



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

August 28, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Rolando Castro

Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

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 Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

SWEARING IN

1. Deputy City Clerk Cabrera to swear in Officers Edward Jimenez, Randy Perez, and Ramiro Rodriguez.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera swore in Officers Jimenez, Perez, and Rodriguez.

Chief of Police Andreotti introduced Code Enforcement Officer Jose Ruiz and shared his background.

Chief of Police Andreotti introduced Police Officers Jimenez, Perez, and Rodriguez and shared their professional backgrounds.

The Council congratulated the officers and thanked them for their service to the community.

Interim City Manager Gonzalez congratulated the officers on behalf of Mayor Castro, and thanked the officers for their work.

PRESENTATION

1. Council recognition of Code Enforcement Officer Jose Ruiz.

Code Enforcement Officer Jose Ruiz was introduced during the swearing in section of the agenda.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 14, 2018.
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: Castro).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AUGUST 16, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 21, 2018
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 44302 THRU 44360
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$281,437.39

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

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-64**, authorizing the Mayor to enter into the successor Memorandum of Understanding with Fresno County to ensure compliance with AB 939.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to approve item 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration on project alternatives for Proposition 1 Grant Technical Assistance for Improved Stormwater Management.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez introduced the item and Eileen Alduenda with the Council for Watershed Health shared the mission of the Council for Watershed Health; examples of projects that the Council has participated in other cities; presented information on the Proposition 1 Stormwater Technical Assistance (TA) project, including the background of the project; and the implementation and scope of work of the TA, which includes identifying, evaluating, and designing stormwater management projects.

Discussion was held on improving the areas in the City where there are known flooding issues.

Assistant Engineer Osborn presented information on the Proposition 1 Stormwater Technical Assistance (TA) project including the stormwater management areas in the City; the obstruction that the railroad creates on stormwater flow; the City being allowed to convey its stormwater into the San Luis Drain; and not being able to address the Belmont Flooding issues with Prop 1 funding since the grant is meant to address urban storm drainage.

Discussion was held on the flow of stormwater on Belmont Avenue.

Mr. Osborn reported on the types of stormwater management strategies that were evaluated, including green infrastructure and conventional stormwater infrastructure strategies; provided examples of each type of stormwater management strategies and how these strategies would improve the stormwater flow; the existing conditions of 7th Street, Oller Street, and Naples Street as it relates to stormwater management; the proposed stormwater infrastructure improvements for each project alternative; and a railroad channel that the City currently does not utilize that can convey stormwater.

Kevin Perry with Urban Rain Design presented the design concepts for the green infrastructure approaches for the three street project alternatives; installing curb extensions that allows for stormwater runoff to interact with the landscape; reducing the on-street parking at portions of the project alternatives; the opportunity to update the pedestrian crossing where there are curb extensions; adding trees along the streets; how each road improvement will improve the flow of stormwater; and creating bike lanes.

Discussion was held on the installation of curb extensions reducing available parking at each project alternatives; the problems that the reduction of parking can create; the proposed landscape improvements beautifying the neighborhoods; and whether it is possible to minimize the loss of parking.

Mr. Perry reported on the reduction of one traffic lane, and the installation of landscape islands and bike lanes on the Oller Street.

Discussion was held on whether Caltrans has been informed about the proposed projects; ensuring that the lanes accommodate large trucks; installing drought-tolerant plants in the green infrastructure strategy; and whether additional lighting will be installed.

Mr. Perry reported on the design concept for Oller Street.

Discussion was held on the negative impacts that trucks may have on Naples Street, and allowing the trucks to drive through Naples Street should the City decide to move forward with the Naples Street project alternative.

Mr. Osborn reported on how each street improvement alternative will improve stormwater management; a proposed detention basin concept near 2nd Street and Naples Street that can be constructed to also manage the City's stormwater; the impact that the realignment of Oller Street and Derrick Avenue can have on the proposed basin; the design concept for improving the railroad channel; and the railroad channel project alternative being included with the improvements of another project alternative.

Discussion was held on the potential negative impacts that the realignment of Oller Street and Derrick Avenue will have on the Oller Street project, and accommodating large trucks with the Oller Street and Naples Street projects.

Ms. Alduenda thanked the Council for their engagement with the presentation; provided a timeline on the grant application process; emphasized the importance of engaging the community during the TA period; that the presentation was to provide a status update to the Council regarding the project; the Prop 1 grant having a maximum funding amount of 10 million dollars; the cost estimates for full improvements which only includes the design and construction; the Prop 1 grant funding allowing for the design, construction, grant administration, outreach, and performance metrics for the project; the proposed cost estimates that will be requested for the Prop 1 stormwater grant; only being able to improve a portion of two project alternatives in order to meet the maximum funding amount; the required City match for the grant application; the operation and maintenance costs for each alternative; and stated that she would like input for the Council which project alternative is more appealing.

Discussion was held on which alternative is the most viable option; the maintenance costs for the projects; what funds would be used to pay for the City's match; the poor condition of Naples Street; the elimination of truck parking in the Naples Street project alternative and the problems that it can cause; the 7th Street and Oller Street options alleviating the flooding issues at Naples Street; whether the Council needed to decide on the project alternative that night; that staff has been in contact with Caltrans regarding the project; how the City and Caltrans have alleviated flooding in the past; staff has been looking at the Oller Street option as the chosen project alternative for the

grant application, but the Council have the final decision on which project to move forward with; improving the stormwater infrastructure at Naples Street in order to maintain the condition of the road; and the possibility of using City funds to complete the entire reconstruction of Naples Street.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to work with Interim City Manager Gonzalez on refining the Oller Street and Naples Street stormwater infrastructure design concepts.

Ms. Alduenda reported on the timeline of the grant process.

City Engineer McGlasson reported that the neither of the proposed project alternatives provides a complete solution to the City's stormwater infrastructure issues, and the need for additional stormwater management projects.

2. Second reading and proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 18-03**, amending the official zoning map of the City of Mendota to reflect a change of zone for Assessor's Parcel Numbers 013-061-15 and 012-160-39.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey reported that both business items 2 and 3 relate to the La Colonia project; that business item 2 relates to the zoning amendment for the property, and the business item 3 relates to the development agreement for the project; both ordinances being required by law and that they both will go into effect 30 days following adoption; and requested that the Council consider both items separately.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Ordinance No. 18-03, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

3. Second reading and proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 18-04**, approving an agreement by and between the City of Mendota and KSA Homes, Inc. relating to the development of the La Colonia property.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Ordinance No. 18-04, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

4. Second reading and proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 18-05**, imposing a Transactions and Use Tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey reported that the ordinance is required in order the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to administer the proposed tax, and that it is contingent upon the approval of the measure by the voters.

Discussion was held on the favorable opinion that the public has on Measure C.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Ordinance No. 18-05, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council take public comment and consider **Resolution No. 18-65**, authorizing the placement of special assessments on the 2018 tax roll for the 2018 nuisance abatement costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez introduced the item and Chief of Police Andreotti reported that a total of seven properties were forcibly abated; that there was cost-savings in the fees spent to abate compared to 2017; and reported on the total amount of the special assessments that will be placed on the tax roll.

Discussion was held on the outstanding work that the Code Enforcement Officers are doing.

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera requested that the Council consider the revised resolution that was placed on dais for approval.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt the revised Resolution No. 18-65, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administrative Services
 - a) Monthly Report

Director of Administrative Services Lekumberry summarized the report including that she has started the recruitment process for the City Manager position; that she met with new employees to go over the new hire documents; an update on claims for the month of July; the average daily attendees at the senior center; and that she submitted the census to the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority.

2. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Interim City Manager Gonzalez stated that he could answer any questions that Council had.

Discussion was held on the department continuing to clean tomato spills on roadways and filling large potholes, and the Council thanked the Public Works employees for their

work.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey thanked the staff of his law firm for their work, and stated that his office continues to work with staff on a different items.

The Council thanked the City Attorney and the staff of the law firm for their work.

4. City Manager

Interim City Manager Gonzalez reported on a meeting he had with Caltrans regarding the roundabout, and that he requested that they appropriately design the project and determine a way to fund the roundabout.

Discussion was held on individuals not knowing how to drive through a roundabout; the status of the electric plane project; the scholarships that the students will receive to participate in the program; the possibility of installing stop signs at the intersection of Quince Street and 5th Street; whether the City can provide financial assistance to Westside Youth, Inc.; discussing the issue at a future meeting; the grant writer assisting with finding funding for non-profit organizations; what staff and the Council can and cannot be do in regards to campaigning for Measure C; and the upcoming Annual Staff vs. Officials charitable softball game.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

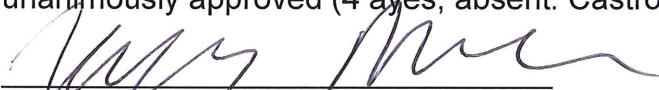
1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez reported that Salvadoran Consulate would be at Gonzalez Hall on November 4th to provide their services; stated that all-terrain vehicles have become a problem in the City; and requested that the Council discuss different options to address the issue.

Councilor Silva reported on an event that he attended in Coalinga that was hosted by Chevron, and that the City would be requesting funding from Chevron for recreational activities.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:03 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).



Victor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk

