



MINUTES
MENDOTA PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING
March 4, 2019
12:00 NOON
Mendota City Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Silva at 12:01 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Robert Silva, Vice-Chairperson Rolando Castro, and Committee Member Joseph Amador.

Staff Present: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager; Kevin Smith, Police Lieutenant; and Matt Flood, Economic Development Manager.

Others Present: Sonia Herrera, RCS Fresno; Christian Lepe, Bureau of Prisons; Shikha Dosanj, Bureau of Prisons; and Dino Perez, Westside Youth, Inc.

Chairperson Silva requested that all of the individuals present introduce themselves.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of February 4, 2019 were approved based on a motion made, seconded and approval.

II. BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Silva

a) Traffic problems in the area of Highway 33 and the Latino Market

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and explained the issues related to the design and construction of the Latino Market and its parking, including the parking and traffic hazards caused during the busiest hours.

Discussion was held on what vehicular maneuvers are illegal; the possible solutions for such a problem, including requesting that Caltrans post "No Parking" signs; and the problem with having stores that sell alcohol.

b) Traffic problems on Sorensen Street due to construction

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and reported on the traffic issues in the area during school hours, especially when dropping off children; possible solutions to ensure that traffic flows appropriately; the agencies, such as the school district and Caltrans, that should be involved in formulating a solution; and requested that a letter be sent from the City Manager requesting the expedition of a solution to minimize traffic and safety issues.

c) Review of safety issues discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Mendota City Council and MUSD Board of Trustees

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and reported that the meeting was very effective.

2. Vice-Chairperson Castro

- a) Request for additional officers to patrol the City during morning and evening hours; and
- b) Speeding throughout the City

Vice-Chairperson Castro introduced the items and inquired into some speed audits that the police department had conducted.

Discussion was held on regularly enforcing speed laws.

3. Committee Member Amador

- a) Animal shelter for stray dogs

Committee Member Amador introduced the item and inquired on the possibility for applying for grants to construct an animal shelter.

Discussion was held on the amount of stray dogs in the community; and whether the dog clinic is still held.

4. Code Enforcement

- a) Monthly Update

Lieutenant Smith reported on new recruits for the department; the landlord accountability act; and abandoned properties in Mendota.

5. Police Department

- a) Monthly Update

Discussion was held on an accident that an officer was involved in.

6. Other Business

Christian Lepe and Shikha Dosanj with the Bureau of Prisons reported on an annual training for staff; personnel levels; impacts of the government shut down; and a new law that will influence the release of inmates.

Discussion was held on a solar farm near FCI-Mendota.

Sonia Herrera with RCS Fresno stated that the agency has seen an increase in sexual assaults, but that they are not reported; and trainings that will be held at the agency.

Dino Perez with Westside Youth, Inc. reported on the activities that the organization will be participating in for Kids Day; and the upcoming opening of the Open Market.

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 1:00 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Committee.



Robert Silva, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

