



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

March 9, 2021

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

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza, Councilors Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by City Manager Gonzalez

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 Mayor Pro Tem 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 February 9, 2021 and the special City Council meetings of February 17, 2021 and March 3, 2021.
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 Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. FEBRUARY 3, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 47827 THROUGH 47881
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$528,397.69
2. FEBRUARY 17, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 2, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 47882 THROUGH 50061, 50150
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$472,730.12
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-13**, authorizing the final payment, including retainage, to the Cal Valley Construction, Inc. for the Bass & Barboza Roundabout – CMLSTBGL-5285(023).
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-14**, conditionally approving the exclusive-use permits for City facilities for 2021.

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 through 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-14**, conditionally approving the exclusive-use permits for City facilities for 2021.

Discussion was held on the item.

Dino Perez (Westside Youth, Inc.) – provided information on the exclusive use applications that the organization submitted.

Discussion was held on the information that Mr. Perez provided.

Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation) – provided information on the exclusive use applications that the organization submitted.

Discussion was held on the information that Mr. Valdez provided.

Discussion was held on the item, and the status of the new baseball and soccer fields.

City Engineer Osborn provided an update on the status of the new baseball and soccer fields.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to table the item to the March 23rd City Council Minutes of City Council Meeting 2 March 9, 2021

meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

Discussion was held on the soccer field.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of potential grant projects to be prepared by California Consulting on behalf of California Alliance for Jobs.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Finance Officer Diaz summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item and potential grant projects.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to direct staff to submit the list of projects to California Alliance for Jobs to ensure that they comply with the grant requirements and to prioritize the proposed projects, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of the financing proposal for the proposed City Hall/Police Station project.

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

Jeff Tamkin (Public Facilities Investment Corporation) – provided information for the item.

Charles Dellinger (RRM Design Group) – provided information for the item.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to direct staff to move forward with determining financing options for a project cost that contains contingency and furniture and equipment (\$7,502,000 option), seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-05**, Amending Chapter 8.37 of Title 8 of the Mendota Municipal Code to Cure Omissions in the Adoption of Ordinance No. 20-16.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey provided 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 Rosales to adopt Ordinance No. 21-05, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-06**, Amending Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 of the Mendota Municipal Code to Exempt Razor Wire Use by Commercial Cannabis Businesses.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey provided the report.

At 7:46 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. 21-06, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Officer
 - a) Grant Update
 - b) Statewide Parks Program Grant Presentation

Finance Officer Diaz provided an update on various grant projects; the status of various grant applications; and provided information on the City's statewide parks program grant application.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Finance Officer Diaz.

2. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided his report including the status of various engineering projects, planning projects, grant applications, and development projects.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Engineer Osborn.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Discussion was held on a code enforcement case regarding the property at the corner of 6th Street and Lolita Street.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Goal Setting meeting; and the possibility of coordinating with United Health Center to provide COVID-19 vaccines to City staff.

Discussion was held on the possibility of creating self-help homes; a significant amount of vehicles at the La Colonia subdivision; and code violations throughout the City.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso stated that he recently went on a ride along with City Manager Gonzalez, and that he recently signed a letter that would be sent to President Biden.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza provided information on potential sponsorship opportunities for the Rojas-Pierce Park sports complex; honoring the staff and Council that worked on the expansion project; and considering naming the sports fields in the future.

Councilor Riofrio requested that an item be added to a future meeting agenda to discuss the issue with tow trucks being unable to park in the community.

Discussion was held on tax measures that have failed in the past; and code violations throughout the community;

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked the Council and staff for their thoughts and prayers when his grandfather passed away and commented on his work on the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked Mayor Castro for his work; commented on a meeting that was held with Senator Caballero; and his participation with the local schools to promote Read Across America week.

Mayor Castro reported that he was recently appointed to various committees.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

- a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case)

At 8:52 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 9:28 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to item 1 there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 9:28 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, seconded by Councilor Alonso unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:


Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk