



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

September 25, 2018

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

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, Oscar Rosales, and Robert Silva

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro

Mayor Castro requested that the invocation be done in honor of the individuals who had recently passed away in car accidents.

Invocation led by Eugenio Rodriguez from Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal, M.I.

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 Silva; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

PRESENTATION

1. Ivette Rodriguez from Mid Valley Disposal to present the 1st and 2nd quarter update.

Ivette Rodriguez from Mid Valley Disposal provided the 1st and 2nd quarter recycling update including information contained in the annual report summary of the Calrecycle Electronic Annual Report that was submitted on behalf of the City; the likelihood that

Calrecycle will give the City a “good faith effort” status regarding the disposal amount per person, due to the programs that the City has in place; the commercial and residential audits that were performed; educating the public on what materials goes into the different bins; the City doing really well in terms of diverting trash materials to the appropriate bins; businesses and schools that showed outstanding recycling efforts; the residential load checks that were performed for green waste; the work that the agency does to sort materials and address contaminated loads; various community events that Mid Valley Disposal has attended; the results of the Spring 2018 community-clean up event; and upcoming events that the agency will be participating in.

Discussion was held on the agency’s attendance at the Annual Gutierrez Family Backpack Giveaway event; the possibility of holding the community clean-up events quarterly; and adding a bin at the public works yard so the community may dispose of their green waste.

2. Leonor Hipolito from Pequeños Empresarios to present information about the organization.

Leonor Hipolito of Pequeños Empresarios introduced herself and shared her background. Ms. Hipolito then introduced the staff members of the organization.

Luis Zuniga and Jennifer Chavez introduced themselves and presented information about Pequeños Empresarios including the history of organization; the various agencies that the organization collaborates with; how each of the members of Board of Directors and staff use their background to contribute to the organization; the impact that the organization has had on community development; workshops that are held to educate children on topics such as etiquette and nutrition, finance, and environmental awareness; the workshops being taught in Spanish; the communities that the organization provides their services; the program’s objective; and shared a video that provides an overview of the organization.

Ms. Chavez shared her background and commented on the impact that organization would have had on her life if she would have participated in it.

Luna Montero (Participant of Pequeños Empresarios) – shared the various reasons of why she loves Pequeños Empresarios, and what she has learned from the organization.

Discussion was held on what the organization is requesting of the City; the different program packages that the organization has; and having staff meet with the organization.

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 11, 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 Silva to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 44411 THRU 44480
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$357,871.33
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-67**, approving Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group's Proposal and Agreement for Consulting Services regarding the preparation of water, sewer, and storm drain utility master plans, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 18-68**, approving the First Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with CALSTART, Inc. and the City of Reedley for the Sustainable Aviation Project, 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).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 18-66**, establishing the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including that federal regulations require agencies that accept federal funds for projects to set a goal for the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs); the need for the City to set a goal that engages and encourages the participation of DBEs; how the goal percentage is determined; and requested that the Council listen to any public comment.

Discussion was held on what types of businesses are considered DBEs.

At 6:43 p.m. Mayor Castro 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 Silva to adopt Resolution No. 18-66, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Martinez).

2. Council discussion on relocating the soccer field improvements.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey summarized the report including that the City entered into a Development Agreement with Steve Hair regarding the La Colonia project; recent discussions regarding the mitigations measures contained in the agreement concerning the soccer field improvements; the mitigation measures in the agreement requiring that the developer fund improvements to the existing soccer field; discussions that have been held to request that the developer construct a new soccer field adjacent to the existing soccer field instead; this requiring an amendment to the agreement; this option allowing the possibility of constructing a new baseball field where the existing soccer field is located; the impacts that proposed amendment would have on the progress of the project; and the options that are available to the Council to either leave the development agreement as is or to work with the developer to amend the agreement.

Discussion was held on the proposed expansion of the Rojas-Pierce park that was considered in the past; the benefits of developing a new baseball field next to the existing baseball field; what the development agreement requires the developer to do as part of their mitigation measures; the potential financial impacts of amending the development agreement; and how the proposed amendment would impact the progress of the project.

Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation) – commented on the need for an improved soccer field; the benefits of developing a new baseball field next to the existing field; ensuring that that individuals who utilize the soccer and baseball field abide by the rules of regulations; the popularity of soccer in the community; and requested that the council move forward with relocating the soccer field improvements.

Discussion was held on the popularity of turf; the importance of the public voicing their opinions; and the cost-savings that can be realized if turf is installed at the new soccer field.

Jose Gutierrez (647 Perez Street) – commented on the need for an improved soccer field; the importance of beautifying the area at Rojas-Pierce Park; and inquired on whether Smoot Street would be reconstructed and extended.

Discussion was held on the expansion of Amador Street and Smoot Street.

Council consensus was reached to move forward with the option of working with the developer to modify the agreement to leave the existing soccer field as is and constructing a new soccer field adjacent to it.

3. Council to receive report on imposing fines for the operation of all-terrain vehicles on public streets.

Kinsey stated that Cardella provided a memorandum to the city that addresses the imposition of fines for the operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on public streets; local regulation regarding the operation of ATVs on public streets being prohibited; the ways officers can address the drivers of ATVs if they do not meet the specified requirements to drive the ATV on a public street; and suggested that a letter be drafted and sent to the property owners that advises them of the issue and asks them to do something to address the problem.

Discussion was held on individuals riding ATVs on properties located outside of the City limits, and ways the police department can continue to address the issue.

City Attorney Kinsey stated that his office will write a letter that will be sent to the property owners of property located outside of the City limits informing them about the problem, and requesting their assistance in addressing the issue.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administrative Services
 - a) Monthly Report

Director of Administrative Services Lekumberry summarized the report including positions that the City is currently recruiting for; a new worker's compensation claim that was submitted in the month of August; the average number of attendees at the Senior Center; and the various special projects she worked on throughout August.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the Local Agency Workers' Compensation Excess Joint Powers Authority Payroll Audit.

2. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Interim City Manager Gonzalez was not present to summarize the report.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey reported that Council Members currently receive benefits and insurance through the City; the City's insurance providers expressed concerns on potential discriminatory issues in that Council Members cannot be treated different than

part-time employees; a Council Member's position being constituted part-time employment; the Council having to forgo their benefits as a result; possible ways for the Council to maintain their coverage, including increasing the benefits for part-time employees; staff meeting with the insurance provider to discuss the issue; and providing the Council with different options that are available to them regarding the issue.

Discussion was held on the designation of the Council Member position as part-time.

4. City Manager
 - a) Insurance

Interim City Manager Gonzalez was not present to provide his report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Silva reported that he attended a meeting in Fresno with Chevron USA and that he requested that the company sponsor a new scoreboard for the baseball diamond; and on an increase of noise violations during the weekend.

Councilor Mendoza thanked the public for their attendance, and commented on the need for the public's participation in order to have a positive impact on the community.

Councilor Rosales thanked the staff members of Pequeños Empresarios for their presentation, and thanked the staff and Council for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked the staff members of Pequeños Empresarios for their presentation; shared the various topics that were addressed at the League of California Cities Annual Conference; and the community being recognized by other individuals and communities.

Discussion was held on holding the ethics training and sexual harassment training at the beginning of 2019; the ongoing growth of the community; and how the demographics of the community potentially influences the opinions of external individuals.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 potential matter).

At 7:33 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:00 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regards to item 1 of the closed session, there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matt Flood, City Clerk