

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez at 6:00 p.m.

Flag salute led by Mr. Joseph Amador.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, Oscar Rosales, and Robert Silva.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Rolando Castro.

Invocation led by Mr. Amador.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

City Manager DiMaggio stated that Presentation item 1 will be postponed to the next City Council meeting, and that Business item 1 will be removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

SWEARING IN

1. Economic Development Manager Flood to swear in Officer Patrick Clark.

The item was postponed upon the arrival of Officer Clark.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Sonia Hall with Granted Solutions to provide a grant update.
(Postponed to the June 26, 2018 City Council Meeting)
2. Tim McGraw with Canna-Hub to provide an update on their project.

Tim McGraw with Canna-Hub presented information on his operation, including the \$300,000 they have spent so far on renovating the building; the closing date coming up soon; results of an asbestos test they are waiting for; that 50% of the total space of the building is already committed to various operators; they hope to have people operating in their building by the end of August; and a job fair and ribbon-cutting ceremony that will be holding.

Discussion was held on involving the State Employment Development Department with the job fair; hiring and procuring local residents; that there are more labs and manufacturing than cultivation; the types of employment that will be available; and the licensing process for operators.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Dino Perez (Westside Youth, Inc.) – provided an update on their summer meals program for children and youth.

Discussion was held on the summer program that Westside Youth, Inc. has.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 22, 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 Mendoza to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

SWEARING IN

1. Economic Development Manager Flood to swear in Officer Patrick Clark.

Economic Development Manager Flood swore in Officer Patrick Clark.

Chief Andreotti formally introduced Officer Clark and provided some background information on his professional experience.

The City Council thanked Officer Clark and welcomed him to Mendota.

Derrick Walker (960 Stanford Ave. Madera, CA) - requested to have use of Rojas-Pierce Park for a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and a car show.

Staff reported that Mr. Walker has submitted an application with staff and that they will meet with him to discuss his proposed event.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MAY 22, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 07, 2018
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 43948 THRU 44018
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$416,437.79
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-36**, approving an authorized representative as required by the State Water Resources Control Board for a water supply planning study.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-37**, waiving the business license fee for security personnel at the 2018 Mendota Fireworks Show.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-39**, approving and adopting the fiscal year 2018-2019 operating budget for the City of Mendota.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-40**, approving an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mendota and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 on behalf of the Mendota Police Officers Association.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-43**, authorizing the execution of an engineering services agreement for the Black, Fleming, and McCabe Street reconstruction project.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-44**, updating the roadway classification of Black Avenue between Rower Avenue and Sorensen Avenue.
8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-45**, updating the roadway classification of 5th Street between Derrick Avenue (SR 33) and Naples Street on Caltrans's California Road System Map.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt items 1 through 8 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 18-38**, approving a donation to Mendota Youth Recreation from the City Donations Fund for the

purchase of trophies.
(Removed from the agenda)

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 18-41**, approving the submission of a ballot measure to increase the current sales and use tax to provide additional funding for city services.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio provided information on the proposed election, and shared the staff recommendation.

At 6:26 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez opened the discussion to the public and seeing no one present wishing to speak, closed it in that same minute.

Discussion was held on the benefits of such a tax, and how the additional money spent is not felt by the consumer but compounds to form large revenues that help improve the community.

Sergio Valdez (325 Pucheu Street) - talked of the importance of clarifying that it is not a parcel tax, and suggested that staff use the utility newsletter to specify that a parcel tax will not be involved.

Jonathan Leiva (638 N. Juanita Street) - spoke on the importance of educating the public on the measure.

Discussion was held on the revenue that this measure could raise; the negative connotation that the word "tax" can have on the average consumer; the importance of having outreach groups that are involved and invested in helping the measure pass; and the legalities involved when the City has a ballot measure, including limitations on campaigning, advertising, and spending money.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Resolution No. 18-41, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 18-42**, calling for and ordering a municipal election to increase the sales and use tax, and requesting that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 8, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio reported that this is the companion resolution to the previous item that schedules the election to be part of the ballot on the regular, midterm election.

At 6:37 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez opened the hearing to the public and a question from the audience regarding the scheduling was answered.

At 6:38 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 18-42, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Chief of Police Andreotti provided his report including the status of a new employee who is in training and the fact that they have coverage all week now; warnings that are being given out to residents; and the amount of voluntary compliance that has taken place.

Chief Andreotti reported on a successful event that the Mendota Police Officers Association sponsored in the park; the result of the Mendota Police Explorers participation in a recent competition in Las Vegas; and read a letter that had information on the Mendota Police Department helping locate a missing person, reuniting a son with his father.

Discussion was held on the many parties that are being held in the warm summer months in which there may be violations; and enforcing of curfew violations.

2. Economic Development
 - a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood provided his report, including the upcoming Mendota Fireworks Show.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey reported on recent work he has done with Code Enforcement related to weed abatement within the City, and the information he will provide in a couple of weeks regarding election ethics.

4. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio commended the Economic Development Manager on his work on the Mendota Fireworks Show; his attendance at a statewide economic development conference in May; the advanced Economic Development incentive area the City is considering (EEIA); the upcoming development of La Colonia on Bass Avenue and the adoption of the EEIA spurring economic development in Mendota; and the intent the City has in meeting with LAFCo in order to annex land for development.

Discussion was held on the electric airplanes program; the functionality of the splash park in Rojas-Pierce Park; a light that was worked on on Petry Street; and water intrusion issues happening at the Lozano Lift Station.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Mendoza reported on the Mendota Boxing Club's participation in a recent tournament; congratulated the graduates of Mendota High School; congratulated the Mendota Police Explorers for their success; thanked Sonya Mejia for the picture of the Cobra Cheerleaders; and thanked the MPOA for holding a movie night in the park.

Councilor Rosales thanked all of the public and staff for their work and participation.

Councilor Silva requested that the weekend update be sent to Planning Commissioners; the success of a youth baseball tournament that was recently held in Mendota, including its positive effect on revenues due to people shopping and eating here; and the importance of promoting local events such as that baseball tournament.

Mayor Pro Tem thanked the public, and all who help make the community better, and thanked the staff.

CLOSED SESSION


1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
CA Government Code § 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Lekumberry, Administrative Services Director and Vince DiMaggio, City Manager
Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

At 7:08 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 7:55 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 7:56 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).


Victor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk

