



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2020

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

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Jesus Mendoza, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro

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 Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 26, 2020.
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. MAY 26, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 02, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 46867 THROUGH 46916
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$436,672.95
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-37**, approving the Professional Services Agreement for the Landscape & Lighting District Administration.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-38**, ratifying Emergency Order No. 20-07 issued in response to the continuing COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-39**, accepting the terms of the CARES Act Airport Grant and designating an authorized representative.
5. Proposed approval of applications for permits to sell fireworks

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 through 3 and 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-39**, accepting the terms of the CARES Act Airport Grant and designating an authorized representative.

Discussion was held on the amount of the grant; how the funding from the grant can be utilized; the purpose of designating an authorized representative; and whether the City still maintains an active lease with the Fresno Westside Mosquito Abatement District.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve item 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez thanked Finance Officer Diaz for her work in preparing the proposed budget, and summarized the report including the impact that COVID-19 has had on revenue projections; various aspects of the budget; and requested that the Council review and consider the proposed budget for modifications and/or adoption.

Discussion was held on the possibility of holding a special City Council meeting to review the proposed budget; elements of the specific budget for each department; the increase of

funds for certain department budgets; and significant changes to the proposed 20/21 fiscal year budget compared to the 19/20 fiscal year budget.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to table the item and schedule a Special City Council meeting on June 16th at 12 p.m. to discuss and consider the proposed budget, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti provided his report for the Animal Control Department, including an increase in staff picking up deceased animals; and presented the statistics reflecting the number of dogs that were impounded.

Discussion was held on staff picking up deceased animals.

Chief Andreotti provided his report for the Code Enforcement Department, including the status of the weed abatement process.

Discussion was held on illegally parked trailers throughout the City; force abatement cases being on hold due to COVID-19; vehicles not moving for the street sweeper; whether the City can address residential subleasing issues in the City; issues with families living in substandard conditions; and whether additional housing will improve the overcrowding situation in Mendota.

Chief Andreotti summarized the report for the Police Department, including a personnel update; significant cases; and issues with individuals being taken to jail but being released due to having a zero-bail amount for their charges.

Discussion was held on significant cases; issues with vehicles speeding throughout the City; and how the civil unrest occurring throughout the country has impacted the department (at 6:52 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 6:53 p.m., and Councilor Mendoza left at 6:53 p.m.).

2. City Attorney

City Attorney Kinsey stated that COVID-19 related work has decreased for his office (at 6:55 p.m. Councilor Riofrio returned to the Council Chambers).

Discussion was held on whether Councilor Rosales could participate in the discussion of upcoming Closed Session items.

6. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on current COVID-19 statistics for the City.

Discussion was held on whether the mattress drop-off program is still active; whether the City can schedule a community clean-up event, and potentially have it has a “curb-side” style event; issues with City street lights; issues with overgrown trees; the possibility of the Council having a tour of City facilities; dedicating the new baseball field in the future; the possibility of having a softball game; the status of National Night Out event; other cities that have cancelled their fireworks show; the personnel status of the police department; an instance where another city received a significant amount of masks from the state (at 7:18 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez left the Chambers and returned at 7:20 p.m.); the status of the United Security Bank; the possibility of acquiring a K-9 police officer; the possibility of opening Cervantes Street to traffic; the status of the housing subdivision in the southwestern area of the City; and the status of the buildout of Amador Street and Smoot Street.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez thanked the staff for their work and commented on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

Councilor Mendoza stated that he wishes that the community continues to be safe and utilize precautionary measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

Councilor Rosales thanked staff and those who attended Mr. Robert Silva's funeral services.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked Mr. Gonzalez for attending Mr. Silva's funeral services; provided his condolences to Mendota residents who had recently passed away; and provided information on an upcoming fundraising opportunity for the Mojarro family.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 - a) Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (one potential case)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 - a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (one potential case)

At 7:46 p.m. the Council moved into closed session (at this time Councilor Rosales left the Council Chambers).

At 8:26 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to items 1 and 2 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 8:26 p.m. by Councilor Mendoza, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

