

## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Regular Meeting**

**February 9, 2021**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:01 p.m.**

### **Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza, Councilors Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Flag salute led by Council Member Rosales**

### **FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. City Council to receive presentations from Mendota Pentecostal Church, Mendota Youth Recreation, the Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County, and Westside Youth, Inc. regarding the use of CARES Act/COVID-19 grant funding.

Danny Garcia with the Mendota Pentecostal Church provided information on the organization's use of CARES Act/COVID-19 grant funding.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Mr. Garcia.

Sergio Valdez with Mendota Youth Recreation provided information on the organization's

use of CARES Act/COVID-19 grant funding.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Mr. Valdez.

Danny Garcia commented on the information provided by Mr. Valdez

Diane Carbray with the Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County provided information on the organization's use of CARES Act/COVID-19 grant funding.

Maria Gonzalez with the Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County provided information on the organization's use of CARES Act/COVID-19 grant funding.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Carbray.

Dino Perez with Westside Youth, Inc. provided information on the organization's use of CARES Act/COVID-19 grant funding.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Mr. Perez.

The Council thanked all of the organizations for their work and for their service to the community.

### **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 January 26, 2021.
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 Council Member Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. JANUARY 20, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 2021  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 47766 THROUGH 47826  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$381,418.64
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-12**, approving and accepting the public park landscape improvements constructed for Tract No. 6218 "La Colonia".

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Minutes of City Council Meeting 2 February 9, 2021

Calendar, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and appointment of a Planning Commissioner to the Recreation Commission.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to appoint Ms. Jessica Sanchez as the Planning Commission representative on the Recreation Commission, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-04**, entrance into a development agreement in the matter of Application No. 20-24, the Left Mendota 1, LLC project.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey stated that Council Member Rosales needed to recuse himself.

*At 6:49 p.m. Councilor Rosales recused himself from the dais.*

City Planner O'Neal deferred to Assistant City Attorney Castro to provide the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt Ordinance No. 21-04, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-05**, Amending Chapter 8.37 of Title 8 of the Mendota Municipal Code to Cure Omissions in the Adoption of Ordinance No. 20-16.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Castro provided the report.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-05 and set the public hearing for February 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

4. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-06**, Amending Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 of the Mendota Municipal Code to Exempt Razor Wire Use by Commercial Cannabis Businesses.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Castro provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-06 and set the public hearing for February 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

*At 6:58 p.m. Councilor Rosales returned to the dais.*

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Finance Officer
  - a) Grant Update

Finance Officer Diaz provided an update on various grant projects and the status of various grant applications.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Finance Officer Diaz.

*At 7:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:09 p.m.*

2. City Engineer
  - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided his report including the status of various engineering projects, planning projects, grant applications, and development projects.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Engineer Osborn.

3. City Attorney
  - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey provided a reminder of the upcoming Sexual Harassment training that is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> and the ethics training that is schedule for February 24<sup>th</sup>.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided his report including that staff will be participating in a defensive driver training; commented on the impacts of the recent rainstorm and efforts in preventing the impacts; a potential wastewater project; a potential project at the Covanta plant; Governor Newsom potentially visiting Fresno; a utility assistance program that will be held by Fresno County; a meeting that was held with Congressman Valadao's staff; a meeting that will be held with Senator Caballero; Westside Youth, Inc. submitting a facility

use application for the Open Market; the upcoming Goal Setting meeting; and upcoming City Hall closures.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Manager Gonzalez, and the electric plane project.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### 1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Rosales inquired on the quotes for repairing the electrical and plumbing issues at Pool Park.

Council Member Riofrio thanked Chief Smith for his work.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on the Recreation Commission meeting that was recently held.

Council Member Alonso thanked staff for their work.

### 2. Mayor

Mayor Castro stated that he met with a cannabis grower and that he is interested in holding events in the community, potentially at Pool Park; and commented on a recent rainstorm.

Discussion was held on flooding issues.

Marc Benjamin commented on the flooding issues.

Discussion was held on the dispensary project; the status of the pharmacy; and the availability of COVID-19 vaccinations.

## **CLOSED SESSION**


1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
CA Government Code § 54957(b)  
Title: City Manager

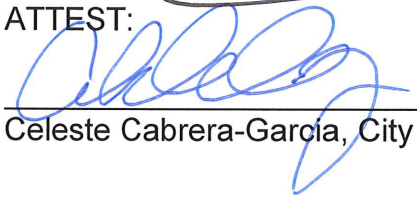
At 8:01 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 9:13 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 9:13 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

