

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2006**

Mayor Simonian called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 4:20 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Simonian, Shaw, Aguayo
Councilmembers absent: Cardenas, Nagata

City staff present: City Manager Elias, Police Chief Jamgochian, Administrative Assistant Mukai, Finance Director Wong, City Attorney Wolfe, Volunteer Fire Fighter Manuel Lopez

CONSIDER APPROVING PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK

City Manager Elias stated that staff had just been made aware that a fully equipped, used fire truck in excellent condition had become available for purchase, in the amount of \$40,000, from Fresno County. The truck had been used for the Fig Garden Fire Protection District. He noted that it would be an ideal opportunity to replace the City's old 1970 fire engine. He added that since there were other cities interested in the truck, a decision would need to be made quickly. With the purchase of this truck, the City would have all of the updated equipment necessary to fully protect the City. He said that he had spoken with the two absent Councilmembers about the opportunity, and they had conveyed support for the purchase. Volunteer Firefighter Manuel Lopez then reported on some of the features of the fire truck.

After a discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Shaw made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Aguayo, to approve the purchase of the fire truck from Fresno County in the amount of \$40,000, plus additional costs for tax, license, registration, and any other related fees necessary to make it operable. The motion carried on a 3-0-2 roll call vote, with Councilmembers Cardenas and Nagata absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Aguayo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Shaw. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:55 p.m.