

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting

February 7, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Oscar Rosales and Robert Silva.

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Director of Public Works & Planning Gonzalez.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion on issues pertaining to public safety and potential flooding.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and inquired on the provisions contained in the 1978 Belmont Avenue injunction.

Discussion was held on the occasions that staff has had to close Belmont Avenue due

to flooding and the purpose of the 1978 Belmont Avenue injunction.

Joseph Amador (719 7th Street) – inquired on whether staff has noted which property owners on Belmont Avenue have not complied with the injunction.

Discussion was held on the possibility of discussing the issues at a future meeting in Closed Session; whether the drain pipes on Belmont Avenue have been flushed; the costs associated with flushing the drain pipes; and the status of the Mowry bridge.

Joe Gomez (2033 7th Street) – shared his concerns regarding flood waters flowing onto his property.

Discussion was held on having staff check which properties along Belmont Avenue are not in compliance with the injunction and discussing the issue at a future meeting.

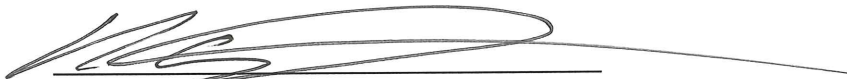
Mayor Castro inquired on the possibility of acquiring additional resources and funding to address gang related issues.

Discussion was held on the possibility of acquiring additional funding to address gang related issues; the various homicides that have occurred in the City recently; the various resources that the police department utilizes to address public safety issues; the costs associated with constructing a new police department; the possibility of creating a dispatch center; and applying for public safety grant funding.

Victoria Baez (584 J Street) – stated that she feels unsafe; reported on an incident in which her son found a handgun; and urged the City to do what it could to make the community safe.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 6:25 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

