



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

October 27, 2020

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro

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

Finance Officer Diaz provided information on the City's grant application for the Statewide Parks Program grant.

Discussion was held on the item.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Ofelia Ochoa – stated that she would like to work with local organizations to provide support and resources to underserved populations.

Jessica Sanchez – provided information on the proposed Mendota Mural Project that is sponsored by 559 Unidxs, Westside Youth, Inc., and Arte Aqua Viva.

Discussion was held on the proposed project.

Liberty Lopez – commented on the proposed Mendota Mural Project and provided suggestions for the project.

Dino Perez – commented on the proposed Mendota Mural Project; other art projects throughout the community; and previous funding opportunities for similar art projects.

Discussion was held on promotion efforts for prior art projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 13, 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 Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. OCTOBER 08, 2020 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 47417 THROUGH 47464
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$322,920.71
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-79**, approving the agreement with the County of Fresno for the Mendota Internet Connectivity, Project No. 19471-CV.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-80**, approving the application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds.

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 and 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-79**, approving the agreement with the County of Fresno for the Mendota Internet Connectivity, Project No. 19471-CV.

Discussion was held on the item.

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

BUSINESS

1. 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.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:15 p.m. Councilor Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:17 p.m.

Ofelia Ochoa – commented on the item.

Danny Garcia – commented on the item.

Dino Perez – commented on the item.

Augie Perez – commented on the item.

Jesus Martinez – commented on the item.

Mario Plascencia – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Danny Garcia – commented on the item.

Mario Plascencia – commented on the item.

Dino Perez – commented on the item.

Liberty Lopez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Sergio Valdez – commented on the item.

Sabrina Noah – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Jessica Sanchez – commented on the item.

Ofelia Ochoa – commented on the item.

Dino Perez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Jonathan Leiva – commented on the item.

Danny Garcia – commented on the item.

Dino Perez – commented on the item.

Ofelia Ochoa – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

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Liberty Lopez – commented on the item.

Danny Garcia – commented on the item.

Dino Perez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Sergio Valdez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 20-78 and approve the following programs:

- A. \$140,000 for Business Grant Program (\$2,520 each for 50 businesses)
- B. \$75,000 for Non-Profit Organizations
 - 1) \$40,000 (\$10,000 each) to be provided to four (4) non-profit organizations, including Westside Youth, Inc., Mendota Youth Recreation, Boys and Girls Club of Mendota, and Mendota Boxing Club
 - 2) \$35,000 to be allocated to other non-profit organizations. Grant amount to be determined based on the number of applicants applying for the grant program

- C. \$3,587.63 for the Food Pantry Grant Program (\$2,000 for Westside Youth, Inc. and \$1,587.63 for Pentecostal Church)
- D. \$3,932.87 for the Basics Bank Grant Program (\$655.48 for (6) non-profit organizations (Westside Youth, Inc., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Mendota Youth Recreation, Emmanuel Outreach Church, Pentecostal Church, and Christian Life Tabernacle)
- E. \$68,000 for Utility Bill Assistance (\$100 to 680 accounts)

The motion was seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

Discussion was held on the item.

- 2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-81**, approving the recommendation from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to pursue development agreement modifications with Left Bank Holdings in connection with the property at 1269 Marie Street.

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

At 8:29 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 8:31 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to adopt Resolution No. 20-81, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Public hearing to consider activities that could be financed by the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

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

Discussion was held on the item, including potential sponsorship opportunities for the new baseball and soccer fields.

At 8:36 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public.

Ofelia Ochoa – commented on the item.

Sergio Valdez – commented on the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion project.

At 8:39 p.m. Mayor Castro closed the hearing to the public.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Officer
 - a) Grant Update

Finance Officer Diaz provide the report, including the status of various grants.

2. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided the report, including the status of various projects.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the AMORelief grand opening event; an event that he will attend at the Reedley Airport for the Electric Airplane program and provided a status update on the program.

Discussion was held on the need to improve street striping on 9th Street and Airport Boulevard.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales reported on an upcoming fundraising event.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez reported that there is a possibility of a Salvadoran consulate office being established in Fresno.

Councilor Riofrio inquired about a robbery that occurred in the community.

Councilor Mendoza thanked the Council, staff and community for their work in ensuring that the community progresses.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked the community and Fresno County for providing COVID-19 relief funds.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:54 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:


Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk