

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

August 25, 2020

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

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro (via Zoom), Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez; Councilors Jesus Mendoza and Joseph Riofrio

Council Members Absent: Councilor Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro

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 (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Brian Pacheco (Fresno County Board of Supervisors) – provided a letter in response to a letter that the City submitted to Fresno County requesting financial assistance in response to COVID-19; commented on ongoing COVID-19 efforts; current COVID-19 statistics; and the status of a legal situation involving Immanuel Schools.

Discussion was held on ongoing COVID-19 efforts from the County and City; and the Council thanked Supervisor Pacheco for his assistance.

Jessica Sanchez – asked Supervisor Pacheco how much COVID-19 funding was specifically directed for homeless individuals.

Discussion was held on available resources for individuals who are experiencing homelessness; and ongoing COVID-19 testing efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 11, 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 Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AUGUST 07, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 47198 THROUGH 47240
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$372,035.66
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-65**, claiming Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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 (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-66**, appointing a Mendota resident to the Recreation Commission.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 20-66, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-67**, awarding the bid for the Mowry Bridge Replacement Project to American Paving Co. in the amount of \$5,620,421.55.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Engineer Osborn summarized the report and stated that staff sent a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation this morning.

Discussion was held on the item.

Donald Portz (Bureau of Reclamation) – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the Council considering a modified motion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to adopt Resolution No. 20-67, with the modification that the City Manager's signature on the construction contract is conditional upon first receiving a return letter from the Bureau of Reclamation acknowledging its agreement with the City's August 25th letter to the Bureau regarding the project as a whole, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

3. Council discussion and direction to staff regarding whether to authorize the City Manager to execute a Can & Will Serve Letter for the proposed Mendota Valley Agricultural Holdings Project.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Dustin Moore (The Axiom Group) – provided a presentation and commented on the item.

At 7:12 p.m. Councilor Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:13 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to direct staff to add the item to a future meeting agenda for consideration and approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

4. Council discussion and direction to staff regarding potential Mendota Municipal Code amendments requested by The Axiom Group in connection with the proposed Valley Agricultural Holdings Project.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to direct staff to add the item to a future meeting

agenda for consideration and approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Officer
 - a) Grant Update

Finance Officer Diaz presented her grant update and requested direction from the Council on which grants should be applied for.

Discussion was held on the item and direction was provided to Ms. Diaz.

2. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided his report.

Discussion was held on the report.

3. *Assistant* City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on upcoming COVID-19 testing events.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 testing events; protections and available resources for tenants during this time; and issues with the land adjacent to Amador Street.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio commented on how COVID-19 has affected the community and individuals; and issues that arise when local officers enforce COVID-19 regulations.

Discussion was held on how officers are perceived and addressed in social media.

Councilor Mendoza commented on the speed bumps that have been installed; and challenges that distance learning has posed for parents.

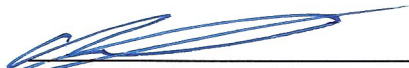
Mayor Pro Tem Martinez thanked the Council and staff for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on social media post regarding a Code Enforcement officer; the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; the Church of Latter Day Saints purchasing the Rivers of Living Waters building and the work that the Church wants to conduct; and a company who purchased the Palm Wonderful building.


ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:00 p.m. by Councilor Mendoza, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

