



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 JOINT-MEETING OF THE
 MENDOTA CITY COUNCIL AND
 THE MENDOTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Meeting **Wednesday, February 20, 2019** **6:00p.m.**

Joint Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Silva introduced the City staff that were present at the meeting.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilor Rosales

Mendota Unified School District (MUSD) Board of Trustees conducted roll call and established a quorum.

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Silva

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

The agenda was adopted by Council consensus.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Silva reported that the Council received a request to speak form from Ms. Vanessa Ochoa, but that the item would be discussed under item “f” of the discussion forum.

Kevin Romero (160 Tuft Street) – provided an update on Mendota High School softball.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion Forum

a. Lighting at McCabe Elementary School

Mendota Unified School District (MUSD) Board of Trustees President Adrian Perez introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez reported that he received requests to install additional lighting around McCabe Elementary School; the limited lighting currently exists around the school during evening hours; the amount of individuals who walk around the school during the evening and night hours; Caltrans having jurisdiction over any improvements made along Derrick Avenue; and stated that MUSD would like to work with the City to install additional lighting around the school.

City Manager Gonzalez suggested that a study be conducted to examine the amount of additional light fixtures that should be installed around the school; acquiring cost estimates for the light fixtures; and presenting the findings to the City Council in the future for their consideration.

Discussion was held on the need for additional lighting around the school; creating a cost-sharing agreement between the City and MUSD for the purchase and installation of the lights; conducting a study on existing lights and potential researching options for lighting; the timeline for conducting the study; acquiring cost-estimates for the proposed project; whether there are grants currently available that can fund the project; the City looking into creating a walking trail from Mendota to Pool Park; and whether MUSD will be installing additional lighting at the community center property.

b. New Crosswalk at McCabe Elementary School

MUSD Board President Perez introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez reported that he received requests to install a crosswalk on Sorensen Street.

Discussion was held on the conditions that need to be met in order to install a crosswalk; and further examining the issue.

Superintendent Lopez requested that item "d" be discussed next.

d. Landscaping on Sorensen Island behind McCabe Elementary

MUSD Board President Perez introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez reported that an island was created along Sorensen Street as a result of the Sorensen Street reconstruction project; and inquired on the possibility of beautifying the islands.

Discussion was held on options available to beautify the islands; contacting organizations that may be interested in donating greenery that will be planted at the islands; the types of plants and trees that should be planted; MUSD's efforts to address the landscaping at its school sites; establishing a joint sub-committee between the City and MUSD Board to work together to beautify the islands on Sorensen Street; and working with other agencies to hold an Earth Day event and beautify the community.

c. City Street Sweeper

MUSD Board President Perez introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez reported that green waste has accumulated near curbs at certain school sites; and stated that MUSD would like to work with the City to have the City's street sweeper sweep school facilities.

Discussion was held on having representatives of both organizations meet to discuss the details of the item; and the frequency that MUSD is requesting that the street sweeper sweep their facilities.

e. Community Center

MUSD Board President Perez introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez provided the background of the issues surrounding the Community Center property; reported that the lease agreement that the City entered into for the lease of the property expired in 2012; that MUSD is interested in officially terminating the lease; that MUSD would continue to support the programs that utilize the community center; and that MUSD would incur any existing sub-leases.

Discussion was held on the MUSD ending the lease but agreeing to continue supporting all of the services that are currently provided on the property, including the senior center; the district wanting to expand its facilities and looking into developing additional preschool facilities on the property; and MUSD's legal counsel bringing forth an agreement laying out terms of the decision.

f. Use of MUSD Recreational Facilities

Mayor Silva introduced the item and reported that there is a growing interest for the use of MUSD's recreational facilities by the community.

Discussion was held on the Rojas-Pierce Park expansion project.

Dino Perez and Vanessa Ochoa (Westside Youth, Inc.) – provided information on the newly formed Mendota Baseball league; and requested the district's

support in allowing the organization to utilize their recreational facilities for the baseball program.

Discussion was held on the City and MUSD working together to accommodate all baseball programs; ensuring that existing baseball programs work together to serve the children in the community; the facility-use application process for MUSD; working on accommodating the use of recreational facilities for the programs; and the 2019 Mendota Fireworks Show.

Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation) - commented on issues he has with the newly formed baseball league; and the need for the two programs to work together to serve the children.

Discussion was held on the division that is occurring in the community; having the organizations work together; giving families that opportunity to decide which programs they want to put their children; and MUSD and the City working with grant writers to apply for grants to assist non-profit organizations in the community.

Jonathan Leiva - stated that he would like to bring back the Earth Day event to the community; that he would like to plant trees throughout the community; and requested the support of MUSD and the City.

Discussion was held on conducting an audit of the trees located throughout the City and school facilities to determine the best locations to plant the trees; ensuring that drought tolerant plants are planted; and staff members of both agencies working with Mr. Leiva.

g. Pedestrian Safety in School Zones

Mayor Silva introduced the item and reported that students are crossing Highway 33 unsafely; and requested the assistance of MUSD to notify the parents of the students of the issue.

Discussion was held on methods to deter students from crossing roads unsafely and encourage them to utilize crosswalks; ways to notify parents of the issue and ask them to speak to their children regarding the issue; the good work of the crossing guards; and the need for additional lighted crosswalks.

Mayor Silva reported on the Bass Avenue signal light that will be installed as part of the La Colonia subdivision.

Discussion was held on layout of the La Colonia subdivision map; the potential reconfiguration of the schools; and the increase in the City's population and its impact to the City and schools.

- h. Update on the Proposed Roundabout at the Intersection of Oller and Derrick Avenues

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the project, including the timeline of the project.

Discussion was held on the timeline of the project; and the proposed layout of the roundabout.

- i. Other Issues of Joint Interest

Superintendent Lopez thanked the City Council for their work.

Mayor Silva provided an update on the Canna-Hub development.

The City Council thanked the MUSD Board and staff for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:20 p.m. by Councilor Martinez, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

