



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

January 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Castro at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Rolando Castro, Councilors Victor Martinez, Jesus Mendoza and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Councilor Martinez

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

1. Adjustments to Agenda.

Acting City Clerk Lekumberry requested the following adjustments to the agenda under the presentation section of the agenda:

- a) Replacement of presentation item 1 with "Award Presentation to Officer Jimenez"
- b) Switch in the order of presentation items 2 and 3

2. Adoption of final Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Martinez to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

SWEARING IN

1. Acting City Clerk Lekumberry to swear in Officer Gerardo Galaviz.

Acting City Clerk Lekumberry administered the Oath of Office to Officer Gerardo Galaviz.

Chief Andreotti introduced Officer Galaviz.

Officer Galaviz thanked the Council for welcoming him and for the opportunity. The Council thanked Officer Galaviz for choosing to come to the City of Mendota.

PRESENTATION

~~1. Council to honor Robert Silva for his service.~~

1. Award Presentation to Officer Jimenez.

Chief of Police Andreotti presented Officer Jimenez the California Highway Patrol 10851 Award.

The Council thanked Officer Jimenez.

2. Chief of Police Andreotti to present the Mendota Police Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Police Records Manager Ophelia Lugo.

Chief of Police Andreotti presented the Mendota Police Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Police Records Manager Ophelia Lugo and read the commendation into the record.

The Council congratulated Mrs. Lugo and thanked her for her hard work.

Mrs. Lugo thanked the staff and Council.

~~2. Public Works Superintendent Bautista to present the Mendota Public Works Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Maintenance Worker I Gabriel Llanos.~~

~~3. Chief of Police Andreotti to present the Mendota Police Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Police Records Manager Ophelia Lugo.~~

3. Public Works Superintendent Bautista to present the Mendota Public Works Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Maintenance Worker I Gabriel Llanos.

Public Works Superintendent Bautista presented the Mendota Public Works Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Gabriel Llanos.

The Council congratulated Mr. Llanos.

Mr. Llanos thanked the staff and Council.

4. City Manager Gonzalez to present the Mendota City Administration Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Finance Officer Nancy Diaz.

City Manager Gonzalez presented the Mendota City Administration Department's 2019 Employee of the Year award to Nancy Diaz.

The Council congratulated Mrs. Diaz.
Mrs. Diaz. thanked the staff and Council.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

1. Acting City Clerk Lekumberry to conduct City Council reorganization proceedings and accept nominations for the following offices:
 - a) Mayor
 - b) Mayor Pro Tem

Acting City Clerk Lekumberry opened the nomination period for the office of Mayor.

A motion was made by Councilor Martinez to nominate Councilor Castro for the office of Mayor, seconded by Councilor Mendoza.

Acting City Clerk Lekumberry announced that there would be a roll call vote, and requested that each Councilor say the name of the nominee they are voting for when their name is announced.

Roll call vote:

Councilor Martinez: Rolando Castro; Councilor Mendoza: Rolando Castro; Councilor Rosales: Rolando Castro; Councilor Castro: Rolando Castro.

Based on a vote of 4 ayes, Councilor Castro was elected to serve as Mayor.

Acting City Clerk Lekumberry opened the nomination period for the office of Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion was made by Mayor Castro to nominate Councilor Martinez for the office of Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilor Mendoza.

Acting City Clerk Lekumberry announced that there would be a roll call vote, and requested that each Councilor say the name of the nominee they are voting for when their name is announced.

Roll call vote:

Mayor Castro: Victor Martinez; Councilor Martinez: Victor Martinez; Councilor Mendoza: Victor Martinez; Councilor Rosales: Victor Martinez.

Based on a vote of 4 ayes, Councilor Martinez was elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Ana Arias from the Fresno County office of Education- introduced herself and her role in promoting the Census 2020 to communities and how she will be attending different sites and providing outreach efforts.

Kevin Romero– provided an update on Mendota High School sports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 10, 2019.
2. Notice of waiving of the reading of all resolutions and/or ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve item 1, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. DECEMBER 11, 2019 THROUGH JANUARY 9, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 46205 THROUGH 46334
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$758,587.82

Joseph Riofrio inquired about the amount of the warrant list and Mayor Castro responded.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve item 1, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-01**, acknowledging receipt of the annual audit of City funds.

Mayor Castro introduced the item. Josh Giosa with Price, Paige, and Company presented information regarding the financial statements for fiscal year 2018-2019 including background information of the firm; the firm's engagement management team; the audit process; the various audit areas of emphasis for the City; the auditor's report on financial statements stating an unmodified opinion; key financial statement items on various pages throughout the report; the government auditing standards report stating that there are no significant deficiencies in internal control and compliance.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve Resolution No. 20-01, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

2. Council to receive report on filling the City Council Member vacancy.

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Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey reported on the options that the City Council has in regards to filling the vacancy; the appointment only filling the vacancy until the end of November 2020; the election process for the two year term for 2020 through 2022; the process of appointing a City Council Member.

Discussion was held on the costs associated with holding a special election; the benefits of appointing an individual to the City Council; and the process of appointing an individual to the Council.

Joseph Riofrio commented on his previous experience in serving the City Council and various other boards and committees along with Robert Silva.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing and second reading of **Ordinance No. 19-11**, amending Title 13, Chapter 13.12, Section 13.12.040 of the Mendota Municipal Code for consistency with Senate Bill No. 998 and to provide for a 15-day grace period for payment of delinquent utility bills.

Mayor Castro introduced the item. City Attorney Kinsey provided the background of the ordinance including how the 15-day grace period for delinquent utility payments was introduced.

At 7:38 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Ordinance No.19-11, seconded by Councilor Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

2. Public hearing and second reading of **Ordinance No. 19-12**, amending the Mendota Municipal Code to adopt by reference the 2019 California Building Standard codes.

Mayor Castro introduced the item. City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report including that the ordinance adopts the new California Building Code Standards that takes effect in 2020.

At 7:39 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt Ordinance No.19-12, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department
 - a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti provided his report for the Animal Control Department.

Mayor Pro Tem commented on noticing less loose animals.

Chief Andreotti provided his report for the Code Enforcement Department including fines.

Discussion was held vehicle citations; on leaves blown and left on the streets; on oil changes on public property; on gravel delivery; and on the landscaping of Family Dollar.

Chief Andreotti summarized the report for the Police Department including the COPS Rehiring Grant and the OTS Grant.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Reported on changes within their staff.

4. City Manager
 - a) Update

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update regarding the Park Expansion Project and informed the Council of the upcoming Farmworker Appreciation event.

Discussion was held on a groundbreaking ceremony for the Park Expansion Project; on the Black and 5th Street Project; on fire hydrants throughout the City; on the City's welcome signs; on the Chief Plant Operator recruitment; and on the Wastewater Master Plan.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez thanked the Council.

Councilor Mendoza inquired about the dispensary status and discussion was held.

Councilor Rosales congratulated Mayor Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Finance Officer Nancy and thanked staff for all their hard work.

Councilor Martinez thanked staff, the Council and the public for their attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Castro wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year and

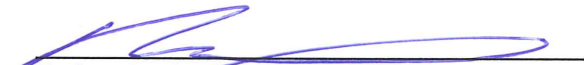
commented on the Annual Toy Giveaway scheduled for December 14, 2019 12 p.m.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro talked about his recent experience in Mexico and the interest in having the City of Mendota become a sister city.

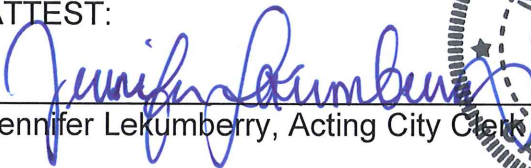
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:24 p.m. by Councilor Martinez, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Lekumberry, Acting City Clerk

