



## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Regular Meeting**

**March 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 Victor Martinez, Jesse Mendoza, and Oscar Rosales

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Flag salute led by Mayor Silva**

***Invocation not held.***

### **FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

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

### **PROCLAMATION**

1. Proposed adoption of **Proclamation No. 19-01**, honoring and celebrating imminent centenarian and longtime Mendota resident Norberto Rojas.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Clerk Flood read the proclamation into the record.

City Council congratulated Mr. Rojas and thanked him for his contributions to the community.

Mr. Joseph Amador said some words of encouragement and offered a prayer.

### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

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

**Ofelia Ochoa (1817 Jennings Street)** – requested that the agenda be translated into Spanish; and communicated some issues related to what the cannabis company would require in order to work there.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Minutes of the special City Council meetings of February 20, 2019 and February 27, 2019, and the regular City Council meeting of February 26, 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 Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. FEBRUARY 26, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2019  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 45032 THRU 45072  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$237,901.37
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-14**, authorizing execution of a professional services agreement for the topographic and biological surveys in support of the improvements to and expansion of Rojas-Pierce Park.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-15**, conditionally approving the exclusive-use permits for City facilities for 2019.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt items 1 through 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **BUSINESS**

1. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 19-02**, amending Title 17, Chapter 17.08, Section 17.08.040 of the Mendota Municipal Code to modify the procedure for the initiation of zoning amendments.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez deferred to the City Attorney, who summarized his report including the reason for the revisions; the changes made for adopting a land-use ordinance, which is currently cumbersome; the delays

and problems that arise due to the overbearing requirements; and how the changes being made streamline the process.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to perform the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-02, and waive the second reading, seconded by Councilor Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 19-03**, amending Title 8, Chapter 8.20 of the Mendota Municipal Code relating to the recovery of attorney fees in nuisance abatement proceedings.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the current process; and the need to change the law to make it specifically allow the awarding of attorney fees due to an abatement action.

Discussion was held on the need to hold irresponsible property owners accountable.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to perform the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-03, and waive the second reading, seconded by Councilor Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-16**, authorizing the City Manager to execute documents that will allow the City to participate in the County JPA for receiving Community Development Block Grant funds.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized his report, including the City recently pulling out of the County's program; staff's interest in re-joining the program in order to have guaranteed funding; and the need to execute an agreement to memorialize its commitment.

Discussion was held on the limitation of applying for additional funds by re-joining the County's program; and the reason being due to having a lack of competent grant writers.

**Joseph Amador (1897 7th Street)** - requested that the City do what is needed to get funds back to our local non-profits.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 19-16, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public hearing and second 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 proposed changes that would be made to the existing development agreement such as reducing the amount of the lots; the development impacts fees arrangement; and provided the staff recommendation.

Discussion was held on the circulation issues that may arise at the new development and what type of businesses are interested in developing the commercial lot.

Mayor Silva opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Ordinance No. 19-01, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Castro; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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

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

Chief Andreotti provided information on animal control, code enforcement, and the police department.

Discussion was held on all of the code enforcement activity that will begin as the weather heats up; a burned vehicle on Garcia Street that needs to be towed; roosters making noise in residential neighborhoods; changing the ordinances to promote beautifying the community; interest in the old car wash business; some curb, gutter, and sidewalk that is unsafe; racing that is going on Sunday morning on Amador Street; and people illegally making and selling food out of their homes.

2. Economic Development
  - a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood provided information on the upcoming AB1234 ethics training; and announced his departure from the City of Mendota.

The Council wished Mr. Flood well on future endeavors.

3. City Attorney
  - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey announced the upcoming AB 1234 ethics training.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez deferred to Assistant City Engineer Osborn for a presentation on the intersection that will be by the La Colonia development; and the staff recommendation of having a roundabout by the development.

Discussion was held on the advantages and disadvantages of having a roundabout at the location.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Castro thanked staff for its involvement in cleaning up Jack's Resort and inquired on the possibility of building a new City Hall.

Councilor Rosales thanked the public for attending the meeting.

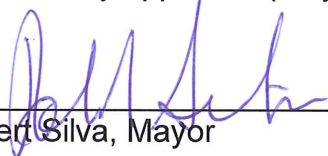
Councilor Mendoza thanked staff for its hard work, the public for coming to the meeting; stressed the importance of public participation; and congratulated Mr. Rojas for his achievements.

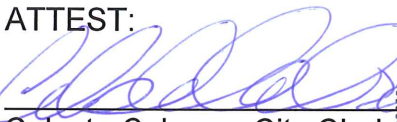
2. Mayor

Mayor Silva spoke about the proposal for Highway 180 to connect to the I-5.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:24 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Castro, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Celeste Cabrera, City Clerk

