



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

July 25, 2017

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

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez.

Flag salute led by members of the CalFire Mendota Station-96.

Invocation led by Dr. El Sayed Ramadan the Imam of Masjid Fresno Islamic Center.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Bertha Tarelo (33171 W. El Progreso) – stated that she is a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church; explained that she is praying that the Council makes a favorable decision regarding becoming a sanctuary city; and stated that she and other members of the public will be waiting for the day the Council considers the issue.

Joe Gomez (2033 7th Street) – stated that he had requested to be placed on the agenda; stated that he has not received a response to the public records request he

recently submitted; reported that Council Members were not answering his phone calls; and requested that he be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting

Discussion was held on the status of the public records request that Mr. Gomez submitted; staff advised Mr. Gomez that the issue he wants to discuss being under the public hearing section of the agenda, and would be heard at a later portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 11, 2017.
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 11, 2017 THROUGH JULY 19, 2017
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 042747 THRU 042787
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$227,961.06
2. Approval of an agreement between the City of Mendota, City of Reedley, and CALSTART for the administration of the Measure C New Technology Grant.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales adopt item 1 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Silva; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza adopt item 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Silva; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

BUSINESS

1. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 17-12**, Imposing a Transactions and Use Tax to Be Administered by the State Board of Equalization.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including the procedural requirements under state law for an increase in a sales; the timeline of the ordinance; and the ordinance being contingent upon the results of the mail ballot election.

Discussion was held on the measures that the people will consider and this ordinance only having to do with the sales and use tax.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to perform the first reading of Ordinance No. 17-12, with the second reading waived, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

2. Council discussion and consideration to allow the use of Rojas-Pierce Park for the Annual Backpack Giveaway event.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and reported that Gutierrez Recycling requested to use Rojas-Pierce Park for the Annual Backpack Giveaway event due to the closure of the Gutierrez Recycling establishment.

Discussion was held on the various agencies and organizations that will be attending.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve the usage of Rojas-Pierce Park for the Annual Backpack Giveaway event, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council take public comment and consider **Resolution No. 17-46** and **Resolution No. 17-47**, authorizing the placement of special assessments on the 2017/2018 tax roll for the 2016 and 2017 nuisance abatement costs.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including that the City carried out weed abatements on properties that did not clean up their properties, and explained the various notices that were provided to the property owners.

Discussion was held on the public nuisance abatement process; the amount of time that property owners had to clean their properties; and the amount of notices that were sent to the property owners.

Angela McGarrett Brown (573 Stamoules Street) – stated that she had been unable to reach the Code Enforcement Department to request an extension of time to clean her property; she was unable to hire someone to clean the property within the time given; stated that the individuals inhabiting 585 Stamoules Street were throwing debris to her property; and requested that the Council remove or lower the fees that is owed to the City.

Discussion was held on the Council having the discretion in regards to the issue; the amount of notices that were sent out; the fees that Ms. Brown owes being from the 2016 public nuisance abatement process; the options available to Council; a meeting that staff will attend regarding 585 Stamoules Street; and staff meeting with Ms. Brown regarding the issue.

Victor Miranda (4150 Vaughn Avenue) – stated that he is the property owner of 977

Marie Street; explained that he feels that the fee is too high; and requested that the Council lower the fee.

Discussion was held on the amount of notices that were sent to Mr. Miranda.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Resolution No. 17-46 with the removal of 573 Stamoules Street, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 17-47, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez summarized the report and reported that the application to use the Lozano Park for the Joaquin Murrieta ride was approved.

Discussion was held on when 5th Street will be reconstructed; various construction projects going on throughout the community; replacing a trashcan near Cecilia's restaurant; ensuring that fire hydrants are operational; parks at Veteran's park not functioning properly; and the recruitment of an animal control officer.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey reported on working with staff on ongoing issues, and provided a timeline for cannabis cultivation ordinance.

Discussion was held on providing the Council with an update on the Quince Street issue.

Jorge Gutierrez (487 Perez Street) – wanted clarification on the proposed cannabis cultivation ordinance.

3. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio stated that he continues to monitor the progress of SB 54, and stated that Attorney General Sessions announced possible restrictions on Department of Justice Grants.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Silva requested that the Council honor CHP Commander Mosley in December; reported on the upcoming Backpack Giveaway event; and reported on the application to the California Water Commission that was submitted for Prop 1 funding.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on the upcoming Backpack Giveaway event, and reminded everyone that National Night Out would be held on August 1st.

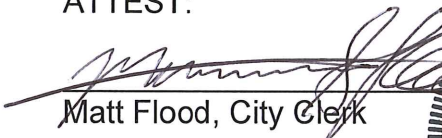
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:25 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

