



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**October 13, 2020**

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

**Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez (via Zoom & arrived in person at 6:53 p.m.), Councilors Jesus Mendoza, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Flag salute led by City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia**

**FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

**PRESENTATION**

1. Chief of Police Smith to introduce K-9 Officer Roud.

Chief of Police Smith presented the new uniforms for the Police Department office staff.

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*At 6:24 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.*

*At 6:30 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.*

2. Chief of Police Smith to present the new uniforms for the Police Department office staff.

*Item was presented concurrently with Presentation No. 1.*

3. Finance Officer Diaz to present information on the Statewide Parks Program – Round 4 Meeting for the Mendota Community Center.

Finance Officer Diaz presented information on the Statewide Parks Program application for the proposed Community Center.

Discussion was held on the item.

**Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation, Inc.)** – inquired about the purpose of the item.

**Sabrina Noah (Cresco Labs)** – commented on the item.

**Dino Perez (Westside Youth, Inc.)** – commented on the item.

### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia read Jean Lang’s comment into the record.

**Seth Brown (CALFIRE Battalion Chief)** – introduced himself and provided information about CalFire Station 96.

*At 6:53 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez entered the Council Chambers.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 22, 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 Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 07, 2020  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 47342 THROUGH 47416  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$662,828.69

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-73**, approving the estimate and authorizing Anderson Pump Company, Inc. to proceed with the replacement of an Agricultural Well Electrical Panel at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-74**, approving the estimate and authorizing ECS House Industries, Inc. to proceed with the replacement of an aerator at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-75**, cancelling the November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> regular City Council meetings and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary warrants.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-76**, approving the Engagement/Program Management Agreement with Public Facilities Investment Corporation, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

A request was made to pull item 5 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 through 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-76**, approving the Engagement/Program Management Agreement with Public Facilities Investment Corporation, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to approve item 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-77**, reopening public parks throughout the City.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

**Carlos Quintanar** – inquired as to whether the City Council would consider allowing Westside Youth, Inc. to have a drive through Open Market at Rojas-Pierce Park.

Discussion was held on Mr. Quintanar's inquiry.

*At 7:13 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:15 p.m.*



**Sergio Valdez** – commented on the item and on Mr. Quintanar’s inquiry.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to adopt Resolution No. 20-77, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-78**, approving the CARES Act and COVID-19 funding sources programs and reimbursements.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Finance Officer Diaz summarized the report.

City Manager Gonzalez provided additional information on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to table the consideration of the item until the October 27<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

Chief of Police Smith provided the report for the Code Enforcement and Animal Control departments including information on COVID-19 related citations that have been issued; current COVID-19 regulations and enforcement efforts; the status of the animal control truck; and an issue relating to individuals playing basketball at the AMOR Wellness Center;

*At 7:59 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 8:01 p.m.*

Discussion was held on beautifying the community by implementing a landscaping ordinance.

**Maria** – suggested that that City look into providing spay and neuter vouchers to residents and shared her concerns regarding the significant number of stray dogs and cats in the community.

Chief of Police Smith provided the report for the Police Department, including the statistics for the month of September regarding auto thefts and vandalism.

Discussion was held on ongoing problems with all-terrain vehicles; a conversation that staff and Council had with Caltrans; the possibility of having additional police patrolling at night; whether City-owned cameras are posted around the schools, the possibility of installing additional cameras.

2. City Attorney
  - a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the Bass & Barboza Roundabout Project; an upcoming flu vaccination event; and stated that the City received an official application for the Axiom Project.

Discussion was held on the status of the dispensary project; the status of the meat-packing facility; the status of the community lighting project; and the need for residents to complete the Census.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio commented on the importance of the Census, and the need for individuals to complete it.

Councilor Mendoza commented on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez thanked staff for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro stated that he was proud of the community and reported that the proposed new carwash has been having issues with Caltrans.

Discussion was held on the possibility of having a year-round site where individuals may dispose of their large trash items; and an upcoming food giveaway event.

**Jonathan Leiva** - provided information regarding available resources, and the condition of trees that he would like to donate to the City.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
  - a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to CA Government Code §§ 54954.5(f), 54957.6

- a. Agency Designated Representatives: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager;  
Jennifer Lekumberry, Director of Administrative Services
- b. Employee Organization: Mendota Police Officers Association

At 8:44 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 9:24 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regards to items 1 and 2 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 9:24 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

