



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2019

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

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Councilor Rosales

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 (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of the Mendota Police Department's Explorers POST for their recent achievements at the Manteca, California Explorers Competition.

Chief of Police Andreotti requested that the item be tabled until the members of the Explorers POST arrived.

2. Benita Duran with the United States Census Bureau to provide information on the 2020 Census.

Benita Duran with the United States Census Bureau presented information on the 2020 Census including the purpose of the census; the confidentiality of the census; various methods that will be available for individuals to complete the census questionnaire; the opening of the Central Valley census office, including the availability of census jobs; and the importance of acquiring adequate responses to the census questionnaire.

Discussion was held on how the agency performs public outreach for the census; the duties of the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage individuals to complete the questionnaire and/or apply for job opportunities; the importance of ensuring that the public completes the census questionnaire in its entirety; the possibility of the City Council passing a resolution in support of the 2020 Census; and the City Council thanked Ms. Duran for her presentation.

1. Recognition of the Mendota Police Department's Explorers POST for their recent achievements at the Manteca, California Explorers Competition.

Chief of Police Andreotti introduced the members of the Mendota Police Department's Explorers POST who attended the competition in Manteca, California.

Explorer POST Advisor Officer Maldonado commented on the achievements of the Mendota Explorers POST at the competition; the amount of training and preparation that was done for the event; and the various fundraisers that were held and donations that were received in order for the Explorers to attend the event.

Sergeant Rodriguez thanked the Explorers POST advisors for their work in preparing the Mendota Police Department Explorers for the event.

The Council congratulated the members of the Explorers POST for their achievements.

Discussion was held on the amount of community support that exists for the program, and the requirements that the members need to meet to participate in the program.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

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

Ofelia Ochoa (Jennings Street) - requested that English-Spanish translation services be provided for City Council meetings; requested that additional lighting be installed along Highway 33; requested additional public transportation services; thanked the Council for eliminating the admission fee for the 2019 Mendota Fireworks Show; and invited the Council to a meeting on July 16th at the Mendota Branch Library.

Billy Rodriguez (Riofrio Street) - introduced himself; stated that he provides home renovation services; and provided his contact information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the special City Council meeting and regular City Council meeting of June 25, 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 (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JUNE 24, 2019 THROUGH JULY 1, 2019
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 45488 THRU 45542
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$310,882.87
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-47**, authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of authorization allowing Fresno County to submit a regional application for the Oil Payment Program, Cycle 10 (OPP10).

Discussion was held on warrant no. 45511.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

At 6:46 p.m. Councilor Martinez left the Council Chambers and returned within the same minute.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to consider public input regarding the formation of Landscape and Lighting District No. 2019-01.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including that the item relates to the La Colonia subdivision; the item is for the formation of a landscape and lighting district; the formation of the district being permitted under State law; the purpose of the district; and the actions that the Council must take to form the district.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the district.

At 6:50 p.m. Mayor Silva opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made Councilor Rosales to hold the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia stated that no assessment ballots were received prior to the deadline.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 19-48**, confirming the Engineer's Report in support of the formation of an assessment district for the La Colonia subdivision, forming an assessment district, and approving and levying the assessments.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey explained the purpose of the resolution.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 19-48, seconded by Councilor Martinez; 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 the monthly log; and stated that there are currently three ongoing dog bite investigations.

Discussion was held on the presence of roosters throughout the City.

Chief Andreotti provided his report for the Code Enforcement Department including that the officers contacted the owners of the green donation bins located throughout the City; and provided an update on weed abatement activities.

Discussion was held on semi-trucks entering residential areas; and amplified music violations.

Chief Andreotti summarized the report for the Police Department including a personnel update; there were no stolen vehicles for the month of July; and that the month has had the lowest amount of calls for service.

Discussion was held on whether there is a police detective at the department; and the upcoming National Night Out event.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the sewer main line replacement project; and a meeting that he had with Westlands Water District regarding potential funding for the Mendota Boys & Girls Club.

Discussion was held on the status of the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion Project; the status of the Black Street & Sorensen Avenue Bulb-out Modifications project; the status of the AMOR project; the specifications of the storm water drain system for the La Colonia subdivision; the dynamics of the relationships between the City Council and employees; and the Council requested a grant update for a future meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Castro requested information on the Mendota Municipal Code section regarding the reorganization of the Council.

Councilor Mendoza thanked the businesses that donated to the 2019 Mendota Fireworks Show; thanked the audience for their attendance, and encouraged them to continue to attend public meetings.

Discussion was held on whether translation services would be provided for the audience for future meetings; the possibility of members of the audience utilizing family members to translate for them; the issues surrounding speaking about agenda items in Spanish during meetings; potential solutions for the request; the possibility of having a town hall meeting so that members of the public may share their concerns; staff looking the potential solutions and providing a report regarding translation services; classes that are available to learn English; and issues that some audience members face regarding transportation services.

Benita Duran (United States Census Bureau) – stated that the City of Mendota is the only City that permitted Ms. Duran to provide her presentation in Spanish.

City Attorney Kinsey stated that the Council could request that an agenda item be included on a future meeting agenda to discuss providing translation services.

The Council provided direction to staff to prepare an agenda item to be included on the July 23rd City Council meeting agenda.

Councilor Rosales provided information on potential grant opportunities, and thanked the representatives of the U.S. Census Bureau for their presentation.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva commented on the 2019 Mendota Fireworks Show.

CLOSED SESSION

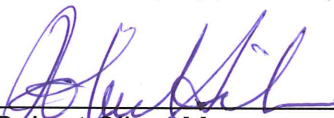
1. Conference regarding real property negotiations pursuant to Government Code §54956.8.
 - a) Addresses:
 - a. 195 Smoot Street, Mendota, CA 93640
 - b. 415 Sorensen Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640
 - c. 437 Sorensen Avenue, Mendota, CA 93640
 - b) Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez
 - c) Negotiating Party: Mendota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

At 7:45 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:02 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 8:02 p.m. by Councilor Mendoza, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

