



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 28, 2020

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

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Interim Chief of Police Kevin Smith

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Carlos Esqueda (President of the Mendota Police Officers Association [MPOA]) – spoke on behalf of MPOA and stated that the organization supports the appointment of Kevin Smith as the Interim Chief of Police.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 14, 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 Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JULY 14, 2020 THROUGH JULY 22, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 47046 THROUGH 47104
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$318,337.30
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-57**, retaining Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group and BSK Associates for Professional Construction Phase Services for the Bass & Barboza Roundabout Project.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-58**, authorizing Payment of Retainage to the Contractor for Black Avenue & 5th Street Reconstruction Federal Project No. STBL-5285(019).

A request was made to pull item 3 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-58**, authorizing Payment of Retainage to the Contractor for Black Avenue & 5th Street Reconstruction Federal Project No. STBL-5285(019).

Discussion was held on Consent Calendar item 3.

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

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and direction to staff regarding potential Mendota Municipal Code amendments requested by Canna-Hub to allow for the commercial distribution of cannabis.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report.

John Kinsey provided information on the item and requested direction from the Council on how to proceed.

Discussion was held on the item.

Tim McGraw (Canna-Hub) – provided information on Canna-Hub's request.

Sal Villanueva (Budee) – provided information about Budee.

Joseph Amador – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Joshua Garcia – commented on the item.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to bring back the item for Council discussion and consideration at a future meeting (at 6:58 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:00 p.m.).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-54**, appointing voting delegates for the League of California Cities' Annual Business Meeting.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Castro to appoint Joseph Riofrio as the voting delegate and Jesus Mendoza as alternate voting delegate and adopt Resolution No. 20-54, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing and proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-55**, confirming the diagram and authorizing the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2019-01 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report.

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public, and hearing no one willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 20-55, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Public hearing and proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-56**, authorizing the placement of special assessments on the 2020-2021 tax roll for 2020 nuisance abatement costs.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Interim Chief of Police Smith summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item, and on the enforcement of COVID-19 regulations.

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public, and hearing no one willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 20-56, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Officer
 - a) Grant Update

Finance Officer Diaz provided her report.

Discussion was held on the preparation of the Prop 68 grant application; the status of the annual audit; and the possibility of purchasing shirts for the Council.

2. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided his report.

Discussion was held on the various projects that are in progress.

3. City Clerk
 - a) Update

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia announced that the minutes for City Council and City commissions will be prepared in action style format, and that the recordings of all meetings will be made available upon request.

4. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey stated that his office has been working on various items.

The Council thanked Mr. Kinsey for his work.

5. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Community Clean-Up event; an update that the Governor provided regarding COVID-19 funds and response; the upcoming COVID-19 testing event; and closing the City Hall lobby to the public.

Discussion was held on the importance of following COVID-19 regulations; providing resources to local businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19; and the impacts that

the COVID-19 has had on the community.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio commented on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 regulations and their impacts on the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez commented on the upcoming Community Clean-Up event; the upcoming backpack giveaway event; the importance on enforcing COVID-19 regulations; and the need to acquire additional resources to combat COVID-19.

Councilor Mendoza requested that COVID-19 regulations be enforced.

Councilor Rosales thanked Interim Chief of Police Smith for accepting the position and commented on the possibility of providing lunch for staff.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro congratulated Interim Chief of Police Smith; reported on an issue with semi-trucks speeding throughout the City; and inquired about the possibility of prohibiting parties.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to CA Government Code §54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager; Jennifer Lekumberry, Director of Administrative Services

Employee Organization: Mendota Police Officers Association

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to CA Government Code § 54957(b)


Title: Chief of Police

At 7:54 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 8:36 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 8:36 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

