

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MENDOTA
CITY COUNCIL AND REEDLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2018

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mendota Mayor Rolando Castro, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, and Robert Silva; Reedley Mayor Pro Tem Frank Quiñon, Mary Fast, Robert Beck, and Ray Soleno

Council Members Absent: Mendota Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez and Councilor Oscar Rosales; Reedley Mayor Anita Betancourt

CALL TO ORDER

1. Reedley City Council
2. Mendota City Council

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mendota City Clerk Matt Flood and Reedley City Clerk Sylvia Plata conducted their respective roll calls.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Reedley Mayor Pro Tem Piñon.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Overview of the City of Reedley – Nicole Zieba, City Manager

City Manager Nicole Zieba gave a brief presentation on the community of Reedley; the history of the program that allowed the purchase of the electric planes; and reported that these aircraft are the first fully electric airworthy planes to fly in the United States.

2. Overview of the City of Mendota – Vince DiMaggio, City Manager

City Manager Vince DiMaggio thanked both Councils for having the courage to take the risk on this program; provided a brief summary of the community of Mendota; brought up various points related to the origin of this project; and shared the joint future vision for this program.

WORKSHOP

1. Update on Joint Electric Aircraft Project
 - Joseph Oldham, Executive Director, CALSTART Clean Transportation Center

Joseph Oldham reported on his personal history and experience, especially related to airplanes; the decline in individuals getting their pilot licenses due to the increased costs related to acquiring one; the operating range of the new electric planes; the work and effort put in by his organization, the two cities, and other individuals to ensure the project's success; the advantages and benefits this program will bring to the Central Valley, especially these two cities; the technical specifications of the electric planes; the petition process required so that these planes can be used to teach prospective pilots how to fly; the intent to partner with an institution of higher education, or other similar entity, to increase the effectiveness and reach of the program, similar to a flight school; and the low-maintenance nature of these planes, including the average cost of an hour of flight being \$1.50 compared to a traditional aviation fuel powered airplane at approximately \$40 per hour.

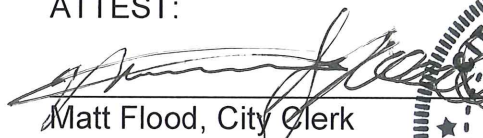
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Councils, a motion for adjournment was made at 3:51p.m, and seconded; unanimously approved by those present.



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

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