



## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Regular Meeting

December 8, 2020

Meeting called to order by City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza, Councilors Jose Alonso (at 6:09 p.m.), Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

**Council Members Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez

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 Castro to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

### CONFIRMING THE ELECTION

1. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-87**, confirming the results of the election returns for the consolidated General Election held on November 3, 2020.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia introduced the item and summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Castro to adopt Resolution No. 20-87, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

2. City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to administer the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Jose Alonso, Oscar Rosales, and Joseph Riofrio.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia swore in newly elected Council Members Jose Alonso, Oscar Rosales, and Joseph Riofrio.

*At 6:09 p.m. Councilor Alonso took a seat on the dais.*

Councilor Riofrio commented on the 2020 General Election; various City projects; the COVID-19 pandemic; and thanked his family for their support.

Councilor Rosales thanked staff, the community, and various members of the public for their support and work.

Councilor Alonso thanked the community for their support.

### **REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**

1. City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to conduct City Council reorganization proceedings and accept nominations for the following offices:
  - a) Mayor
  - b) Mayor Pro Tempore

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia introduced the item and accepted motions to nominate a Council Member for the office of Mayor.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to nominate Councilor Castro for the office of Mayor, seconded by Councilor Riofrio.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Alonso: Yes; Councilor Castro: Yes; Councilor Mendoza: Yes; Councilor Riofrio: Yes; and Councilor Rosales: Yes.

Councilor Castro was appointed to the office of Mayor with a unanimous vote of five (5) ayes.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia accepted motions to nominate a Council Member for Mayor Pro Tempore.

A motion was made by Mayor Castro to nominate Councilor Mendoza for the office of Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilor Alonso.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Alonso: Yes; Councilor Castro: Yes; Councilor Mendoza: Yes; Councilor Riofrio: Yes; and Councilor Rosales: Yes.

Councilor Mendoza was appointed to the office of Mayor Pro Tem with a unanimous vote of

five (5) ayes.

### 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 November 10, 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 Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. NOVEMBER 06, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 01, 2020  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 47524 THROUGH 47600  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$589,264.43
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-88**, expressing support for actions to further strengthen local democracy, authority, and control as related to local zoning and housing issues.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-90**, approving the Request for Proposals for final engineering services for the Citywide Railroad Corridor Crossing Improvement project.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-91**, authorizing the placement of special assessments/direct charges on the tax roll for the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and filing the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-92**, approving an amendment to the employment contract of the City Manager.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-93**, authorizing the execution of a land surveying and engineering services agreement for the 2021 Alley Paving project.

Discussion was held on warrant number 47534.

Requests were made to pull items 3, 4, and 6 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1, 2, and 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-90**, approving the Request for Proposals for final engineering services for the Citywide Railroad Corridor Crossing Improvement project.

Discussion was held on the item.

6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-93**, authorizing the execution of a land surveying and engineering services agreement for the 2021 Alley Paving project.

Discussion was held on the item.

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-91**, authorizing the placement of special assessments/direct charges on the tax roll for the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and filing the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 3, 4, and 6 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-89**, authorizing the formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to discuss and provide input on the design of the proposed City Hall/Police Station building.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

*Mayor Castro left the dais at 6:36 p.m. and returned at 6:38 p.m.*

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to appoint Councilor Rosales and Mayor Castro as regular members of the subcommittee and Councilor Mendoza as the alternate member and adopt Resolution No. 20-89, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of Mendota Youth Recreation's Annual Christmas Parade.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez reported that Mendota Youth Recreation submitted a letter stating that the organization will be cancelling this year's event.

Discussion was held on the item.

**Sergio Valdez** – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

Chief of Police Smith congratulated the newly elected Council Members and provided the report for the police department including crime statistics; the status of the attainment and upfitting of police equipment; significant cases; and reported that K-9 officer Roud passed away.

Chief Smith provided an update for the animal control department including the status of purchasing a new animal control truck; and the department's statistics for the month of November.

Discussion was held on the report.

Chief Smith provided an update for the Code Enforcement department including a personnel update; the department working with the Public Works department to beautify the City; and the department's statistics for the month of November.

Discussion was held on the department enforcing COVID-19 measures.

Chief Smith reported that the Firebaugh Police Department requested to purchase a surplus vehicle and requested that the Council's support on the item.

2. City Attorney
  - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey congratulated the newly elected Council Members and stated that his office is working on a variety of items.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez congratulated the newly elected Council Members and provided his report including COVID-19 statistics; the status of the Bass & Barboza roundabout; City Hall will be closed for a staff training; an update on the rental relief grant program; and the status of the utility bill grant program.

Discussion was held on the Bass & Barboza roundabout and the utility bill grant program.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso stated that he is excited to work with staff and the Council.

Councilor Rosales thanked the staff, Council, and community for their work.

Councilor Riofrio commented on grant funding that was received in the past.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked the staff, Council, and the community.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked the Council and staff for their work.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. 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 7:37 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 8:07 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to item 1 there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:07 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

