



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

October 24, 2017

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

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Bert Escobedo.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation [MYR]) – stated that MYR received an invoice for police services for the Harvest Fiesta; stated that he was under the impression that all city fees related to the carnival were waived; stated that he spoke to the City Manager regarding the issue; and summarized the minutes of the March 14, 2017 Council meeting.

Discussion was held on whether MYR needed to pay for police services for the Harvest Fiesta and the Red Ribbon Week carnival; the fees that were waived; whether the invoice is still outstanding; the amount of security officers that MYR contracted for the

carnival; and Council directed staff to look into the issue to determine what fees were waived, and whether MYR needs to pay for contracted police services.

Kevin Romero (160 Tuft Street) – provided an update on Mendota High School Aztec football, and summarized the impact that moving to Division IV has had on the team.

Council thanked Mr. Romero for the update.

Bryn Forhan (The Forhan Company) – stated that she works with the coalition of Californians for Energy Independence; invited the Council to attend a competition where students will design a campaign promoting tech jobs in energy at Firebaugh High School; and summarized the workshops that 59DaysOfCode is hosting for high school students; and stated the importance of promoting STEM career opportunities.

Discussion was held on various events that Californians for Energy Independence sponsors; the benefits of the students participating in such events; and the Council thanked Ms. Forhan for her hard work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 10, 2017.
2. Notice of waiving of the reading of all resolutions and/or ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

Councilor Silva inquired on when the minutes of the special City Council meeting of October 19th would be considered for approval.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. OCTOBER 11, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2017
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 043119 THRU 043173
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$249,411.35
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-57**, authorizing the conveyance of a 2,599-square foot parcel to KSA Investments to complete the boundary of Las Palmas Map Phase 9, in exchange for conveyance of a 37,300- square foot parcel to the City of Mendota.

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt item 1 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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Discussion was held on the possibility of tabling the item until the next meeting so that the City Manager could be present to answer questions that the Council may have; the reasons behind the proposed transferring of property; the agreement being null and void if KSA investments does not exchange the parcel to the city within a certain timeframe; the timeframe of exchanging the parcels; the location of the subject properties; and whether a small portion of road will open to traffic on Black Street.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to adopt item 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 17-61**, cancelling the November 28th and December 26th regular City Council meetings, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary warrants.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Deputy City Clerk Cabrera summarized the report including that staff is requesting that the Council cancel the November 28th and December 26th regular City Council meetings, and that the City Manager be authorized to execute any necessary warrants.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Resolution No. 17-61, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of an application from Westside Youth Inc. to allow Cobras Football to use the Benny Mares Sr. Baseball Field for practice.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including that Westside Youth (WSY) submitted a request to use the baseball field for Cobra football practice to take advantage of the lights; the days and times that WSY is requesting to use the field; the item not going to the Recreation Commission since the time that WSY is requesting to use the field is before the next regular meeting; the item going to Council for consideration since the Recreation Commission has stated that it wants to limit the use of the field to children's baseball and softball; staff being neutral on the item; and the conditions that staff proposes be added should the Council decide to approve the application.

Discussion was held on the item not going to the Recreation Commission; Cobra football being permitted to use the grass area of the baseball field last year; the conditions that were imposed last year; the importance of the community supporting the

youth; ensuring that WSY reports any issues related to the field to the Public Works Director; dragging the field prior to its use; the proposed conditions that that WSY provide a \$250.00 security deposit, and maintain the field; and Council congratulated Cobra Football for advancing to play-offs.

Rosemary Gomez (Westside Youth, Inc.) – inquired as to when Cobra Football would be able to begin to use the field for practice, and requested that WSY have a week to submit the security deposit.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to approve the application with the addition of conditions as mentioned by staff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administrative Services
 - a) Monthly Report

Administrative Services Director Lekumberry summarized the report including the work that she has been doing for special project management, risk management, and aviation.

Council thanked Director Lekumberry for her work.

2. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez summarized the report including an update on the water leak at Bass Avenue, lights issues on Oller Street, 8th Street Reconstruction project , and the 7th Street and Derrick Avenue Beautification project.

Discussion was held on street repairs to various areas in the City; the status of the proposed Taco Bell and clinic; the electric airplane project; the storm drain grant that the city received; and where individuals can dump green waste.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey stated that he is working with staff on various issues, and stated that Nic Cardella would be providing training to the Code Enforcement officers.

Discussion was held on whether companies are interested in the Cannabis Overlay District, and staff provided an update on the creation of the RFP for the lease and development of the City's property for cannabis cultivation.

3. City Manager

Finance Director Marquez stated that work has been well.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Mendoza stated that he has been receiving complaints about road conditions, but has received positive feedback on the work that the police department does and the economic development in the City.

Councilor Rosales thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez stated that the Salvadoran Consulate will be at Gonzalez Hall on October 29th, and thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Councilor Silva provided an update on the Highway 180 passing lanes project; stated that there is a proposed roundabout on Highway 180 and Dickenson Avenue; and reported on a meeting he attended in Sacramento with the water commission.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on the upcoming Red Ribbon carnival.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

CA Government Code § 54956.8

Property: Approximately 2,000 acres within Westlands Water District in the County of Fresno located south of the Ashlan Avenue alignment, west of Dos Palos Road/State Highway 33 (Derrick Avenue), north of Belmont Avenue, and east of Douglas Avenue

Agency Negotiators: Vince DiMaggio and John P. Kinsey, City of Mendota


Negotiating Parties: Westlands Water District

At 7:00 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 7:11 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 nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:11 p.m. by Councilor Mendoza, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

