

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2018

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

Flag salute led by Dino Perez.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, and Robert Silva.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and Councilor Rosales.

Invocation led by Mr. Jesus Sanchez from Mendota First Baptist Church.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

City Manager DiMaggio requested that the Closed Session item be removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt the agenda as requested by staff, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Martinez and Rosales).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Jon Anderson (Office of Senator Anthony Canella) - announced that Senator Canella is terming out of office, and that he has endorsed Mr. Robert Poythress, who is currently serving as Madera County Supervisor.

Robert Poythress (Madera County Supervisor) - spoke of his experience on the Madera City Council, Madera County Board of Supervisors, in Commercial Lending, and as a farmer; and summarized his legislative priorities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 27, 2018, and the special City Council meeting of February 28, 2018.
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 Silva to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Martinez and Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. FEBRUARY 21, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 07, 2018
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 043623 THRU 043678
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$315,247.77
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-17**, conditionally approving the exclusive use permits for city facilities for 2018.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-18**, authorizing the application for federal funding assistance for the reconstruction of the Mowry Bridge.

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt items 1 and 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Silva; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Martinez and Rosales).

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-17**, conditionally approving the exclusive use permits for city facilities for 2018.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Councilor Silva provided an introduction of the process for the approval of exclusive use permits; two specific events that have the same purpose, and whose dates are close to each other on the calendar; the problems and strain of resources that this causes; the importance of the backpack giveaway within the community of Mendota; and the need to sit down with these two agencies to work out a solution that is best for the community.

Dino Perez (Westside Youth, Inc.) - spoke on the need to collaborate with other organizations for the benefit of the community at large, and the importance of communicating in order to achieve optimal solutions.

Discussion was held on the collaborative nature of the event in the past.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt item 2 of the Consent Calendar, with the exception of the exclusive use applications for the two backpack giveaway events which will be considered at a later time, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Martinez and Rosales).

BUSINESS

1. Proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 18-01**, approving a development agreement between the City of Mendota and Marie Street Development, LLC for the development of the property located at 1269 Marie Street in the City of Mendota, County of Fresno, California (Assessor's Parcel Number 013-280-15).

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio explained the purpose of the Development Agreement.

Discussion was held on the processing of costs within the funding agreement; and the information related to the individual businesses that will work within the facility, including licensing and regulatory compliance.

Sergio Valdez (325 Pucheu Street) - requested information on how tenants would occupy the facility ran by Canna-Hub.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt Ordinance No. 18-01, seconded by Councilor Silva; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Martinez and Rosales).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Code Enforcement & Police Department
 - a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti provided the Code Enforcement monthly report including compliance outreach, shopping cart clean-up, and abandoned vehicles.

Discussion was held on ensuring that due process is followed when abating properties; whether revenue is being gained from code enforcement; and the importance of achieving voluntary compliance.

Chief of Police Andreotti reported on the activity of the Mendota Police Department including a training presentation they gave to employees of the Mendota Unified School District.

Discussion was held on a Multi-Agency Disaster Plan that was created in the 1990's due to common flooding problems, and the need to update it.

2. Economic Development
 - a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood reported on the results of a credit and debit card use at businesses survey; meetings he has had with representatives of financial institutions; and the recent success of a free preparation of taxes offered by the United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported on AB 2412 put forth on Assembly Member Arambula that will support economically disadvantaged communities get police stations; the Immigration Forum that will be held on March 15th; the delivery of the airplanes that are part of the electric airplane project and that the City of Mendota will have the first two airworthy planes of this type in the nation; the interests of the City of Reedley to have a joint meeting at Chandler Airport; and the projected timeline for installing the appropriate support infrastructure for the operation and maintenance of these planes.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Silva reported on the presence of Moses Stites at a hearing before the Council Meeting, and the discussion he had with him regarding highway 180; and the need to communicate the opening day for Cal Ripken youth baseball.

Councilor Mendoza reported on some youth recreation activities that have been going on in Mendota; and the need to have something like a Citizen of the Year award to recognize Mendota's greatest volunteers.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on participating in a special reading day at local schools; a special recognition that Dino Perez received at Fresno State; and the immigration forum that will take place.

CLOSED SESSION

1. *PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT*

CA Government Code § 54957.6

Title: Unrepresented Management MOU

Designated Representative and Negotiator: Vince DiMaggio

(Removed from the agenda)


ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 6:58 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Martinez and Rosales).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

