

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

April 27, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:15 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 Clerk Cabrera-Garcia

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATION

1. Chief of Police Smith to present the new police canine vehicle.

Chief Smith announced that the police department had implemented its first police canine program.

At 6:14 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.

At 6:35 p.m. the meeting resumed.

Discussion was held on the new police canine.

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 April 13, 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. APRIL 12, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 20, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50192 THROUGH 50240
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$776,222.20
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-24**, authorizing approval of signature authority for the City Manager for agreements and permit applications related to the Citywide Railroad Corridor Crossing Improvements.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-25**, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all required documents for the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program.

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-24**, authorizing approval of signature authority for the City Manager for agreements and permit applications related to the Citywide Railroad Corridor Crossing Improvements.

Discussion was held on the item.

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

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-26**, conditionally approving additional Exclusive Use Permits for the use of City Facilities.

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

Discussion was held on the item and the conditions of approval.

Sergio Valdez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Valdez; the importance of ensuring the longevity of the sports fields; and the Council congratulated Mendota Youth Recreation's soccer league who had recently won a championship.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve Resolution No. 21-26 with additional conditions, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-27**, authorizing staff to publish a Request for Proposals for the sale and potential development of City real property.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Jonathan Leiva – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on Mr. Leiva's comments and the possibility of establishing a subcommittee to review the proposals that are received.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 21-27, 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 enforcement statistics; a street sweeping enforcement detail; and the Prop 64 grant.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Chief Smith.

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 crime statistics and trends and the department's community engagement efforts.

Discussion was held on a homeless individual making a makeshift home at the entrance of the City; the department's community engagement efforts; speeding issues throughout the City; and potential grants that the department will be applying for.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Discussion was held on the status of the abatement process for the case at 6th and Lolita Streets.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Boca Del Rio job fair; and the release of census results.

Discussion was held on City Manager Gonzalez's work.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales commented on warrant number 50211 and the work that was done, and the quality of the City's water.

Discussion was held on Mr. Rosales's comments.

Councilor Riofrio inquired on the wellbeing of Finance Officer Diaz and commented on the roles and duties of the planning commission.

At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:45 p.m.

Councilor Alonso commented on the Earth Day event and that he will be participating in an event as a panelist.

Discussion was held on Mr. Alonso's comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on a meeting with Senator Caballero and the Mendota businesses that were recognized for their efforts during the pandemic.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on the resources that the City needs; a meeting with Senator Caballero; a meeting with Padres Unidos con Poder; a meeting with Caltrans; an individual

who wants to develop a truck stop in the community; the status of the basketball courts resurfacing project; and the recent reopening of the schools.

Discussion was held on the Mendota Mural Project; opening City Hall; and COVID-19 restrictions.

CLOSED SESSION


1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to CA Government Code §§ 54954.5(f), 54957.6
 - a. Agency Designated Representatives: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager;
Jennifer Lekumberry, Director of Administrative Services
 - b. Employee Organization: Mendota Police Officers Association

At 8:00 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 8:50 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 8:50 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Councilor Rosales unanimously approved (5 ayes).


Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:


Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

