

CLOVIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mouanoutoua **at 6:01**

Flag Salute led by Councilmember Bessinger

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

Councilmember Bessinger requested a moment of silence to honor Tony Guerrero, a retired Sanger police officer and respected Clovis community member who recently passed away.

PUBLIC HEARING – Item to be heard at 6:05 p.m.

6:05 ITEM 1 - RECEIVE AND FILE - INFORMATION FROM THIRD PUBLIC HEARING IN CITY'S TRANSITION TO DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS.

Brian Wilson, resident, inquired whether council members must live in their respective districts.

Josh Angle, resident, expressed support for districting, emphasizing that it would provide better representation and ensure that smaller communities feel heard, and suggested that a five-district model would be the most effective.

Eric Rollin, resident, advocated for a five-district system with a rotating mayor, highlighting the importance of balanced representation.

Steven Trevino, resident, asked for clarification on how the Council's roles might change with elected by district representation.

Molly Allan, resident, expressed her appreciation for the City and its at-large system, noting that she values having multiple council members to address issues rather than relying on one district representative.

Susan Patterson, resident, voiced support for a five-district model with a rotating mayor but raised concerns about the socioeconomic balance within the proposed districts.

The Council provided direction to move forward with five districts and a rotating mayor. The Council recommended eliminating the 400-series maps and focus on refining the 500-series maps, particularly Map 503, which has the lowest population deviation. The Council also encouraged additional outreach and public input on the proposed maps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:04

Councilmember Bessinger noted for the record a written public comment from Dave DiPalma, who commended the City for its prompt resolution of a traffic sign issue, highlighting the City's dedication to responsive governance.

Patty Cassio, a resident, extended an invitation to the Council for the Annual Fresno Clovis Prayer Breakfast, featuring keynote speaker Dallas Jenkins.

CONSENT CALENDAR – 6:55

Upon call, there was no public comment.

Motion by Councilmember Bessinger, seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Administration - Approval - Minutes from the January 13, 2025, Council Meeting.
3. General Services - Approval – **Res. 25-04**, Authorizing Amendments to the City's Classification and Compensation Plans to Adopt the Police Records Specialist I Classification with a Salary Range of \$4,790 to \$5,823 per month, Police Records Specialist II Classification with a Salary Range of \$5,292 to \$6,433 per month and the Senior Police Records Specialist Classification with a Salary Range of \$5,878 to \$7,145 per month and Approval – **Res. 25-05**, Amending the City's FY 24-25 Position Allocation Plan to Delete Seven (7) Principal Office Assistant Positions and Two (2) Administrative Assistant Positions, and adding Seven (7) Police Records Specialist I Positions and Two (2) Senior Police Records Specialist Positions within the Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:56

- 6:56 ITEM 4 - CONSIDER VARIOUS ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH APPROXIMATELY 201 ACRES ON THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH MINNEWAWA AVENUE, BETWEEN EAST BEHYMER AND SHEPHERD AVENUES. MULTIPLE, OWNERS; LENNAR HOMES, APPLICANT; YAMABE & HORN ENGINEERING INC., REPRESENTATIVE.

Steven Trevino, resident, expressed frustration about the concerns regarding toters and narrow alleyways.

Rose Coughlin, resident, discussed the challenges faced by renters, particularly in paying high rents and dealing with issues like inadequate living conditions and lack of amenities.

Molly Allan, resident, addressed concerns regarding parking and toter placement.

The Council raised concerns about the placement of toters, narrow alleyways, park space, and the lack of outdoor areas for children to play. They emphasized the importance of properly vetting developments to ensure they include amenities such as shade structures

in parks. The Council also suggested informing developers about connections early to avoid delays.

4A. CONSIDER APPROVAL - **RES. 25-06**, TM6375, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP FOR A 385-LOT SINGLE-FAMILY PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 58.9 ACRES OF LAND.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Basgall.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4B. CONSIDER APPROVAL - **RES. 25-07**, PDP2024-001, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR A 385-LOT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Basgall.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4C. CONSIDER APPROVAL - **RES. 25-08**, RO310, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE SHEPHERD-MINNEWAWA NORTHEAST REORGANIZATION AREA (APPROXIMATELY 201 ACRES).

Motion for approval by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Basgall.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7:30 ITEM 5- CONSIDER INTRODUCTION – ORD. 25-___, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 24-16 AMENDING SECTION 2.1.01 OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 2 OF THE CLOVIS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING DAY AND TIME ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024. (CONTINUED FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2025).

Steven Trevino, resident, supports Monday meetings and recommends better agenda management.

Council discussion centered around supporting the return of Council meetings to Monday nights, with an emphasis on better agenda management. However, Mayor Pro Tem Pearce advocated for keeping the meetings on Tuesday to better support City staff and benefit residents.

City Attorney Cross pointed out that, due to the 30-day period for the repeal of the ordinance, the meetings will remain on Tuesday nights for February with the first Monday meeting to occur in March. The Council asked staff to assist with notifying the public due the schedule changes.

Motion for approval by Councilmember Ashbeck, seconded by Councilmember Basgall. Motion carried by 3-2 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Pearce and Councilmember Bessinger voting no.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – 7:39

7:39 ITEM 6- UPDATE COUNCIL ON THE PLAN TO IMPROVE THE AREA ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ASHLAN AVENUE JUST WEST OF LEONARD AVENUE WITH MISSING SIDEWALK.

Rose Coughlin, resident, focused on the possibility of using funds from a lawsuit settlement with Shell to finance safety-related infrastructure projects, such as sidewalk improvements, and whether hiring outside engineers could help expedite these projects.

The Council expressed frustration with the five-year timeline for completing a sidewalk project, emphasizing the importance of the Safe Routes to School program and its funding. They suggested contracting with a group of engineers to handle simpler projects like the sidewalks to avoid delays and urged staff to find ways to expedite the process.

7:51 ITEM 7 - CONSIDER AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON FUTURE 2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO REACH THE GOALS OF MEASURE Y AND THE 2025-2026 BUDGET PROCESS.

Eric Rollins, resident, emphasized the need for transparency and a citizen oversight committee for Measure Y funds, expressing concern that the tax wasn't designated specifically for police and fire services.

Patty Cassio, resident, praised the City's community outreach for Measure Y and emphasized the importance of the transparency and citizen oversight committee in ensuring accountability.

Rose Coughlin, resident, thanked City Manager or his respectful and responsive leadership, which contributed to her decision to remain in Clovis.

The Council directed staff to create a clear and separate line item for Measure Y funds in the budget to ensure transparency and accountability. The Council directed staff to look into creating a Citizen Oversight Committee for Measure Y, which should be included in the ordinance amendment. Staff was instructed to explore best practices for structuring the committee, including potential models from other entities, such as the school district, to ensure it operates effectively and transparently. The Council emphasized the importance of early engagement in the budget process and requested earlier discussions with departments regarding their needs and priorities. Specifically, staff was asked to present the five biggest vulnerabilities from each department, with a focus on public safety, including police and fire, as part of the budget presentation.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS – 8:51

City Manager Haussler reported that the Measure C Sales Tax Renewal Committee is being formed with applications due by January 31, 2025, the City Council will be asked to appoint a member to the committee in February, and Fire Station 2 has been reconstructed and will be operational by the end of the month with a celebration planned in the coming month.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - 8:52

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to bring back a report or update on the Historical Preservation Commission to provide an overview of the current status and allow for further direction if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mouanoutoua adjourned the meeting of the Council to February 4, 2025.

Meeting adjourned: 8:59 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk



Rebecca Simonian

From: dbdsoulcare <dbdsoulcare@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 2:19 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: [External] Great Job !

I want to send the biggest "great job" possible to some folks that helped with what I viewed as a possible traffic issue.

A 'one way' sign was recently placed in the median at Temperance going south at Deauville Circle. But it was placed at an angle where traffic going north(on Temperance,turning into the development), could not see oncoming traffic.

So I called the office (324-2060) and was totally surprised that the phone was picked up on the first ring, by a real human person (not a robot or AI), who was very friendly, professional, and efficient. She took my complaint and passed it on to the utilities department.

I was further surprised that ***by the end of the day***, the problem had been corrected, the ' one way' sign was now turned to allow vision to northbound traffic.

In a world where most phone calls are answered by an automated response saying that your call is very important and then you wait 15 or more minutes before a human speaks to you, the response of the lady who answered my call was amazing. And then the utilities department corrected the problem on the very same day. My thanks for doing a great job. And just another reason why right minded people leave Fresno for Clovis !

Dave DiPalma
1656 N. Holly Ave
Clovis , Ca., 93619

PS: I believe my phone call was made on Monday or Tuesday,
January 13 or 14, around noon.

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Dave DiPalma, MA

*Retired Chaplain,
at Community Regional Medical Center *

**Item 4 Public Comment
January 21, 2025**

Rebecca Simonian

From: City of Clovis Website <wp-donotreply@ci.clovis.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 1:18 PM
To: Andrew Haussler; Rebecca Simonian; Briana Parra
Subject: [External] Public Comment for City Council

Council Meeting Date: 2025-01-21

Item Number (put "0" if your comment is regarding an item not on the agenda): 4

Full Name: Rachel Youdelman

Email: rachel27@berkeley.edu

Comment: Before you approve yet another new luxury-housing development, please tell us how you will plan for corresponding increased public-safety infrastructure needs. As a member of the recent citizens' advisory committee on police staffing, I pointed out that the city appears to have long neglected such planning, resulting in the current critical shortage of sworn officers and the elimination of pro-active crime-prevention programs. Is the city continuing this pattern of neglect? Please don't fail to make public-safety infrastructure planning a component of housing development.

Supporting Files (2 Max.):

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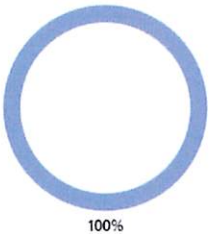
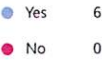
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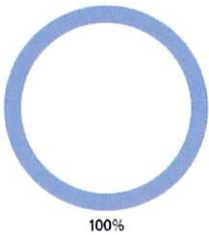
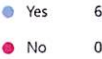
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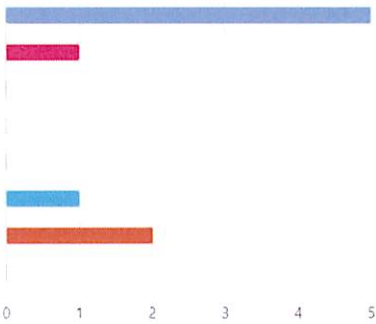
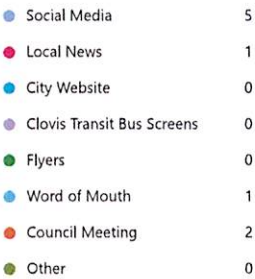
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2. Are you eligible to vote in Clovis?

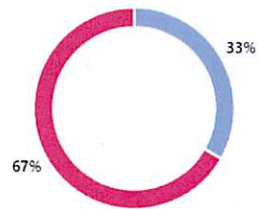


3. How did you hear about the City's transition from at-large to district elections? You can select multiple options, if applicable.



4. The Clovis City Council is considering five districts with a Council-appointed mayor or four districts with an at-large elected mayor. Which would you prefer?

● Five Districts with a Council-Appointed Mayor	2
● Four Districts with an At-Large Elected Mayor	4
● No Preference	0



5. What feedback or comments, if any, would you like to share with the Clovis City Council about the transition from at-large to district elections?

2
Responses

Latest Responses

"I support the transition to district-based elections. The city is too populous for at-..."

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6. OPTIONAL: Name and Email Address

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Responses

Latest Responses

"Rachel Youdelman, rachel27@berkeley.edu"

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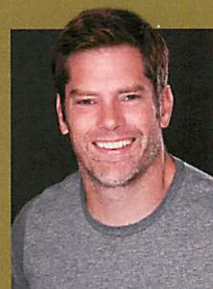


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\$500

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DALLAS JENKINS



Dallas Jenkins is the creator, producer, director, and writer of the international hit series *The Chosen*. He launched his career producing the independent feature *Hometown Legend* at

the age of 25 and shepherded it to distribution by Warner Brothers. In the nearly 20 years since then, he has directed and produced over a dozen feature and short films for companies such as Universal, Pureflix, Hallmark Channel, and Amazon. Most recently, he directed *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, for release from Lionsgate nationwide in November of 2024.

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