



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

October 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 Victor Martinez and Jesus Mendoza

Council Members Absent: Councilor Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Councilor Mendoza

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Jared Nimer from the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning to present on the Fresno County Community Development 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Mayor Silva introduced the item.

In place of Jared Nimer, Kristi Johnson with the Fresno County Department of Public Works provided an overview of the Fresno County Community Development 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, including various programs and grants offered through the program.

Shannon Duncan with the Fresno County Department of Social Services provided information on the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG).

Yvette Quiroga with Fresno County provided information on various housing assistance programs that were previously available to residents in Mendota, as well as the assistance programs that will be available starting July 1, 2020; and requested feedback from the Council regarding the needs of the city for the consolidated plan.

Discussion was held on the need of funding for homeless assistance, road improvements, and the senior center; Fresno County's ESG program; and how particular homeless needs are currently addressed.

Lorena Moreno with the Fresno County Department of Social Services provided information regarding the department's desire to identify the needs of the community; the desire to partner with organizations currently addressing the homelessness issues; and the funding that will be available in 2020 to address homelessness issues.

Discussion was held on the contact information for the housing programs that were discussed; ensuring that there is an increase in outreach so that the individuals who need certain programs connect with various available resources; the need for affordable, low-income single family homes or multi-family apartments; supportive services that homeless individuals may benefit from; the need for mental illness and drug rehabilitation programs in the community; and the need for various infrastructure projects.

Ofelia Ochoa - commented on the various programs discussed during the presentation, and inquired on the status of the translation services that will be provided for meetings.

Discussion was held on the opportunity to utilize future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for recreational activities for disabled children.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero - provided an update on the Mendota High School football team.

Fresno County Supervisor Brian Pacheco - stated that he was here to lend his support for the Fresno County employees who presented earlier; that he is glad that the City is rejoining the County's CDBG program; and commented on the issue regarding the Redevelopment Agency and the County's stance on the issue.

Discussion was held on ways that the City may be able to address the issue regarding the Redevelopment Agency; and on the Fresno County Board of Supervisor's decisions regarding the issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 24, 2019.
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 Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 THROUGH OCTOBER 03, 2019
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 45883 THROUGH 45948
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$371,747.18
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-72**, approving the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation plan dated May 2018.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-74**, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for services related to the annexation at Rojas Pierce Park.

A motion was made by Councilor Martinez to adopt items 1 through 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Castro; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration on the location of flagpoles at Robert Silva Plaza.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized his report including the various options for the location of the flag poles.

Discussion was held on the various options; and on the installation of artificial grass in the area of one of the options mentioned.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to proceed with option 1.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-73**, adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Mendota Community Center Project.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Engineer Osborn summarized his report including the background of the preparation of the mitigated negative declaration.

A motion was made by Councilor Martinez to adopt Resolution No. 19-73, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Castro; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

At 6:58 p.m. Councilor Martinez left the Council Chambers at and returned at 6:59 p.m.

3. Council discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 19-75, establishing the application submittal period for applications to enter into a development agreement for commercial cannabis activity.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including the item being in response to the City Council adopting revisions to the cannabis ordinance; that the City may accept applications for cannabis businesses in the designated zoning area; the item would establish an application period; and the procedures for considering the applications that are submitted.

Discussion was held on the procedures for considering the applications that are submitted; the procedures for previously considering the Request for Proposals for the sale of city property; the make-up of the sub-committee, including the possibility of having a Council Member participate in the sub-committee; the timeframe for establishing the sub-committee; and the timeline for the application process;

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt Resolution No. 19-75, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing and second reading of **Ordinance No. 19-10**, amending provisions of the Mendota Municipal Code regarding the abatement of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, and inoperative vehicles.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including the purpose of the ordinance; working with the Code Enforcement Department and the Police Department on modernizing sections of the Mendota Municipal Code, and this item being one of them.

Discussion was held on the provisions of the ordinance; whether the enforcement of a violation is affected by the vehicle's registration status; and whether the ordinance will permit staff to address such vehicles on private property.

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Silva opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt Ordinance No. 19-10, seconded by Councilor Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Chief of Police Andreotti provided his report for the Animal Control department including the plumbing repairs that were done at the dog pound; a dog trap that was set up at a local store; and the change in schedule for the Community Service Officers.

Discussion was held on whether dogs can be surrendered.

Chief Andreotti provided his report for the Code Enforcement department including the monthly log; and a public nuisance appeal hearing that was held.

Chief Andreotti summarized the report for the Police Department including a personnel update; a significant case in Firebaugh; provided a City Hall vandalism update; and Office of Traffic Safety grant award update.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey stated that Assistant City Attorney Cardella will be providing a presentation on the available options regarding the Redevelopment Agency at the next City Council Meeting.

3. City Manager
 - a) Update on the options related to the Redevelopment Agency

City Manager Gonzalez reported that City Attorney Kinsey and Fresno County Supervisor Pacheco commented on the issue including the County's position on the issue; his stance on the issue; the status of the softball game status; and an upcoming City Hall holiday closure.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Mendoza commented on the success of the Driver Awareness event.

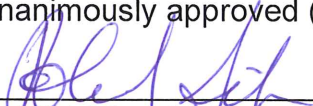
Discussion was held on the Engie Project.

2. Mayor

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:27 p.m. by Councilor Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Castro; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

