



# CITY *of* CLOVIS

## AGENDA • CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### **REVISED**

➡ Denotes Revisions

March 23, 2022

6:00 PM

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#### **WebEx Participation**

Members of the public will be able to make verbal comments via WebEx by using the raise hand function or by messaging the Host to join the queue to speak. Participants wishing to make a verbal comment via WebEx will need to ensure that they accessed the meeting with audio transmission capabilities.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Approve Minutes from the March 9, 2022, Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

**REGULAR AGENDA** – Regular Agenda Items are matters on the Citizens' Advisory Committee Agenda which are open to public for comments. Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment on each individual item. Public comments will be heard after the presentation of an item and before the Committee take an action.

2. Consider Approval – CAC Res. 22-03, A Resolution of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the City of Clovis Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing for Committee Meetings During Declared State of Emergency in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (AB 361).

3. Receive and File – Citizens’ Advisory Committee Survey Results. Presentation by Assistant City Manager, Andy Haussler.
- ➡ 4. Citizens’ Advisory Committee discussion/action on recommendations led by Chair Chris Casado and Vice-Chair Greg Newman.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

<b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b>		
April 6, 2022 (Wed.)	6:00 P.M.	CHSU Alluvial Campus
April 20, 2022 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. due to Spring Break)	6:00 P.M.	CHSU Alluvial Campus
May 4, 2022 (Wed.)	6:00 P.M.	CHSU Alluvial Campus

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 9, 2022**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CHSU**

6:04 – Meeting called to order by Chair Chris Casado  
Flag Salute

6:04 – Roll Call

Present: Chair Chris Casado, Vice-Chair Greg Newman, Stephanie Babb, Karen Bak, Adriana Boyajian, Stacey Brinkley, Lauren Butler, Karen Chisum, Noha Elbaz, Elba Gomez, Thomas Klose, Drew Mosher, Diane Pearce, David Samarco, LaDonna Snow, Woua Vang, Jim Verros, Jay Virk, Rachel Youdelman, Blake Zante

Absent: Enrique Avila, Eulalio Gomez, Kintutu Kilabi, Chris Milton, Jacob Ulam

**OPENING BUSINESS**

6:04 – ITEM 1. APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2022, CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion for approval by Stacey Brinkley, seconded by Jim Verros. Motion carried 20-0-5 with Enrique Avila, Eulalio Gomez, Kintutu Kilabi, Chris Milton, Jacob Ulam absent.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

6:06 – ITEM 2. PANEL DISCUSSION WITH POLICE CHIEF CURT FLEMING, FINANCE DIRECTOR JAY SCHENGEL, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ANDY HAUSSLER, AND STAFF FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Haussler, Police Chief Curt Fleming, and Finance Director Jay Schengel and City Attorney staff presented a panel discussion on recently asked questions by the CAC members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

7:40 – Larry Fuentes, resident, asked about the City's plans for tax revenues for this year and also inquired about a police radar or scanner application that could be available to the public.

7:53 – Brian Wilson, resident, inquired about the Fresno Measure P lawsuit and how the CAC might consider the ruling in the case.

7:57 – Larry Fuentes, resident, inquired about a police radar or scanner application that could be available to the public.

## **PRELIMINARY - SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Chris Casado adjourned the meeting of the CAC to March 23, 2022.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

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Chair

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City Clerk



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## REPORT TO CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Citizens' Advisory Committee

FROM: Administration

DATE: March 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Consider Approval – CAC Res. 22-03, A Resolution of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the City of Clovis Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing for Committee Meetings During Declared State of Emergency in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953 (AB 361).

ATTACHMENTS: 1. CAC Res. 22-03

### RECOMMENDATION

Consider approving the Resolution if there is a desire for Committee members to be able to attend Committee meetings via remote teleconferencing rather than all Committee members having to attend meetings in person. The Resolution contains the necessary findings to allow Committee members and members of the public to attend meetings via remote teleconferencing pursuant to AB 361 (Government Code Section 54953) without following typical Brown Act requirements for teleconference participation by members of a committee.

### BACKGROUND

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, and CAC meetings must be conducted in accordance with applicable Brown Act requirements. The Brown Act generally requires committee members to attend committee meetings in person but does offer a teleconferencing option if certain requirements are satisfied. Those typical requirements are as follows – a majority of the committee members must participate from locations within the City limits; each teleconference location must be identified on the agenda; the agenda must be posted at each teleconference location; each teleconference location must be accessible to the public so that members of the public can attend and participate from the remote teleconference location; and all votes must be by roll call.

Through a series of executive orders issued by the Governor after the initial COVID-19 emergency declaration in March 2020, the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act were relaxed so that local agency meetings, such as CAC meeting, could be conducted via

teleconference or internet-based services such as Zoom or Webex, and members could attend remotely without having to identify each remote location or open each remote location to members of the public. As a result, some agencies began conducting meetings entirely remote, others continued to have in-person meetings or operated a “hybrid” model with some members attending in person and others attending remotely.

The last of the executive orders relaxing the teleconferencing requirements for local agency meetings expired last September. In anticipation of that expiration, AB 361 was enacted in September as urgency legislation and became effective immediately. AB 361 amends the Brown Act and provides an option for local legislative bodies such as the CAC to continue holding meetings remotely without satisfying the typical Brown Act teleconferencing requirements.

Initial reliance on the relaxed teleconferencing requirements of AB 361 is allowed as follows: (1) the legislative body meeting is held during a proclaimed state of emergency; and (2) either of the following circumstances exist – (a) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or (b) the legislative body has determined by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees. (Gov. Code Section 54953(e)(1).) Both the Governor’s state of emergency declaration on March 4, 2020, and the City of Clovis’ declaration of local emergency issued on March 16, 2020, remain in place. Although State or Fresno County officials are not currently imposing or recommending social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the other finding - meeting in person would present imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees - could be made by the majority of the CAC if teleconferencing for CAC meetings is desired.

If the Resolution is approved and the AB 361 option is selected, CAC members may participate in meetings via teleconference or the internet-based service option without having to identify the remote location on the agenda or allowing the public to attend the meeting from the remote location. City staff will ensure that all necessary requirements are satisfied. However, it must be noted that if the AB 361 option is selected, and there is any disruption that prevents the CAC meeting from being broadcast (i.e. audio problems or teleconference line disconnection), or there is a disruption that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the CAC would be prohibited from taking any further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting is restored. This would mean that if there are technical difficulties which prevent the public from being able to call-in to offer comments, the CAC meeting would have to be stopped until the call-in feature is restored despite the fact many members of the CAC and members of the public may be attending in person.

Also, if the Resolution is approved, to continue with the relaxed teleconferencing requirements for CAC meetings, the CAC must make findings every 30 days that (1) it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and either (a) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, or (b) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. A simple “continuing” resolution could be prepared for this purpose and appear on future CAC meeting agendas for consideration.

The way CAC meetings will be conducted will provide the public with the ability to attend either in person or via teleconference or internet-based service and will comply with all applicable legal requirements. However, if the Resolution is not approved, Committee members must either attend CAC meetings in person or the typical Brown Act requirements for teleconference attendance by any Committee member must be followed. Those typical requirements are – a majority of the Committee must participate from locations within the City limits; each teleconference location must be identified on the agenda; the agenda must be posted at each teleconference location; each teleconference location must be accessible to the public so that the public can attend and participate from the remote teleconference location; and all votes must be by roll call.

While attending CAC meetings in person is an option, the proclaimed COVID-19 emergency is still in effect and there may be occasions when the emergency directly impacts the ability of Committee members to meet safely in person (i.e. when isolation or quarantining is required). As a result, the necessary AB 361 findings can be made, if desired.

#### **ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Staff will return next month for the CAC to consider reapproval of the resolution to continue offering remote teleconferencing option for CAC members and the public for another 30 days.

Prepared by: Scott Cross, City Attorney

Reviewed by: City Manager *SC*

## **CAC RESOLUTION NO. 22-03**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS AUTHORIZING CONTINUED USE OF REMOTE COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AB 361)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency in the State as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 20-20 approved by the Clovis City Council on March 16, 2020, the City Council declared a local emergency as a result of the threatened spread of COVID-19 in the City, surrounding areas, and the state; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, with the issuance of Executive Order N-29-20, the Governor suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other remote means; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which placed an end date of September 30, 2021, for agencies to meet remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 361 was enacted on September 16, 2021, enacting certain changes to the Brown Act for teleconferencing and remote participation at public meetings as set forth in Government Code Section 54953; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, has not been rescinded and the state of emergency remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has determined that teleconferencing from remote locations by the public and members of the Committee will not limit attendance or participation of members of the public or Committee members at Committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 26, 2022, the Committee approved CAC Resolution No. 22-01 authorizing remote teleconferencing for Committee meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 54953 as amended by AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 54953, as amended by AB 361, requires the Committee to make certain findings every 30 days after approving CAC Resolution No. 22-01 in order to continue with remote teleconferencing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Committee has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and finds that the following circumstance exist:

A. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public and Committee members to meet safely in person; and

2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately and a similar resolution shall be a standing item on Committee meeting agendas each month to reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and determine whether the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public or Committee members to meet safely in person, or whether state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, until the necessary findings required for continuing remote teleconferencing are no longer approved by the Committee.

\* \* \* \* \*

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly approved at a meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on March 23, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DATED: March 23, 2022

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Chair

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City Clerk



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## REPORT TO CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: Citizens' Advisory Committee  
FROM: Administration  
DATE: March 23, 2022  
SUBJECT: Receive and File – Citizens' Advisory Committee Survey Results.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. CAC Survey Form  
2. CAC Survey Results

### RECOMMENDATION

Receive and File the results of the Citizens' Advisory Committee Survey conducted between March 11th and March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to gauge Committee Members input on recommendations to be made to the Clovis City Council.

### BACKGROUND

On January 10, 2022 the Clovis City Council appointed 25 individuals to the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) to complete the following tasks:

#### Review:

- Services the City of Clovis Police Department provides with the existing staffing and funding
- Spending and staffing patterns within the Police Department over the past fifteen years

#### Evaluate:

- How has the City maintained the "Safest City in the Valley" position?
- Level of resources needed for Clovis to remain "Safest City in the Valley"

#### Report Recommendations to City Council:

- Spending and staffing in the Police Department
- Levels of service provided by the Police Department
- Level of resources needed for Clovis to remain "The Safest City in the Valley"

To accomplish this, City staff provided approximately 6 hours of presentations and answered over seventy written questions submitted by committee members. This allowed for the review and evaluation as described above. For the CAC to begin discussions on recommendations to City Council the Chair and Vice-chair developed a survey for CAC members to complete. The survey form is included as Attachment 1.

Results of the survey are summarized below, full results are included as Attachment 2.

Question #1: Name

*Total responses: 21 of the 25 CAC members completed the survey.*

Question #2:

2. Based on the information provided to the CAC over the past 4 meetings, do you feel the current Clovis Police Department staffing and funding is adequate for Clovis to remain the safest city in the Valley?

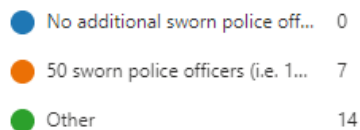
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Question #3:

3. One measurement of the level of service the Police Department can provide is the number of sworn police officers. In order to maintain the safest city in the valley status how many additional sworn police officers are needed over the next five years?

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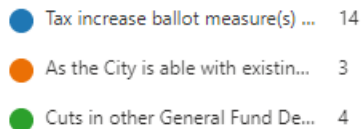


*"Other" responses have been included in Attachment 2*

**Question #4:**

4. If an increase in services and resources is pursued, how should this be paid for?

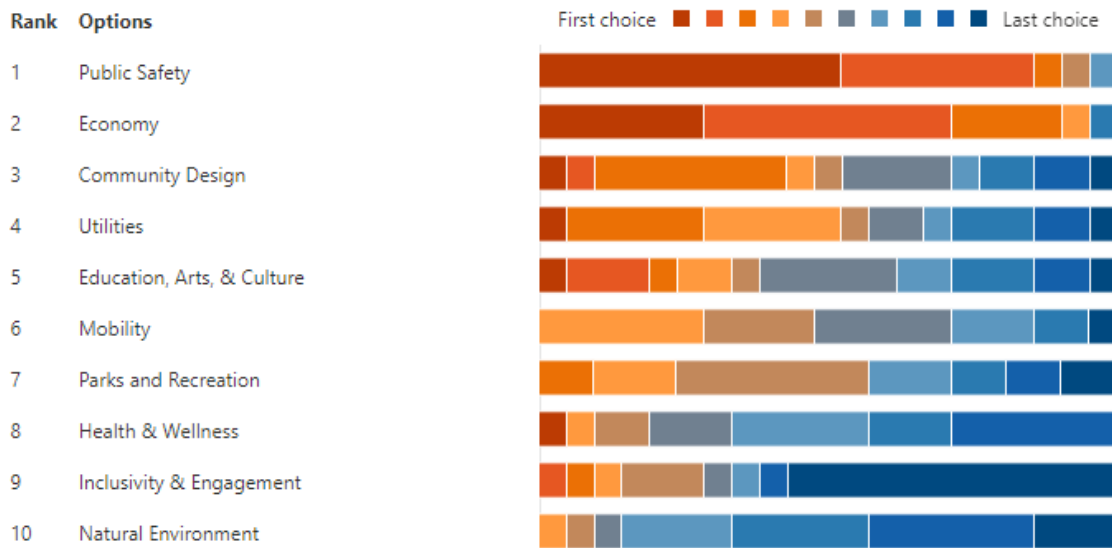
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**Question #5:**

5. The City Council asked one additional question "What kind of City do you want to live in?" The following items are commonly used by cities to prioritize categories of services. Please rank the importance of the following items (scale: 1 most important, 10 least important).

[More Details](#)



**Question #6: Other thoughts to be considered:**

*15 responses were received. Please see Attachment 2 for responses.*

**ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Staff will file the report.

Prepared by: Andrew Haussler, Assistant City Manager

Reviewed by: City Manager *JA*



## Police Citizens' Advisory Committee Survey

Thank you for being a member of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Police Department. The Clovis City Council has asked the group to review the department's operations and finances, analyze the need and operations of the department and provide recommendations to City Council on what is needed to keep Clovis the safest city in the valley. We have conducted 4 meetings sharing information with you to help your review and analysis of the department.

City Council has requested the following issues be analyzed and reported on:

- Spending and staffing in the Police Department
- Levels of service provided by the Police Department
- Level of resources needed for Clovis to remain "The Safest City in the Valley"
- How levels of service could be maintained or improved should some kind of tax measure be recommended

The Chair and vice-chair have asked for the following survey be conducted to get feedback on potential recommendations for City Council. The results of this survey will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

\* Required

1. Name: (Will not be shared with other members) \*

2. Based on the information provided to the CAC over the past 4 meetings, do you feel the current Clovis Police Department staffing and funding is adequate for Clovis to remain the safest city in the Valley? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. One measurement of the level of service the Police Department can provide is the number of sworn police officers. In order to maintain the safest city in the valley status how many additional sworn police officers are needed over the next five years? \*

☐ No additional sworn police officers

☐ 50 sworn police officers (i.e. 10 additional officers per a year over 5 years)

☐

Other

4. If an increase in services and resources is pursued, how should this be paid for? \*

☐ Tax increase ballot measure(s) to be determined by City Council

☐ As the City is able with existing revenues while maintaining other General Fund Departments

☐ Cuts in other General Fund Departments

5. The City Council asked one additional question "What kind of City do you want to live in?" The following items are commonly used by cities to prioritize categories of services. Please rank the importance of the following items (scale: 1 most important, 10 least important). \*

Economy

Mobility

Community Design

Utilities

Public Safety

Natural Environment

Parks and Recreation

Health & Wellness

Education, Arts, & Culture

Inclusivity & Engagement

6. Other thoughts to be considered:

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# ATTACHMENT 2

## Police Citizens' Advisory Committee Survey

21

Responses

38:11

Average time to complete

Active

Status

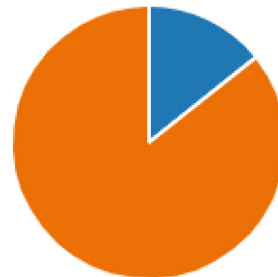
1. Name: (Will not be shared with other members)

21

Responses

2. Based on the information provided to the CAC over the past 4 meetings, do you feel the current Clovis Police Department staffing and funding is adequate for Clovis to remain the safest city in the Valley?

● Yes	3
● No	18



3. One measurement of the level of service the Police Department can provide is the number of sworn police officers. In order to maintain the safest city in the valley status how many additional sworn police officers are needed over the next five years?

● No additional sworn police off...	0
● 50 sworn police officers (i.e. 1...	7
● Other	14



### Question 3 "Other Responses"

- 1) 1 per 1200 residents seems adequate
- 2) 35
- 3) I think this answer is more complex than the two options above
- 4) 40
- 5) 30-40 officers
- 6) Backfill the openings CPD has and fill retirements before adding more
- 7) 7 additional officers per year over the next 5 years
- 8) A combination of sworn officers, community service officers and civilian if possible.
- 9) 25
- 10) 30 over 5 years
- 11) 55 (50 plus a safety of 10%)
- 12) 25 patrol officers for 5 years
- 13) 32 like the Chief recommended
- 14) 20



## Question 6 Responses:

- 1) - NON-CPOA HAS INCREASED 10% BETWEEN 2008 TO 2019 - POSSIBILITY OF DENSITY GOING UP (MORE RESIDENTS PER HOUSEHOLD DRIVING POPULATION) - FOCUSING ON THE HOT CALL AREAS AND REQUIRING THOSE AREAS TO HAVE SELF SECURITY (FOR USES EXCEPT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) - PROP 8 MADE AN IMPACT ON PROPERTY TAXES WHICH DECREASED VALUES BY HALF IF NOT MORE BECAUSE OF 2008 DOWNTURN WHICH IS FINALLY COMING BACK UP, SO PROPERTY TAX REVENUE SHOULD BE INCLINING FOR THE LAST 24 MONTHS, ESPECIALLY 2022 -COMMERCIAL GROWTH HAS BEEN MUCH SLOWER -OVERTIME IS AT 15% OF TOTAL LABOR, NORMALITY IS 3% IF OPERATING AS A BUSINESS -WE ARE LOOKING AT POSITIONS WHEN WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT HOURS NEEDED FOR COVERAGE OF NON SWORN AND NON ACTUAL POLICING ISSUES -UTILIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR LESS CRITICAL CALLS -PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN CLOVIS BUT NOT ALL WORKING IN CLOVIS. -EVERYONE WANTS TO LIVE IN CLOVIS, BUT IS EVERYONE SPENDING IN CLOVIS? NO MAJORITY GO ACROSS THE BOUNDARY TO FRESNO -NONCPOA EXPENSES NEED TO BE BROKEN DOWN AND REVIEWED IN DETAIL FOR FURTHER REVIEW (WILL DO THIS WEEK) WE NEED TO DO A COMBINATION OF ITEMS AND SCALE THEM FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS SO WE CAN CAPITALIZE ON THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER AND THROUGH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AS WELL. WE NEED TO KNOW WHICH MEASURES PASSED REALLY WELL DURING MIDTERMS TO GET A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RISK AND REWARD. -HOTELS CAN CHARGE \$2/NIGHT ADDITIONAL -INCREASE SALES TAX BY 1/2% -IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC ALLOWED TO DONATE TO THE CLOVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT? WHY NOT DO A FUNDRAISER? -PUSH COMMUNITY BASED MEASURE AS WELL -USER UTILITY TAX NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON CABLE, TELEPHONE & PGE - MAKE PERMITS FOR RENTAL HOMES NECESSARY AND CHARGE A FEE FOR IT -AIR BNB NEEDS TO BE VAXXED OUT AND FOCUS ON HOTELS TO CREATE OCCUPANCY TAX IN CONCLUSION: IT HAS TO BE A MIXTURE - REVALUATE CURRENT EXPENSES/CONTRACTS/LABOR MODELS, REDUCE OVERTIME SIGNIFICANTLY, HAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKE ON SOME OF THE MINOR ISSUES, MIXTURE OF TAXES, UUT, OCCUPANCY TAX NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.
- 2) I'm unsure about raising taxes to fund additional police salaries, but maybe that's the only way to do it. We did not discuss cuts to other departments, so I don't know what is expendable; nor did we discuss shuffling funds around. I am not opposed to raising taxes, but I don't think we exhausted discussion of other means of raising revenue for this purpose. I do think that investing in public safety should be a priority of city government and that it should be done thoughtfully--we need to integrate civilians into policing positions as appropriate, make policing community-based, and be pro-active rather than reactive. As Chief Fleming has said, "civilianizing" the police force is a major factor in the success of the Clovis department. Other points I think about in answer to Councilmember Ashbeck's question re what kind of city we want to live in: • Reliable, 24/7 animal-control • City should always be safe for walking • City planning and real-estate development should entail public-safety planning, including increased policing staff and accounting for additional police salaries--I have heard the blame placed on the "state" which if true still makes no sense • City should be safe for package & mail delivery • Public parks should be accessible, well maintained, and playground equipment for children safe and upgraded as needed • Housing and city services should be affordable • City should welcome a range of businesses and plan for sustainable development • City planning and services should focus on environmental sustainability • City should administer public-health initiatives—Clovis could have been more supportive during pandemic when City Council put public health at risk by resisting common-sense stay-at-home orders • Residents should feel safe and secure in their own homes • Education should be a priority for children as should continuing education for adults • All residents should feel welcomed and included in city life • "Quality of life" issues/need dedicated code-enforcement staff • Library services are great—don't skimp here • Community-based policing: preventive programs for youth, families, couples—would like to see these services restored, staffed by civilians as appropriate •

Improved public transportation—free is great! Need more routes, frequency • City councils should be elected by district • More CSOs, mental-health staff in police dept positions where sworn officers not necessary • Respond to homelessness with a plan to serve the homeless rather than “abate” them like mosquitoes

- 3) Question #4: Doesn't give enough options. It should be a combination of the three. I strongly agree that the PD needs additional funds and more officers, however I feel in order to continue to be “the safest city in the valley” there needs to be more than just funding. We must have a program that is structured to educate, care for, and support the department officers & staff. We need to ensure that the officers we invest in stay long term in a productive and safe environment. In addition, we need to bring back the pro-active community programs that promote and support the safety of its citizens. Unfortunately, the climate of law enforcement and the support from citizens has changed across the country, and for the first time, finding qualified candidates who are interested in this profession is more challenging than its ever been. This is why it is vital to implement a well rounded program that is innovative, competitive, and appropriately funded.
- 4) I believe that if the City Administration is doing a good job of attracting a good, hard working, tax base to the city, the Police Department's job of keeping the community safe is made easier. Likewise, if the Police Department is healthy, strong, and effective, then the City Admin's job of attracting good people to the city is, in turn, made easier. Together, Public Safety and the civil engineering are dependent upon each other. If one starts to fail, so too will the other. That said, it's important that we keep the Police Department strong and effective, despite the ever expanding, state related, expenses under which it suffers, and over which Chief Fleming has no control.
- 5) The City of Clovis has done a great job in keeping up the Clovis Way of Life/Safest City in the Valley along with the growth of our city. I do feel that more sworn officers are needed as crime in our city seems to be increasing. I would like to see some of our programs brought back. I would like to city to figure out how to add officers without raising taxes. If a tax increase is the only option then I would support a general sales tax increase for public safety and let the city manager and city council allocate the funds to the areas in most need.
- 6) It appears the police funding issue has not been properly addressed by the City. The Chief must get the funding he is requesting, otherwise, crime will continue to increase and Clovis will NOT be a safe city. The growth has increased way too fast and the police department has not increased/added officers/staff and that is not acceptable.
- 7) In order for Clovis to remain the safest city in the valley, the citizens must be willing to support it financially and if it means an increase in sales tax, it is something to seriously consider! It worked in Sanger and has been voted in by the citizens a second to, but it supports police and fire.
- 8) A specific bond measure would not be ideal because we would be ignoring other areas that have been part of Clovis' way of life (parks, recreation, walking trails, community design). After awhile the citizens would be tired of having an additional tax included with their property tax. If anything happens to the real estate market (like 2008), generating funds would be difficult. Perhaps by increasing the city's sales tax would be beneficial. Especially if an increase in business activity occurs that citizens of Clovis and outside of Clovis encourage them to spend their money in Clovis. As mentioned in the last meeting, citizens for the City of Fowler had on their ballot the following: "To generate approximately \$953,000 annually to build a new police station and restore or replace out-of-date police equipment.

Revenues will also be used to fix city streets needing repair and to pay escalating pension obligations and other general fund obligations, with the remainder going to a reserve account." It seems this measure addressed their public safety needs while maintaining other aspects for Clovis (street repair, park maintenance and city enhancements) and enhanced their "rainy day fund". This sales tax increase would be a long term fix (in perpetuity) as opposed to the short term (5 years).

- 9) That the increased costs/needs be spread in ratio by the groups that are requiring the most to least amount of police services.
- 10) Increasingly I am concerned with what appears to be uncontrolled growth in Clovis. Every direction you look, we have more homes and apartments being built yet the infrastructure of safety and education seem an afterthought. Schools are overcrowded and we have fewer officers then we had in years past for more residents. My concern is temporary tax measures are a bandaid to years of poor decision making.
- 11) Question # 4 is very difficult to answer in that as a city the City Council has to consider all three ways to ensure the safety of this city using all the means of raising the necessary monies to provide the CPD adequate funding to do its job properly. I believe taxes is something we all must be willing to expect to rise but at the same time being caution to use what we have to its fullest potential without misuse of any monies for "pet" projects or "feel good" projects. These last two projects can be paid by those personally requesting these and not a burden on the rest of the community. I don't want for the further expansion of Clovis to be the cause of further deterioration of the older residential communities as I have experience over the 34 years of living in the Tarpey Village Community of Clovis. I have seen a relaxation of city enforcement of residential city laws. Community patrolling has been down in our area and has not kept up with how residents are keeping up with the Clovis housing requirements. I am referring to more evidence of: 1) parked, unmoved cars on the curbs or driveways to include recreational boats; 2) overgrown dry grass around the houses creating fire hazards and giving the community a neglected appearance; 3) residents putting out the trash for community clean-up weeks before the actual time frame; 3) big mobile trailers parked in front of residential homes; and 4) more and more drivers disregarding the courtesy of safe driving practices (not coming to a complete stop and running more and more red lights). For this reasons alone I strongly urge that the CPD be included in any residential expansion before giving any developer the go ahead to built more and more housing. Which brings me to another personal observation: these new homes are built bigger but on less area equating to a more concentration of housing and thus population thereby increasing the chances of more unstable communities.
- 12) We need some sort of metric in place that accounts for increases in the needs of the Police Department as the city grows. I understand there isn't one set way to plan for that, but there is a good reason why our Fire Department isn't in the same boat as police...the city plans ahead with each new development. I'll take a B+ metric over the non-existent one we currently have. Also, we know there are certain areas (hospitals, potentially the new Social Services building, and low-income housing) that see higher numbers of calls for service. It would make sense that impact fees are commensurate with that, however, affordable housing projects (like Solivita Commons at Willow and Alluvial) pay lower impact fees even though they demand more services. Sacramento's onerous housing regulations and mandates are harming Clovis. Our city is in a position of having no good options because we didn't plan ahead well enough and now the need is too great for any reasonable solution. With the economy in the tank, I can't support a tax because it is doomed at the ballot box. I can't support a bond measure because it is bad business to borrow for operating costs.

13) Everyone should pay towards the Public Safety of Clovis with no exception.

14) None of the suggested options to pay for the additional officers will achieve what is needed, or will pass a 2/3rds threshold by the voters. A bond is never a good idea when it comes a depreciating asset or operational cost. A discussion with outside groups to gather signatures and place on ballot needs to happen.

15) Another tax would be voted down. With inflation on the rise, everything is costing the citizens of clovis more money. I don't think this is the time to raise taxes on the citizens of Clovis.