



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

June 26, 2018

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

Flag salute led by Mendota Police Explorers Squad Sergeant Jose Ruiz.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATION

1. Mendota Police Department Explorers Program to report on their success at the Explorers Conference in Las Vegas.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Mendota Police Explorers Program Advisor Officer Sindy Ayala described the amount of training that the explorers did; the expansion of the program; the hard work that the Explorers exhibited while participating in the various events; the different events that they participated in; the team was awarded three trophies for different events; the Police Explorer teams from different departments that they competed against; and thanked the Council for their help with fundraising and promoting the program.

Jose Ruiz (Police Explorer) – stated that he was the squad sergeant for the program; thanked the Council for their help and support; thanked the Mendota Police Department staff for supporting them; and shared his experience from the competition.

Maria Perez (Police Explorer) – shared her experience from the competition.

Jesus Meza (Police Explorer) – stated that he has participated in the program for three years; thanked the Council and Mendota Police Department staff for their support; and shared his experience from the competition.

Katherine Ismalej (Police Explorer) – thanked the Council, staff, and advisors for their support and assistance, and shared her experience with training and at the competition.

Discussion was held on the Explorers establishing a reputable presence at the competition.

The Council congratulated the Explorers for exceptionally representing the community and their families.

2. Sonia Hall with Granted Solutions to provide a grant update.

Sonia Hall with Granted Solutions stated that she met with staff in order to create a needs assessment for the City; described the various items and projects that grants are needed for; the different types of grants that the City can apply for; and that there are items that are not listed on the needs assessment that the firm is also searching for grants for.

Discussion was held on editing the assessment needs document; the grantors doing a cost-benefit analysis for different items; various grants that the City qualifies for; searching for grants that will provide for additional funding for existing city improvement programs, such as the façade improvement program (at 6:27 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez left the Council Chambers); additional needs and items to search for grants for, including funding for recreational programs and facilities; different grants that the firm is currently actively working on; providing quarterly reports to the Council; and improving communication between grant writers and City.

WORKSHOP

1. City Attorney Kinsey to provide training on election ethics as it pertains to campaigning and elections.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey provided a pamphlet and training on election ethics including that public resources cannot be used for ballot measure campaign activities but can be used for informational activities (at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez returned to the Council Chambers); specified the types of activities that resources are permitted to be used, including placing the measure on the

ballot and preparing a fact-based analysis on the measure; activities that are not permitted such as the use agency resources for campaign activities; that staff and officials can engage in certain activities on their own time using their own resources; and stated that he is able to answer any questions that the Council may have towards the item.

Raul Varela (263 J Street) – inquired as to what is considered a Council Members own time.

Discussion was held on the importance of balancing the duties of the agency and an individual's first amendment rights; City Attorney Kinsey shared examples as to what is not considered a Council Members own time; and recommended that staff and officials do not participate in campaign activities at City events.

Jonathan Leiva (638 N. Juanita Street) – asked whether a campaign event can be held at a local park.

Discussion was held on the park being a public space; it being acceptable for such events; and a potential gray area regarding the City providing permits for such events.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Sendy Ayala (Mendota Police Officers Association [MPOA]) – introduced herself as the vice president of the MPOA; thanked the Council for their involvement during negotiations; and stated that the MPOA is becoming more involved in the community.

Discussion was held on promoting additional MPOA events to the community; informing the Council of scheduled events; and the Council commended Officer Ayala for her leadership.

Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation) – provided an update on the upcoming Harvest Fiesta, including the different bands that will be performing, the backpack giveaway event; and the soccer program.

Discussion was held on the various contests that will take place at the Harvest Fiesta, and the fundraising efforts for the backpack giveaway event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the special City Council meeting of June 5, 2018 and the regular City Council meeting of June 12, 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 (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JUNE 12, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 21, 2018
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 44019 THRU 44078
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$312,677.54
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-49**, entering into an agreement with Mendota Unified School District to renew the existing School Resource Officer position and assign two additional positions.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-50**, requesting that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors consolidate the Regular Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 6, 2018 and render specified services.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-51**, authorizing the disposition of remaining surplus property.
5. Approval of applications for permits to sell fireworks.

Councilor Silva stated that he would abstain from voting on item 4 of the Consent Calendar.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to adopt item 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; approved (4 ayes, abstain: Silva).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administrative Services
 - a) Monthly Report

Administrative Services Director Lekumberry summarized the report including a 401k education meeting that took place in May; provided a personnel update; the daily average of attendees at the Senior Center; and special projects that she worked on, including labor compliance for the Pavement Seal project and the Lozano Lift Station project, as well as the LUCA 2020 Census update.

Discussion was held on who is the staff representative for aviation related items.

2. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez commented on the success of the dog adoption program.

Discussion was held on the good work that staff is doing on the dog adoption program; large potholes on Sorensen Street near the Housing Authority complexes; the good condition of the parks; the status of the splash park; the importance of employees keeping hydrated, especially during the summer months; installing benches at the Lindgren-Lozano Park; and the public doing a good job at keeping the parks clean.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reminded the Council about an email that he sent out regarding an event that Mr. Ismael Herrera is organizing in Clovis; and reported on working on finalizing the development agreement for the La Colonia project.

Discussion was held on the status of soccer field improvement project; when the build-out of Amador and Smoot Streets will occur, including the entitlement process and the sale of property to Mr. Hair by Westlands Water District.

Discussion was held on staff arranging a time to meet with Caltrans regarding the merging lane and road markings on the southern portion of Derrick Avenue.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Silva reported on a car show and basketball tournament that Mr. Derrick Walker is organizing; the need to attract those types of activities to the community; and requested the relocation of City-owned flower pots along 7th Street.

Discussion was held on the meeting that staff had with Mr. Walker regarding his proposed event.

Councilor Rosales thanked the staff for their work and the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilor Mendoza shared his experience from a ride-along with City Manager DiMaggio, and commented on the upcoming 2018 Mendota Fireworks Show.

CLOSED SESSION

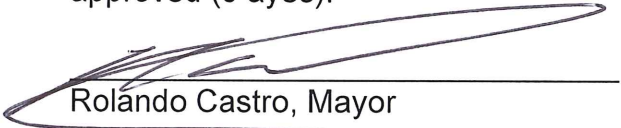
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
CA Government Code § 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Lekumberry, Administrative Services Director and Vince DiMaggio, City Manager
Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

At 7:11 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 7:28 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.

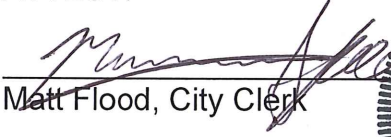
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:28 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

