



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

September 8, 2020

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez; Councilors Jesus Mendoza, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales (via Zoom)

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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 25, 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 Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro

Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2020
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 47241 THROUGH 47284
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$185,641.68
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-68**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Conditional Will-Serve Letter for the proposed Valley Agricultural Holdings Project.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-69**, authorizing City staff to purchase a replacement lawn tractor for the Department of Public Works.

A request was made to pull item 3 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 20-69**, authorizing City staff to purchase a replacement lawn tractor for the Department of Public Works.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to approve item 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 20-15**, amending Section 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.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to waive the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for the September 22nd City Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Introduction and first reading 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.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to waive the first reading and set the second reading and public hearing for the September 22nd City Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department
 - a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Smith stated that a vehicle was upfitted for the Code Enforcement department; summarized the statistics for the Animal Control and Code Enforcement departments; provided the report for the Police Department including an arrangement where the department was able to borrow an all-terrain vehicle in order to conduct trespassing enforcement in the outskirts of the City; and additional personnel that were dispatched to work over the Labor Day weekend.

Discussion was held on the possibility of the police department purchasing and utilizing drones or body cameras to assist with enforcement efforts; illegally parked trailers; and threatening posts that are made on social media regarding the Police Department.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the ongoing COVID-19 testing events; current COVID-19 statistics; and the status of Fresno County on the Governor's COVID-19 watchlist.

Discussion was held on the current COVID-19 statistics; and ongoing COVID-19 testing events.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales apologized for not attending the meeting in person and commented on the importance of the Council working together.

Councilor Riofrio encouraged everyone to receive the flu shot; stated that it is dangerous

to cross Derrick Avenue; and the need for additional lighting on Derrick Avenue and 7th Street.

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

Councilor Mendoza inquired about the status of the railroad project; and thanked Chief Smith and the police department for taking the initiative to enforce a variety of state and local statutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez inquired about the status of the Mowry Bridge Replacement Project; status of the AMOR project; status of the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion project; status of the Belmont Estates, and Westland's Water District willingness to work with the City on related projects; and the status of the City/Police Department Expansion Project.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on an upcoming COVID-19 testing event; a Mask Up Central Valley event that was recently held (at 7:08 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:10 p.m.); a company who submitted a business license application; the status of the Little Caesar's project; and the status of the Miranda Apartments demolition.

Discussion was held on the status of the United Security Bank; the possibility of enhancing the city-wide camera system; the status of various grant applications; and the possibility of having a dialysis center in the City.

CLOSED SESSION


1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
 - a. Property: 1269 Marie Street, Mendota, CA 93640
 - b. Agency Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
 - c. Negotiating Party: Byline Bank
 - d. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

At 7:18 p.m. the Council moved into closed and Councilor Rosales left the meeting.

At 7:56 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard 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 7:56 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

