

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

February 12, 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 Jesse Mendoza and Oscar

Rosales

Council Members Absent:

Councilor Victor Martinez

Flag salute led by Mayor Silva

A moment of silence was held for Ivan Gomez who had recently passed away.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero (160 Tuft Street) - commended the City Council for its response to a USA Today article that disparaged Mendota, and communicated the pride he feels in being a Mendota resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

- 1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 22, 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 Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Castro; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. JANUARY 22, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 06, 2019 WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 44909 THRU 44981 TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL
- = \$482,852.78
- 2. Proposed adoption of an agreement with KSA Homes, Inc. authorizing the sale of real property located at 607 De La Cruz Street.
- 3. Council authorize Mayor to sign letter in support of proposed Solar Project in the Mendota Area.

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

BUSINESS

 Council discussion and consideration of the proposals received in response to the Request for Proposals for the sale and potential development of City Surplus Real Property.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report, including details on the property in question, it's permitted uses, and the responses received; and staff's recommendation for Council to direct staff to negotiate with the Axiom group for sale of the property.

Discussion was held on the scoring criteria used in rating the applications; if staff's conclusion has changed since having received the presentations at the previous meeting; and if Mendota residents that may not be citizens will be able to acquire employment with the selected company.

A motion was made by Mayor Silva to direct staff to engage in negotiations with the Axiom Group for the sale of the property, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Castro; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

2. Council discussion and consideration of the appointment of a community representative on the Public Safety Sub-Committee.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and reported that the Public Safety Sub-Committee is interested in having a community member be appointed as a standing member, and requested that Mr. Joseph Amador be appointed due to his experience and involvement in the community.

Councilor Rosales requested that Mayor Pro Tem Castro be appointed as the second permanent member of the Sub-Committee.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Castro and Mr. Joseph Amador as members of the Public Safety Sub-Committee, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-08**, approving Final Map 18-01, La Colonia and accepting all associated road rights-of-way, public parcels, and public utility easements.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez reported that the developer of the La Colonia development wished to make small modifications to the layout of the map; and that the City Engineer found that the proposed final map it is in substantial conformance to the tentative map.

Discussion was held on the possibility of opening Lozano Street to allow a left turn from Lozano Street onto Highway 33.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 19-08, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

4. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 19-01**, approving an amendment to the Development Agreement by and between the City of Mendota and KSA Homes, Inc., relating to the development of the property commonly known as the La Colonia property.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized his report including the participation of the developer of the La Colonia development to provide funds for a new baseball and soccer field in lieu of other payments required of him; and a typo on Exhibit H, replacing \$250,000 with \$700,000.

Discussion was held on the timeframe for the fields to be built, which is hoped to be by the end of the summer.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to perform the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-01, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

PUBLIC HEARING

 Public hearing to consider Resolution No. 19-09, approving an energy services contract with ENGIE Services U.S. Inc.; and Resolution No. 19-10, approving a facility funding contract with Signature Public Funding Corporation.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez reported that staff issued a Request for Proposals solar development on City property, and that the City received one response.

Representatives from Engie Services U.S. summarized their proposal and provided information on their company.

Discussion was held on a donation that Engie Services U.S. will give to a non-profit organization in the community.

At 6:51 p.m. Mayor Silva opened the hearing to the public.

Jose Gutierrez (647 Perez Street) - asked about how the energy would be bought and sold.

At 6:52 p.m. the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt Resolution No. 19-09, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt Resolution No. 19-10, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

Ofelia Ochoa (1817 Jennings Street) - expressed her desire to have more services, especially for special needs children; that she would like to see more residents civically involved; and that she is starting an ARC group in Mendota.

<u>DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS</u>

Code Enforcement & Police Department
 a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti reported on staffing levels, including the hiring and training of a new Community Services Officer; and the activities his department has recently undertaken in animal control.

Discussion was held on transients that cross through properties; and the eviction of all of the trailers from Jack's Resort.

Chief Andreotti reported on the accidental shooting of a young man; a staffing and personnel update; and the activities that his officers have recently undertaken to make Mendota safer.

Discussion was held on the possibility of acquiring a K-9 unit; and the lack of recent DUI checkpoints due to the lack of grant funding for those activities.

2. Economic Development

a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood reported on the Fresno EDC opportunity analysis; the professional disappointment in the article that mentions Mendota; the continued search for a company to occupy the commercial portion of the La Colonia development; and the upcoming mandatory trainings for staff and Council Members.

3. City Attorney a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the meeting with the Mendota Unified School District (MUSD) Board of Trustees that will be held on February 20th; an update on the Sustainable Aviation Project that will be given by Joe Oldham at a future meeting; and O'Reilly's being interested in purchasing the Mi Ranchito property.

Discussion was held on the various topics that will be discussed during the joint meeting with the MUSD Board of Trustees.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Castro requested invocations for future meetings; requested that city vehicles that are not marked be marked; and expressed his disdain for the USA Today article.

Councilor Mendoza expressed his disgust for the USA Today report and thanked the public and staff.

Councilor Rosales communicated his displeasure of the USA Today article; awards that some members of the Boys and Girls Club had received; and thanked the public for their attendance.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva conveyed the repugnance that was the USA Today article; reported that he had been appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Fresno COG Board; and the grand opening of the Centro la Familia building in Kerman.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Castro, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matt Flood, City Clerk