



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

March 23, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:03 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 Mayor Castro

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 Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Will Oliver with Fresno County Economic Development Corporation to provide a presentation on the services that the agency provides.

Will Oliver introduced the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation and provided information on the agency.

Lee Ann Eager with Fresno County EDC provided information about the agency.

Robin Montgomery with Fresno County EDC provided information about the agency.

Curtis Williamson with Fresno County EDC provided information about the agency.

Discussion was held on the services that Fresno County EDC provides and the status of the electric airplane project.

2. Jeff Roberts with the Assemi Group to provide a presentation on the proposed Kamm Avenue Processing Plant.

Jeff Roberts with the Assemi Group provided information about the proposed Kamm Avenue Processing Plant.

Discussion was held on the proposed project.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Sergio Valdez – inquired about a post that was made on social media regarding street sweeping.

Discussion was held on Mr. Valdez's comments.

John Duggin – inquired about the status of the use of the baseball fields.

Discussion was held on Mr. Duggin's inquiry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 9, 2021 and the special City Council meeting of March 11, 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. MARCH 4, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50062 THROUGH 50108
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$1,127,672.89
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-15**, Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Execute the A&E Consultant Agreement (Contract) with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for Preparation of Final Engineering Plans, Specifications, and Estimate for the Citywide Railroad Corridor Crossing Improvements, Federal Aid Project No. STPL-5285(020).

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-16**, Accepting the Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District 2019-01 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Declaring Its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and Scheduling a Public Hearing for Consideration of Same.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-17**, Supporting the Kamm Avenue Pistachio Processing Plant.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-14**, Conditionally Approving the Exclusive-Use Permits for City Facilities for 2021.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Dino Perez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Perez.

John Duggin – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Duggin.

Sergio Valdez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Valdez, the item, and the possibility of updating the fees charged for the use of City facilities.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-14 with the approval of only the open market applications with additional conditions, request that the Recreation Commission consider the applications for the use of the baseball fields, table all other applications to future Council meetings, and direct staff to look into the possibility of updating the fees charged for the use of City facilities, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Chief of Police Smith provided the report for the Code Enforcement department, including a personnel update, and community beautification efforts.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control department including an update on animal control activities and statistics.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including the status of the police canine program; crime statistics and significant cases; crime trends; and the existence of hot shot trailers in the community.

Discussion was held on issuing a public notice regarding crime trends; the police canine program; the possibility of modifying the municipal code to include provisions regarding hot shot trailers in the community; and individuals utilizing a dirt road near Latino Market.

2. City Attorney
a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey provided an update regarding the work of his office relating to the cannabis businesses; the status of an abatement case; and commented on the ongoing litigation regarding the groundwater sustainability plan.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Attorney Kinsey.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Earth Day event; the Mendota Pharmacy grand opening that was recently held; the upcoming Boca Del Rio groundbreaking event; and provided a personnel update for the Public Works Department.

Discussion was held on a letter that was provided to the residents of the Las Palmas subdivision regarding a flood insurance requirement; the possibility of establishing a renter's fee; the condition of the trailer park; the status of the roundabout at the intersection of Oller Street and Derrick Avenue; and the status of Little Caesars.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso commented on the grand opening of the Mendota Pharmacy; a meeting with Congressman Valadao; and the upcoming COVID-19 vaccination event.

Councilor Rosales commented on the upcoming COVID-19 vaccination events and thanked the police department for their work on a recent case.

Councilor Riofrio commented on a road trip.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on his experience with receiving the COVID-19 vaccine; thanked staff and the public; and commented on posts/comments made on social media.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on the upcoming COVID-19 vaccination events; a meeting with Congressman Valadao; and the changes that have been made to the municipal code regarding violations and enforcement mechanisms.

Discussion was held on beautifying the community.

CLOSED SESSION

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to CA Government Code § 54957.6

Topic: Management Employee Compensation and Benefit Plan

City's Designated Representative and Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager

At 8:13 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 8:54 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 8:54 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Councilor Rosales unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

