

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 23, 2019

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 5:59 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilor Victor Martinez

Flag salute led by Mayor Silva

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

PRESENTATION

1. Ivette Rodriguez from Mid Valley Disposal to present the 3rd and 4th quarter update.

Ivette Rodriguez from Mid Valley Disposal presented the 3rd and 4th quarter update, including information on SB 1383; a letter that the City received from CalRecycle stating that the City is in good standing with its annual review; the preparation of the City's annual report; the total number of work orders service requests; the results of the residential assessments; the results of the commercial assessments; educational materials regarding flammable materials; various events that the agency has attended; the results of the 2018 fall community clean up event; the results of the construction and

demolition diversion program; the results of the tonnage report for 2018; the local household hazardous waste network; and upcoming events that the agency will be participating in.

Discussion was held on the challenges that residents face when recycling food waste; and how residents can properly dispose of animal waste.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Felipe Perez – stated that he would like to establish a partnership with the City Council to encourage individuals to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire; that he would like to create a mural in the community in support of the Census; ways to increase the participation; and available jobs for the 2020 Census.

Discussion was held on how the Council may assist Mr. Perez in his efforts.

Ofelia Ochoa (Jennings Street) – requested that English-Spanish translation services be provided for City Council meetings.

Discussion was held on an item regarding translation services being on the agenda, and waiting to discuss the item until the appropriate time during the meeting.

Kevin Romero (Tuft Street) - provided an update on the Mendota High School football team.

Sergio Valdez (Pucheu Street) - apologized for not attending Mendota Community Corporation meeting; and provided information on the upcoming Backpack Giveaway event.

Discussion was held on the donation that was made by the Mendota Community Corporation to Mendota Youth Recreation for the Backpack Giveaway event; and the total cost of the event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 9, 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 Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JULY 2, 2019 THROUGH JULY 16, 2019
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 45443 THRU 45614
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$472,343.53
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-49**, concerning local transportation purpose funds (Measure "C" Extension Funds).
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-50**, claiming Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-53**, adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion Project.
5. Proposed approval of the issuance of a Certificate of Recognition for the Tradicion y Cultura Joaquin Murrieta Annual Horse Ride.

Discussion was held on whether the City would be receiving additional revenue as a result of the Gas Tax.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion on implementing a policy to provide English-Spanish translation services at City meetings.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Cardella summarized the report including that the City has been receiving requests for English-Spanish translation services at City Council meetings; the City Attorney's office looking into the issue; that there is no legal requirement for the City to provide translation services at meetings; the benefits of providing translation services; the costs of providing such services; the various options that are available for the Council to make regarding the issue; and request that the City Council discuss the issue and provide direction to staff on how to proceed.

Discussion was held on whether a certified translator needs to provide the translation services; the costs associated with providing translation services; the issues with having staff members translate; providing translation services upon request; the possibility of acquiring a volunteer to provide translation services; and the possibility of having a local high school student provide translation services.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to direct staff to determine the amount of funding that is available to provide translation services; and draft a policy based on the available amount of funding and other requirements that the City Council requests, including translation services only being available for City Council meetings and that the services must be requested 48 hours in advance, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

Assistant City Attorney Cardella requested that the City Council consider tabling Business item 5 for a future meeting so that the translation services will be made available for the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to table Business item 5, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-51**, annexing the La Colonia subdivision to Community Facilities District 2006-1 and approving the amended boundary map of the District.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Cardella summarized the report including information regarding the initial proceedings of the Community Facilities District 2006-1 (CFD); and the City's ability to annex the La Colonia subdivision into the CFD.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 19-51, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-52**, electing to become subject to the uniform public construction cost accounting procedures.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Cardella summarized the report including the proposed procedures permitting the City to use simple purchase procedures for certain public works projects; the established purchase limits; and the benefits of adopting such procedures.

Discussion was held on the simple purchase procedures process.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 19-52, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

4. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 19-07**, enacting informal bidding procedures for specified public works projects.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Cardella stated that the item is related to Business item 3.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Ordinance No. 19-07, with the

correction of a typographical error in the title of the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

Discussion was held on the correct action that the Council need to make in regards to Business item 4.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to amend the Council's previous motion to include waiving the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-07 and setting the public hearing for the August 13th City Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Mendoza).

5. Council discussion and consideration of a letter received from the California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. regarding City utility bill late fees.

Tabled for a future meeting

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administrative Services
 - a) Monthly Report

Director of Administrative Services Lekumberry summarized her report including ongoing labor negotiations; open enrollment meetings; onboarding meetings; a vehicle accident; the average number of Senior Center attendees; and special projects.

Discussion was held on available job opportunities.

2. Finance Officer
 - a) Grant Update

Finance Officer Diaz provided a grant update.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez commented on the upcoming summer community clean-up event; and the status of the AMOR project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Mendoza commented on a situation where a vehicle was tagged by the Code Enforcement Department, and inquired as to why the vehicle was tagged; requested that the monthly newsletter be printed on colorful paper; and commented on the Axiom trip.

Councilor Rosales requested that the City Council meeting agenda packets always be printed for City Council Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Castro inquired on the possibility of hiring a detective long-term and establishing a canine unit.

2. Mayor

Nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference regarding real property negotiations pursuant to Government Code §54956.8.
 - a) Addresses:
 - a. 195 Smoot Street, Mendota, CA 93640
 - b. 415 Sorensen Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640
 - c. 437 Sorensen Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640
 - b) Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez
 - c) Negotiating Party: Mendota Unified School District
 - d) Under Negotiation: Terms of payment

At 7:19 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 7:36 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Cardella 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 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Castro, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

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