



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

September 22, 2020

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

PRESENTATION

1. Geno Andrade with Mid Valley Disposal to present the 1st and 2nd Quarter Recycling Updates.

Geno Andrade and Virginia Fowler with Mid Valley Disposal presented the 1st and 2nd Quarter Recycling Updates.

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 September 8, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 47285 THROUGH 47341
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$207,821.31
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-70**, authorizing City staff to purchase a replacement lawn tractor for the Department of Public Works.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion on a letter submitted by Westside Youth, Inc. concerning the organization's eligibility for Community Development Block Grant funding.

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

Brian Pacheco (Fresno County Supervisor) – provided information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and funding that has been allocated to Fresno County cities in the past.

Yvette Quiroga – provided information on the CDBG program; available CDBG COVID-19 funding; and what such funding can be used for.

Discussion was held on the item.

Jonathan Leiva – commented on the item.

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At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that the City Council would take a brief recess.

At 7:16 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

Jessica Sanchez – requested that the additional COVID-19 funding be allocated to provides services for the homeless.

No action was taken on the item.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-71**, authorizing the formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to meet with potential buyers of the property located at 1269 Marie Street.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Sergio Valdez – commented on the item.

City Attorney Kinsey provided additional information on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to appoint Mayor Castro and Councilor Mendoza as regular members and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez as an alternate member of the subcommittee and adopt Resolution No. 20-71, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales)

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 20-72**, directing staff to express interest in Westlands Water District land west of Rojas-Pierce Park and requesting conveyance of said land.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Engineer Osborn summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

Sergio Valdez – thanked the City Council and Mendota Community Corporation for providing a donation for the Annual Backpack Giveaway.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 20-72, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing and proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 20-15**, amending Sections 2.24.010 and 2.24.030 of Chapter 2.24 of Title 2 of the Mendota Municipal Code to update the City of Mendota's Conflict of Interest Code.

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

At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public and, hearing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Ordinance No. 20-15, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. Public hearing and proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 20-16**, amending Chapter 17-99 of Title 17 of the Mendota Municipal Code's Provisions regarding the Commercial Cannabis Overlay District.

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

At 7:45 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public and, hearing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Ordinance No. 20-16, 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 provided her grant update, including the Mendota Community Corporation receiving a grant from Wonderful Pistachio.

2. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided his monthly reports, including ongoing projects.

Discussion was held on the need for additional lighting throughout the City.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey stated that a new attorney is assisting his office with City-related matters.

The Council congratulated Mr. Kinsey and the law firm.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on establishing a temporary access road for Bass Avenue; the implementation of a mass notification system; upcoming testing events; and COVID-19 statistics for the City.

At 8:03 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 8:04 p.m.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio commented on available COVID-19 resources for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez requested that staff and council consider opening local parks; and reported on parking issues throughout the City.


Discussion was held on parking issues throughout the City.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on Mr. Danny Trejo's activities; provided an update on a local business; and inquired about the status of the AMOR Wellness Center grand opening

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:25 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

