



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

January 28, 2020

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Supervisor Brian Pacheco

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

1. Adjustments to Agenda.
2. Adoption of final Agenda.

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

PRESENTATION

1. Council to honor Robert Silva for his service.

At 6:07 p.m. all Council Members stepped down from the dais to thank and to present Mr. Robert Silva with a plaque of recognition for his service to the City of Mendota.

Mayor Castro thanked Mr. Silva for all of his efforts and for his guidance.

Councilor Mendoza thanked Mr. Silva for all of his work, efforts, and for the opportunity he gave to him to serve on the City Council.

At 6:15 p.m. all Council Members returned to the dais.

David Fey and Mario Santoyo from LAFCo thanked Mr. Silva for his efforts while serving on LAFCo; for his years of service as Mayor; and for serving the valley for many years.

Supervisor Brian Pacheco presented Mr. Silva with a plaque and commented on the efforts made by Silva.

Sergio Valdez complemented Mr. Silva on his recognition throughout the state; his efforts over the years for the betterment of the community; and thanked Mr. Silva for his mentorship.

Rosemary Ramirez expressed her appreciation for Mr. Silva and his various accomplishments.

Joseph Amador thanked Mr. Silva for all of his accomplishment in the community.

Leo Capuchino commented on his former service on the City Council; working with Mr. Silva; and various accomplishments.

Kevin Romero thanked Mr. Silva and commented on the support he has received from him.

Joseph Riofrio commented on the various individuals here to honor Mr. Silva; the progress in the City of Mendota, including the increase in the students in the school district; on the trip to Washington D.C.; and thanked Mr. Silva.

Chief Andreotti thanked Mr. and Mrs. Silva their support of public safety; and thanked Mrs. Silva for sharing Mr. Silva with the community.

Matthew Flood commented on his employment with the City of Mendota and his admiration for Mr. Silva and his various accomplishments.

At 6:38 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.

At 7:07 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

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

Tom Tucker- provided a status of the installation of cameras; Cannahub's camera integration; and the unpaid invoices previously sent to Cannahub; City Attorney Kinsey stated he will have his staff look into the matter.

Ophelia Ochoa- Inquired about the Council vacancy and the requirements; City Attorney Kinsey provided information about the appointment process and the term. Ophelia also requested a change in the headset.

Coreen Campos (United Way Fresno-Madera Counties)- Announced the free tax preparation services available to the community on March 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the parking lot located next to City Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the special City Council meeting of January 14, 2020.
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 Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JANUARY 22, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 23, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 46335 THROUGH 46390
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$375,677.06
2. Proposed adoption of **Proclamation No. 20-01**, recognizing The United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties Free Tax Preparation Service (VITA).

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-02**, appointing Council Members to various boards, commissions, and sub-committees.

Mayor Castro introduced the item. Acting City Clerk Lekumberry provided report including the recent vacancy on various boards, committees, and sub-committees.

Discussion was held and decisions were made on what Council Members would fill what seats.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to approve Resolution No. 20-02, seconded by; Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-03**, approving a Request for Proposals for Back Flow Services

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Finance Officer Diaz provided report including the city's Backflow Prevention Program.

Discussion was held on the costs of the backflow testing; the possibility of training a staff member to conduct the backflow testing and the preference of having a third party conduct the backflow test; and the liability of the service.

Joseph Riofrio commented on his experience with backflow testing service provider.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve Resolution No. 20-03, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Officer

Finance Officer Diaz provided her grant update including the status of various grants.

Discussion was held on DUI saturation and on pending grants, including the Prop. 1 Storm Drain grant and the Community Center grant.

2. City Attorney

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update regarding the ballot box in front of city hall; the park expansion; and on the AMOR Project.

Discussion was held on the Black Street Project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez inquired about funding for homelessness and thanked staff and the audience.

Councilor Mendoza recognized Emilia Reyes for her appointment to serve Fresno EOC.

Councilor Rosales thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked staff and Mr. Flood for his attendance.

CLOSED SESSION


1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
 - a. Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (one potential case)

At 7:47 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:12 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regards to item 1 of the closed session, there was no reportable action.

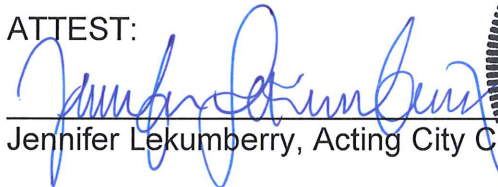
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:13 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Lekumberry, Acting City Clerk

