pay a front footage sewer charge for your street frontage. Since the School district installed the sewer in DeWolf and provided separate funding for the installation, you and your neighbor are not required to pay a front footage fee for DeWolf. You however are required to pay front footage on Swift Avenue because you also front on it and it was installed by a developer. The front footage cost is approximately \$9,000 of the difference between your neighbors fee and yours.
- **Oversize Sewer Fee:** The size of your lot is slightly larger than your neighbors, so your fee is slightly higher.
- **Increase in Fees:** The additional difference is because since the date that your neighbor paid their fees the fees themselves have increased.

The fee estimate given to you has been calculated per code and staff cannot find a reason that would be supported to lower the fees for your property connecting sewer service to the City system.

I will remind you of the attached email sent by Sean Smith that you have until Friday Sept. 13 of your decision on the method of payment.

Thad Avery, PE | City Engineer

City of Clovis | Engineering Division

p. 559.324.2356

thada@cityofclovis.com

From: Thad Avery

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 2:15 PM

To: 'clovisdonuts' <clovisdonuts@aol.com>

Subject: RE: 3092 Dewolf Ave

Nice meeting you Dy. I will get an explanation as to why there is a difference between your neighbors fees and yours. Can you tell me when the work was done on your sewer that let to being connected to the City?

Thad Avery, PE | City Engineer

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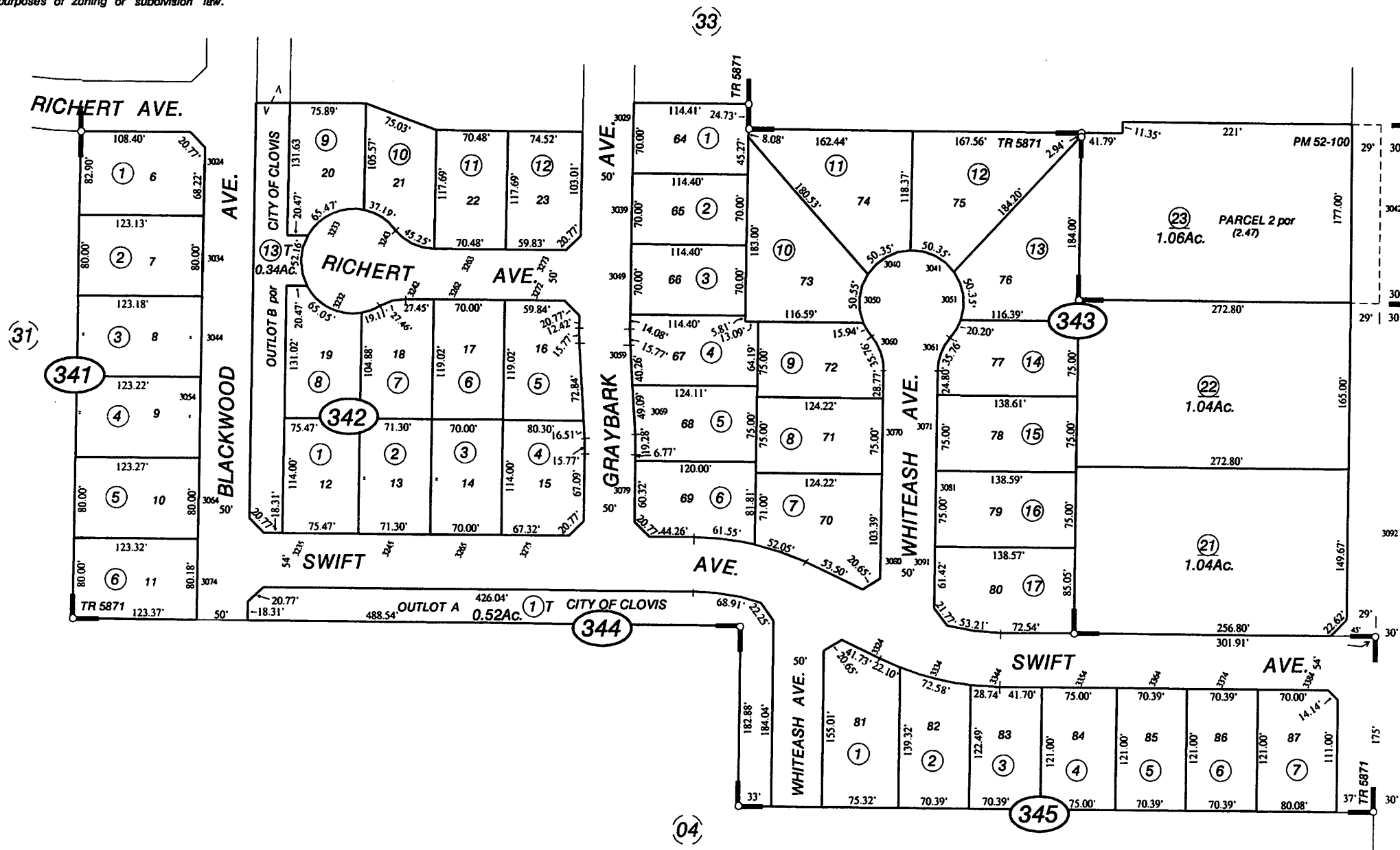
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SUBDIVIDED LAND IN POR. SEC.14, T.13S., R.21 E., M.D.B.&M.

Tax Rate Area
1-145

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This map is for Assessment purposes only.
It is not to be construed as portraying
legal ownership or divisions of land for
purposes of zoning or subdivision law.



Parcel Map No.7457 - Bk. 52, Pg. 100
Tract No. 5871 - Plat Bk. 83, Pgs. 52-54

Assessor's Map Bk. 555
County of Fresno, Ca.

NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses.
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.





1 Acres

3072 De Wolf Ave, Clovis, CA 93619

Off market

Zestimate®: None ?

Rent Zestimate®: **\$2,894**

2024 assessed: **\$1,175,914**

Est. refi payment: \$7,509/mo **Refinance your loan**

Home value

Owner tools

Home details

Neighborhood details

Price and tax history

Price history

Date	Event	Price
8/6/2020	Sold	\$260,000 +106.3% \$51/sqft
Source: Public Record Report		
12/22/2015	Sold	\$126,000 \$25/sqft



3 bd | 3 ba | 2,136 sqft

3092 De Wolf Ave, Clovis, CA 93619

Off market

Zestimate®: **\$581,600** | Rent Zestimate®: **\$2,194**

Est. refi payment: \$3,604/mo  **Refinance your loan**

Home value | Owner tools | Home details | Neighborhood details

Heating features: Forced air, Gas

Property

Parking

Total spaces: 6

Parking features: Garage - Attached

Property

Exterior features: Stucco

Construction

Type & style

Home type: MultiFamily

Material information

Lot

Lot size: 1.04 Acres

Other property information

Parcel number: 55534321

Condition

Year built: 1968



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