



## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Regular Meeting

March 27, 2018

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

Flag salute led by Mendota Boys & Girls Unit Director Ramiro Espinoza.

### Roll Call

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, and Robert Silva.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

### FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed adoption of **Proclamation No. 18-02**, celebrating April 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> as National Boys and Girls Club Week.

Mayor Castro introduced the item.

Economic Development Manager Flood read Proclamation No. 18-02 into the record.

Mayor Castro presented Proclamation No. 18-02 to Mendota Boys & Girls Club Unit Director Ramiro Espinoza and thanked Mr. Espinoza for his work.

The Council congratulated Mr. Espinoza and the participants of the Mendota Boys and Girls Club, and encouraged the participants to set goals and work to achieve them.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Proclamation No. 18-02, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Dino Perez to present information on the activities of Westside Youth, Inc.

Mayor Castro introduced the item.

Dino Perez congratulated the Mendota Boys and Girls Club and presented information on Westside Youth, Inc. including the organization's mission statement; shared the history of the organization; the individuals it serves; the various programs and services it provides; upcoming events; and various partners that the organizations has.

Discussion was held on upcoming programs; the start of the Mendota Open Market; Mendota Cobra Cheerleading tryouts; and the Council thanked Mr. Perez for his work.

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

**Salvador Ochoa (623 Gaxiola Street)** – shared that he is a life-long resident of Mendota; stated that he has been highly involved in youth recreation in Mendota, and that he has a lot of ideas for additional youth recreation programs; and inquired as to whether the City still had its recreation department, or a budget for recreational activities.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the Recreation Commission; whether the City still has a budget for recreational activities; the possibility of Mr. Ochoa using the city facilities for recreation purposes; and the possibility of expanding local parks.

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 13, 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 Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. MARCH 09, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 20, 2018  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 043679 THRU 043738  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$332,564.92

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-19**, claiming Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Administrative Services
  - a) Monthly Report

Administrative Services Director Lekumberry summarized the report for the month of February including that there was zero worker's compensation claims; there was one vehicle accident; that the Alliant Property Insurance Program insurance renewal was completed; and that there was a daily average of seven attendees at the senior center.

Discussion was held on doing outreach to increase the attendance of the Senior Center such as putting information in the monthly newsletter.

2. Public Works
  - a) Monthly Report

City Manager DiMaggio summarized Public Works Department report including that the City will go out to bid for the slurry seal projects; complimented Mr. Gonzalez on preparing the grant application for the replacement of the Mowry Bridge; a meeting that will be held with the Bureau of Reclamation during first week of April regarding the Mowry Bridge; the status of the Lozano Lift Station project; and pointed out the amount of the dogs that have been redeemed by owners under the new policy.

Discussion was held on preparing and cleaning city parks for use during the Easter weekend; the status of installing a horseshoe pit at Rojas-Pierce Park; a storage building at Pool Park that that should be boarded up; and the possibility of installing shade structures at Lindgren-Lozano Park.

3. City Attorney
  - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported that he received an email from Congressman Valadao's staff informing him that the language that he and Chief Andreotti provided was included in the Omnibus Bill; it being a credited to both the staff of Congressman Valadao and Senator Feinstein; determining what specific federal funding opportunities

the language applies to; and that the press event for the electric airplane project will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on the experience of riding in an electric airplane; whether Mr. DiMaggio is traveling through the City; noise violations; whether banners are allowed in the City; the status of researching whether the city can sell the 100 acres of land it owns, and when Council would receive update; and the status of the Marie Street Development project.

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

### 1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Silva requested that staff look into the possibility of requesting that the state allow for an additional day of operation for the DMV in Mendota; and a meeting that he attended with Senator Harris's Chief of Staff in which he inquired as to whether there was funding available for gang suppression.

Discussion was held on staff taking the initiative of looking for funding for gang suppression.

Councilor Mendoza commented on the fundraising efforts by Alliance for Medical Outreach & Relief for their project in Mendota, and shared his experience riding in an electric airplane during the joint meeting of the Reedley City Council and Mendota City Council at Chandler Airport.

### 2. Mayor

Mayor Castro stated that he had met with gubernatorial candidate Villaraigosa; commented on the attendance of the Immigration Town Hall meeting that was held a few weeks ago; and reminded everyone about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt that Mendota Youth Recreation is hosting.

## **CLOSED SESSION**


1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
CA Government Code § 54957.6  
Title: Unrepresented Management MOU  
Designated Representative and Negotiator: Vince DiMaggio

At 6:49 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.


At 7:32 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regards to item 1 of the closed session, there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:32 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Flood, City Clerk

