

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

September 10, 2019

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

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilor Victor Martinez

Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Castro

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

City Manager Gonzalez deferred to City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia who stated that an updated staff report and resolution was provided for Business Item 1, and summarized the changes that were made to the documents.

Council consensus was reached to adopt the agenda as requested by staff.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Ofelia Ochoa – stated that she wanted to comment on various issues that residents are concerned about; that she met with representatives from the office of Fresno County Supervisor Brian Pacheco's regarding her concerns of the community; inquired as to which Council Member represents the area of the City in which she lives; inquired as to what can be done to address the issues with street lighting being blocked by tall trees; and commented on the condition of the streets throughout the City.

identify available funding, and develop a policy for providing translation services at City Council meetings; staff acquiring proposals from various translation companies; the provisions within the translation policy; issues with translating documents; and the translation services only being provided for City Council meetings.

Discussion was held on how the translation will be performed during City Council meetings; and which City funding sources will be used to pay for the services.

Ofelia Ochoa – stated that translation services should also be offered for all other public meetings.

Discussion was held on the City providing residents a list of translators that they may contact to provide private translation services; the proposed translation services policy permitting the public to arrange to have a private translator present to translate for them, and allowing them to use the City's headsets; and the annual review provision within the policy.

Mariah Thompson (California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.) - inquired as to when the contract with the translation company will be finalized, and whether the City will publicize translation services.

Discussion was held on the timeline for implementing the policy and finalizing the contract with the translation company; and the various ways that the City will publicize the services.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 19-69, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez)

2. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 19-10**, amending provisions of the Mendota Municipal Code regarding the abatement of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, and inoperative vehicles.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Cardella summarized the report including the existing provisions in the Mendota Municipal Code (MMC) regarding the issue; and the amendments that are being proposed to the MMC.

Discussion was held on the process for designating a vehicle a nuisance.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-10, and set the public hearing for the September 24th City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing to consider the proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-64**, establishing the amount of the sidewalk vending permit fee and the motorized itinerant vendor permit fee.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report including the background of the item; the fee study report that was prepared by the City Engineer; and provided the staff's recommendation.

Discussion was held on how the proposed fees were calculated; the possibility of increasing the fees; the existing business license and permit fees for motorized and non-motorized vendors; and the discrepancy between the existing fees and the proposed fees.

Council consensus was reached to table the item to a future meeting in order for staff to conduct additional research on the item.

2. Public hearing to consider the proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-65**, establishing the amount of the commercial cannabis business permit fee and the commercial cannabis development agreement processing fee.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report including the Council previously establishing the regulations for commercial cannabis retail businesses; the fee study report that was prepared by the City Engineer; and the two separate fees that the resolution will establish.

At 6:39 p.m. Mayor Silva opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

Discussion was held on the average amount of revenue that cities of similar size receive from commercial cannabis retail businesses; and the zoning designation in which such businesses will be allowed in.

A motion was made by Councilor Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 19-65, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

3. Public hearing and second reading of **Ordinance No. 19-09**, amending the City's cannabis ordinance to modify the location requirements for commercial cannabis retail businesses.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Cardella summarized the report including modifications that the Council previously adopted for the cannabis ordinance to allow commercial cannabis retail businesses within the City; the purpose of the proposed ordinance being to reduce the location requirements of the businesses; and the status of the cannabis zoning code amendments.

At 6:43 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 by Councilor Rosales to adopt Ordinance No. 19-09, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

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 that the department obtained new veterinarian services; obtained new disposal services; is realizing a savings costs by utilizing City-owned equipment; and the total amount of fines for the month.

Discussion was held on the amount of stray dogs running throughout the main highways, and the safety hazard that this poses; and the excellent ongoing collaboration between the department and the Public Works Department.

Chief Andreotti provided his report for the Code Enforcement Department including an update on a public nuisance case on the East side of the City.

Discussion was held on whether the organization that holds the open market on Sundays needs to provide portable restrooms for the public.

Chief Andreotti summarized the report for the Police Department including significant cases for the month.

Discussion was held on ensuring truck-trailers are complying with traffic laws; and the ongoing traffic enforcement near schools.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the status of the Black Avenue and 5th Street Reconstruction project; the status of the Rojas-pierce Park Expansion project; that Cresco is fully operational and is planning a groundbreaking ceremony; and an upcoming pre-construction meeting with Engie.

Discussion was held on the timeframe for the Black Avenue and 5th Street Reconstruction project; Engie's anticipated donation to the Mendota Community

Corporation; and the frequency of the maintenance of Pool Park.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Mendoza thanked City Manager Gonzalez and Chief Andreotti for their efforts in beautifying the community, and requested staff's due diligence in continuing to clean-up the community.

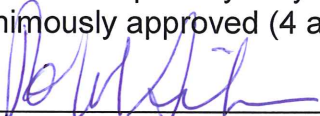
Discussion was held on the need for the public to report any public safety issues to dispatch; the status of installing a flag pole at the Robert Silva Plaza; and the status of the Axiom development.

2. Mayor

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Castro, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:


Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

