



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**April 13, 2021**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:02 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 Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

**CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

**Ofelia Ochoa** – requested the Council’s support for Padres Unidos con Poder and for children with special needs.

Discussion was held on Ms. Ochoa’s comments.

**Areli Galvan** – inquired about the fees for sidewalk vendors.

Discussion was held on Ms. Galvan’s comments.

**Ofelia Ochoa** – commented on the condition of the speeds bumps that were installed near McCabe Elementary.

Discussion was held on Ms. Ochoa's comments.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 23, 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 23, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2021  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50109 THROUGH 50191  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$547,426.33
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-18**, authorizing entering into a funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and authorizing and designating a representative for the Stormwater Improvement Project.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-19**, authorizing the submittal of an application to the Public Benefits Grants Program New Alternative Fuel Vehicle purchase and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all required documents.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-20**, approving the agreement between the City of Mendota and the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation for fiscal year 2021-2022 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-21**, setting the schedule for a special City Council meeting to consider the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-23**, approving entrance into an agreement with NHA Advisors for services needed for the Mendota City Hall and Police Department project.

A request was made to pull items 1 and 6 for discussion.

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

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Discussion was held on warrant no. 50191 and the various uniform businesses that the City contracts with.

6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-23**, approving entrance into an agreement with NHA Advisors for services needed for the Mendota City Hall and Police Department project.

Discussion was held on the background of the item and construction projects in nearby communities.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 6 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and appointment of a Mendota resident to the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to appoint Mr. Albert Escobedo to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public hearing and proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-22**, confirming the diagram and authorizing the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2019-01 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Engineer Osborn summarized the report.

At 6:46 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 Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 21-22, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Officer
  - a) Grant Update

Finance Officer Diaz provided an update on various grant projects; and the status of various grant applications.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Finance Officer Diaz, and an individual who was conducting mechanic work at the vacant property at the corner of Bass Avenue and I Street.

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, and the possibility of fixing the irrigation system at Pool Park.

3. City Attorney
  - b) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro commented on the work of his office.

Discussion was held on the work of the City Attorney's office.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez congratulated City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia for an award that she received from the City Clerks Association of California; commented on the resurfacing of the basketball courts; the possibility of holding a special election; USDA loan requirements for homeowners; the status of the renter's fee ordinance; and the status of the street sweeper ordinance.

**Jonathan Leiva** – commented on the proposed street sweeper ordinance.

*At 7:18 p.m. Councilor Rosales left the Council Chambers and returned in the same minute.*

Discussion was held on Mr. Leiva's comments.

*At 7:29 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:31 p.m.*

**Ofelia Ochoa** – commented on the need for the City and community to work together on various items.

At 7:40 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:42 p.m.

Discussion was held on Ms. Ochoa's comments.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

At 7:50 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers.

Councilor Alonso congratulated City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia and commented on Mendota Youth Recreation's Easter event that was recently held.

Councilor Rosales inquired on a letter; congratulated City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia; and thanked the police department for their work.

Councilor Mendoza congratulated City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia and thanked staff for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro congratulated City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia; thanked Finance Officer Diaz and Administrative Services Director Lekumberry for their work; commented on the work of the Council; a meeting with Senator Caballero; the resurfacing of the basketball court; and the possibility of painting a portion of a curb along Oller Street red.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:06 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Councilor Rosales unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

  
Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

