



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

September 24, 2019

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Rolando Castro (entered at 6:15 p.m.), Councilors Jesus Mendoza and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: Councilor Victor Martinez

Flag salute led by Mayor Silva

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 (3 ayes absent: Castro and Martinez).

PRESENTATIONS

1. Council to recognize Jeronimo Angel for his service to the community.

Mayor Silva introduced the item.

Mr. Jeronimo Angel thanked the staff, Council and the City of Mendota for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Council thanked Mr. Angel for his service to the City, and Mayor Silva presented the plaque to Mr. Angel.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Ofelia Ochoa – inquired as to what the requirements are to recognize a community member, and requested the Council's support with upcoming classes that will be brought into Mendota.

Craig Schmidt (Gill Ranch Storage) – invited the Council to the Taco Tuesday event that will be held on October 1, 2019 at Garcia Trucking, and informed the Council of the upcoming first responders training that is scheduled for October 16, 2019 (Mayor Pro Tem Castro entered the Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m.).

Kevin Romero – provided a sports update on the Mendota High School teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 10, 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 Mendoza to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 45817 THRU 45882
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$251,477.71
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-70**, authorizing the submittal of applications for all CalRecycle grants for which the City of Mendota is eligible for.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 19-71**, approving an agreement with Mountain Valley Environmental Services for water and wastewater treatment oversight services and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt items 1 through 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of the second hearing and proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 19-08**, amending the zoning code to permit commercial cannabis retail businesses in the C-3 district, subject to a conditional use permit.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including the background of the item; stated that the ordinance will approve amendments to the Mendota zoning code; that it would allow a dispensary in the C-3 zoning district; and commented on the Council voting requirements for the adoption of the item.

Discussion was held on allowing a cannabis dispensary to conduct business in the C-3 zone.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Ordinance No. 19-08, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

2. Council discussion and consideration of Agreement for Exclusive Right to Negotiate with Liberty Groves, LLC and Water Solutions Technologies, LLC regarding wastewater treatment plant improvements.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report including the Council's previous discussion and direction to terminate the agreement with Greystone Equities, LLC.

Igal Treibatch (Greystone Equities, LLC) - provided an update of the tertiary treatment plant project to Council, and requested that Council rescind the agreement termination and allow an extension until January 2020.

Discussion was held on the project's progress to date, and the lack of routine progress updates to the Council; allowing an extension of the agreement until January 2020 with an amendment to the agreement that will allow the City to engage in business discussions with Axiom; and ensuring that the information that is being produced by Greystone Equities, LLC remains confidential.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to direct staff to work with Greystone Equities to modify the agreement to allow for the City to negotiate with the Cannabis Cultivator and Greystone Equities simultaneously, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administrative Services
 - a) Monthly Report

City Manager Gonzalez informed Council that Director Lekumberry was not able to attend the meeting but would answer any questions the Council may have.

No questions were asked regarding Director Lekumberry's report.

2. Finance Officer
a) Grant Update

Finance Officer Diaz provided her grant update.

3. City Attorney
a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey continues to work with staff and the Police Department on various items.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez informed the Council of the upcoming softball game scheduled for October 11, 2019 at 6:00p.m.; the status of the lighting improvements on Oller Street; the status of the Black Avenue & Fifth Street Reconstruction Project; the status of the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion Project; and the status of the AMOR project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales thanked the audience and staff for attending the meeting; thanked Mr. Angel for his dedication to the community; thanked the police department for policing the schools; and mentioned that he met a local artist who is interested in creating artwork around town at no cost.

Mayor Silva commented on noise violations throughout the City.

Councilor Mendoza inquired as to whether the City owns the building that Mendota Youth Recreation is located; and stated that he seeking a location for an artist to post a mural for the 2020 Census.


Mayor Pro Tem Castro thanked Mr. Angel for his accomplishments in the City.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva commented that the City is moving forward and that there is a lot of work being done.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 6:54 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Mendoza;unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

