

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

April 9, 2019

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

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Rolando Castro, Councilors Victor Martinez (at 6:06 p.m.), Jesse Mendoza, and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Castro

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 Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed adoption of **Proclamation No. 19-02**, recognizing the week of April 8th through April 12th as National Boys & Girls Club Week.

Mayor Silva introduced the item.

Amanda Navarrete (Mendota Boys & Girls Club Unit Director) - introduced herself; and reported on the activities that the Club will have throughout the week (at 6:06 p.m. Councilor Martinez entered the Council Chambers).

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia read the proclamation into the record.

The Council presented the proclamation to the Mendota Boys & Girls Club.

2. Council to recognize Matt Flood for his service to the community.

Mayor Silva introduced the item, read the plaque into the record, and presented it to Mr. Flood.

The Council thanked Mr. Flood for his service to the community and wished him well with his future endeavors.

Mr. Flood thanked the Council and staff for their support and well wishes.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Ezequiel Franco Lopez (Fresno, CA) – stated that his niece has continuously attempted to open the water account for 485 Lolita Street, but has not been successful; and commented on the issues surrounding the ownership of the home.

Discussion was held on the reasons why the water account has not been opened; and the Council requested that Mr. Lopez and his niece meet with staff to discuss the issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 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 Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MARCH 26, 2019 THROUGH APRIL 04, 2019
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 45135 THRU 45196
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$243,985.06
2. Proposed adoption of **Proclamation No. 19-03**, recognizing May 18, 2019 as Kids to Parks Day in the City of Mendota.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-22**, revising the Management Benefit resolution.

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-23**, approving the Professional Services Contract with New Vision Aviation, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

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

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-23**, approving the Professional Services Contract with New Vision Aviation, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the contract; and the involvement of other agencies with the project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Castro to adopt item 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of potential Mendota Municipal Code amendments regarding permitted cannabis business activities.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including the current provisions contained in the Mendota Municipal Code (MMC) regarding cannabis business activities; the passage of regulations by the State, including regulations regarding delivery; the issues that the new regulations raise for the City; the possibility of MMC amendments regarding cannabis business activities; and requested the Council's direction on the item.

Discussion was held on the regulations that were approved by the state regarding cannabis businesses; potential options that the City has in regards to MMC amendments, such as cannabis delivery activities; and the City's previous position on the issue.

Tim McGraw (Canna-Hub) - spoke on the positive impact that an MMC amendment concerning cannabis delivery activities will have on Canna-Hub.

Discussion was held on what is staff's recommendation; allowing a dispensary to operate within the City; and various issues that should be taken into consideration, such the zoning designation in which a dispensary may be allowed.

Tim McGraw (Canna-Hub) - provided an update on the development of the Canna-Hub campus.

Discussion was held on the quality of the campus.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to provide a draft MMC amendment concerning regulations for cannabis delivery licenses and storefronts for the Council's consideration.

Joe Gutierrez (647 Perez Street) - commented on the importance of providing education for the community regarding the proposed changes;

2. Council discussion and consideration of project alternatives for Proposition 68 grant funding.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Finance Administrative Supervisor Diaz summarized the report including an upcoming meeting that she will be attending regarding grants that the City may be qualify for; and requested the Council's input on the various project alternatives for which to seek grant funding.

Discussion was held on the various park project alternatives to seek grants for; the need to improve local parks; the need for additional employees; ensuring that employees are working efficiently; available grants (at 6:52 p.m. Councilor Martinez left the Council Chambers and returned at 6:53 p.m.); options available for utilizing recycled water; and available opportunities to have non-profit organizations as grant co-applicants.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to on which park project alternatives to seek potential grant funding for.

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-21**, approving the reinstatement of the Finance Officer position.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized report including the City's experience with various grants writers; the inability for the grant writers to provide results; proposed to have a staff member that will conduct grant writing services in-house; the various duties that would be assigned to the staff member; and reclassifying a position to allow for such activities.

Discussion was held on the condition of the City's loan portfolio; the reasons as to why the City did not acquire grant funding via the grant consultants; speaking with the School District regarding how they are successful in acquiring grants; and tabling the item for a future meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing and second 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 Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including the provisions that the ordinance provides to streamline the procedure for the initiation of zoning amendments.

At 7:13 p.m. 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. 19-02, seconded by Councilor Martinez; 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 the fees that individuals have to pay when their vehicles are towed; the impound fees that Gonzalez Towing charges; whether the City can post the business's fees so that customers are aware of the fees; the ways that individuals are impacted when they have their vehicle towed; and the police department's policies and practices regarding towing vehicles.

Joe Gutierrez (647 Perez Street) – stated that all individuals should be treated equally, regardless of their legal status.

Discussion was held on policies and practices regarding tinted windows violations and infractions.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the Public Works Officer's Conference that he recently attended; and thanked the staff for their hard work while he was at the conference.

Councilor Martinez requested an update on the Rojas-Pierce Park Improvement project.

Assistant Engineer Osborn provided an update on the project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Castro reported on the upcoming Opening Day for the local baseball program.

Councilor Rosales thanked staff for their hard work.

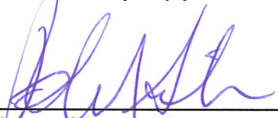
Councilor Mendoza reported on the upcoming Opening Day for the local baseball program; the community clean-up event; and thanked the staff and Council for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on a meetings he recently attended.

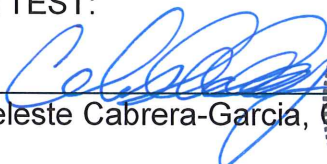
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Castro, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

