

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

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**Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

**6:00p.m.**

**Joint Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Jesse Mendoza (at 6:02 p.m.), Oscar Rosales, and Robert Silva.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

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

**The Flag Salute was led by Economic Development Manager Flood**

**FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

*At 6:02 p.m. Councilor Mendoza entered the Council Chambers.*

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

Mendota Unified School District adopted their agenda.

**MUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

## BUSINESS

### 1. Discussion Forum

#### a. Marijuana Facility

Mayor Castro introduced the item, and reported on the feedback he has received from the public, and the bias that the news puts on information when reporting.

City Manager DiMaggio provided an update on the purchase of a warehouse in Mendota by a private company to use it for the cultivation and processing of cannabis; and the development agreement that is being entered into between the City and that company.

Discussion was held on odor control measures that are being taken; the fact that retail sales of cannabis items are prohibited within the City of Mendota; the amount of people that will be hired from Mendota; the District wishing to use the impact fees they receive for drug prevention, treatment, and mental health programs; and the security plan that will be in place.

#### b. Lighting at McCabe Elementary – South East Corner

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez asked if the City was going to install a street light at that location.

Discussion was held on the safety issues that arise when an area that has heavy vehicle traffic does not have sufficient lighting; the difficulty in working with Caltrans to receive basic services, including the unwillingness of Mr. John Liu to take into account the interests of Mendota; reaching out to elected state representatives to invite Caltrans to cooperate; and the possibility of installing a light on school property that would not encroach on Caltrans right-of-way.

#### c. Traffic Study – Derrick Avenue

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez requested that the City join with the District to ask Caltrans to create a safer situation at the location.

Discussion was held on Caltrans disposition to do traffic studies, and the need to protect the children that are traveling to school.

d. Smoot Avenue Property – Community Center

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Superintendent Lopez asked for an update on the use of the Community Center.

City Manager DiMaggio explained the use of Community Center and of the Senior Center; the desire to build a new community center owned by the City; the interest the District has of modernizing the portable buildings that are at the property that the community center is on; the lease that the City has with the a daycare; and the importance of accommodating the senior citizens no matter what future developments are realized.

e. Other Issues of Joint Interest

Trustee Varela discussed the difficulties faced by bus drivers at bus stops throughout the city where tree branches hang down, and impede the driver from parking right next to the curb; and thanked the City of Mendota for improvements made on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilor Silva brought up issues related to security for the schools in light of the recent school shooting in Florida, and Superintendent Lopez gave a summary of the measures that are in place to protect students and staff during an incident.


Student Trustee Quinteros shared her experience with drills that are done to simulate incidences on campus.

Councilor Rosales reported on the City's desire to have a fireworks show at the stadium, and fundraising opportunities that the Mendota Community Corporation is involved in.

Discussion was held on safety issues that the school district faces.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
for Matt Flood, City Clerk

