



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

January 8, 2019

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Rolando Castro, Councilors Jesse Mendoza and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: Councilor Victor Martinez

Flag salute led by Economic Development Manager Flood

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

SWEARING IN

1. Economic Development Manager Flood to swear in Officers Gabriella Becker and Eddie Luna.

Economic Development Manager Flood swore in Officers Becker and Luna.

Chief of Police Andreotti shared biographical information on the officers; and the Council thanked the officers for joining the Mendota Police Department and admonished them to be safe.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 11, 2018.
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 Castro to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. DECEMBER 11, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 27, 2018
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 44756 THRU 44832
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$582,898.60

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt item 1 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of a modified project alternative for Proposition 1 Grant Technical Assistance for Improved Stormwater Management.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Engineer Osborn reported on the previous discussions that were held with Council; reviewed the different alternative projects that were proposed for selection; the concerns discussed at that meeting; the alternative that staff came up with to have a combined Naples Street and Oller Street Project; the advantages and disadvantages of such a project; the need to maintain as a principal objective of the project the provision of adequate storm drain flow; other project alternatives that would include the Railroad Channel proposal; and staff's request for Council to ask any questions and provide direction.

Discussion was held on any impact to vehicle circulation and parking that such a project would permanently cause; the next steps needed to continue with this project; and the different features that can be implemented, including using recycled materials.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to direct staff to continue with the project, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Castro; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-01**, appointing Council Members to various boards, commissions, and sub-committees.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the various positions that need to be appointed.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt Resolution No. 19-01, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-02**, approving an updated salary schedule.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez thanked Director of Administrative Services Lekumberry for her work on this project.

Ms. Lekumberry reported that she conducted a salary survey in anticipation of the minimum wage raising up to \$15 per hour in 2022; the effect that raising wages in past years has had on the viability of Mendota's salary scale; the lack of pay to employees when compared with similar cities; and the need to provide competitive wages.

Discussion was held on the comparisons made with other cities and how Mendota's employees are paid less; the difference between step increases and cost-of-living adjustments; the limitation of step increases; the need to ensure that administrative assistants, police officers, and other employees also receive fair compensation; and the possibility of creating provisions by which employees are incentivized to acquire licensing and certifications.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt Resolution No. 19-02, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Code Enforcement & Police Department
 - a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti provided his report for the Code Enforcement department including staffing levels and issues related to the mobile home park.

Discussion was held on the colors of buildings on the main thoroughfare that are not desirable; and the graphical upgrades that will be put on Code Enforcement vehicles.

Chief Andreotti provided his report for the Police Department, including the department's aggressive response to reports of auto thefts; staffing levels, including reserves; the activity of the School Resource Officers; the status of vehicles in service; an update on the issue at Jack's Resort; and that there have been no written formal complaints at the Police Department in 2 years.

Discussion was held on MS-13 resurgence in the community; and the possibility of looking into establishing a K-9 unit.

2. Economic Development
a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood reported on an upcoming Cresco job fair; the upcoming Farm Worker Appreciation event; and the infill of empty lots.

4. City Attorney
a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey reported that he is working with staff on some ordinances and reminded the Council of the upcoming Ethics (AB1234) and Sexual harassment training.

5. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on CDBG funds that will need to be allocated depending on how the Council wishes to do the Community Center project; an ATP grant the City applied for that will provide technical support for a Safe Routes to School plan; meetings with AMOR that will happen soon; and that the DMV Kiosk now takes cash.

Discussion was held on potholes and burnt out lights, as well as some issues related to children walking to school.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Castro requested to bring back invocations to the meetings and to have a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Mendota Unified School District.

Councilor Mendoza provided information on a mattress recycling program and requested that staff look into how much establishing such a program would cost; requested an update on the Sustainable Aviation Program; and an update on the 50 acres that the City wishes to sell.

Councilor Rosales thanked staff for their service.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on meetings in Fresno that he has attended; and a request to send a letter to TJ Cox to bring funds and projects to our area.

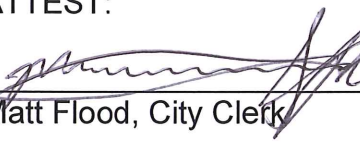
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Castro, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

