



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**May 25, 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 and Joseph Riofrio

**Council Members Absent:** Councilor Oscar Rosales

**Flag salute led by Mayor Castro**

**Invocation led by Police Chaplain Lugo**

**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 Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

**PRESENTATION**

1. Chief of Police Smith to provide information on the police department's chaplaincy program.

Chief Smith introduced Police Chaplain Lugo and provided information on the police department's chaplaincy program.

Police Chaplain Lugo provided information on the police chaplaincy program.

Discussion was held on the program.

2. Council to receive an update on the Boca Del Rio and Odyssey cannabis projects.

City Manager Gonzalez introduced Dustin Moore with Boca Del Rio.

Dustin Moore with Boca Del Rio provided an update on the Boca Del Rio and Odyssey projects; and announced that the agency would be providing a donation to the Mendota Community Corporation (MCC) for various projects and events.

Discussion was held on hiring efforts for the project.

**Anthony Thomas (Cresco Labs)** – commented on Cresco Labs' partnership with the City.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Thomas, and the Council thanked Boca Del Rio and Odyssey for their work.

3. NHA Advisors to provide a presentation on the financial feasibility analysis of the City Hall and Police Facility Complex.

City Manager Gonzalez provided information on the item.

Eric Scriven, Leslie Bloom, and Christian Sprunger with NHA Advisors provided a presentation on the financial feasibility analysis of the City Hall and Police Facility Complex.

Discussion was held on the presentation and the information provided.

### **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 May 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 Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MAY 12, 2021 THROUGH MAY 18, 2021  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50300 THROUGH 50341  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$189,611.28
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-32**, approving and accepting the public improvements constructed for Tract No. 6218 "La Colonia."
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-33**, designating surplus real property.

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 (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

## BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-07**, approving amendments to Chapter 8.37 of Title 8 of the Mendota Municipal Code to repeal the cannabis retail business license cap.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to waive the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 21-07, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-08**, approving amendments to Chapter 17.99 of Title 17 of the Mendota Municipal Code to repeal the cannabis dispensary ban in the Commercial Cannabis Overlay District.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to waive the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 21-08, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-09**, approving the entrance into a development agreement in the matter of Application No. 20-22, the Element 7 Mendota, LLC project.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to waive the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 21-09, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

4. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-10**, approving amendments to Chapter 8.32 of Title 8 of the Mendota Municipal Code regarding alarm systems and Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 of the Mendota Municipal Code regarding electrified fencing.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to waive the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 21-10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

5. Council discussion and consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 and **Resolution No. 21-34**, approving and adopting the fiscal year 2021-2022 operating budget for the City of Mendota.

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

Discussion was held on the item and the possibility of holding a special City Council meeting to discuss the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to table the item to a special City Council meeting to be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-11**, adding Chapter 2.56 to Title 2 of the Mendota Municipal Code to establish uniform administrative appeal procedures.

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

At 7:41 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 waive the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 21-11, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-12**, amending Chapter 1.20 of Title 1 of the Mendota Municipal Code (MMC) and adding Chapter 2.54 to

Title 2 of the MMC to establish a uniform procedure for the assessment, levying, collection, and appeal of penalties issued for violations of City ordinances.

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

At 7:43 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 Alonso to waive the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 21-12, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-13**, amending Chapter 10.12 of Title 10 of the Mendota Municipal Code to permit impoundment of vehicles in violation of parking restrictions.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

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 waive the second reading of and adopt Ordinance No. 21-13, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

## **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 and Animal Control departments including monthly statistics.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Chief Smith, and the possibility of having a dog vaccine clinic.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including the department providing police canine services to FCI-Mendota; and crime statistics and trends.

Discussion was held on traffic enforcement; and the last day of school.

2. City Attorney
  - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey stated that there was nothing to report.

Discussion was held on the status of the abatement process for the case at 6<sup>th</sup> and Lolita Streets; and the reopening process in response to the pandemic.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Danny Trejo Soccer Field grand opening; the status of the basketball court resurfacing project; the Salvadoran consulate providing their services in June; the status of the City's tax sharing agreement with Fresno County; the Mendota vs. Cresco Labs charitable softball game; an operator who would like to operate out of the Five Points facility; an illegal cannabis grow near the City; the status of the Mendota Mural Project; the status of painting curbs red; the police department and public works appreciation events that were held; and requested direction from the Council on how the City should address utility accounts that are delinquent.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Manager Gonzalez.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio commented on the delinquent utility accounts; and reopening process in response to the pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on the Mendota vs. Cresco Labs charitable softball game; that he recently attended the Mendota High School Senior Banquet to present the MCC scholarships; and fundraising efforts for upcoming MCC events.

Councilor Alonso commented on the Robert Silva Remembrance Event; the law enforcement and public works appreciation weeks; the Mendota vs. Cresco Labs charitable softball game; the upcoming Danny Trejo Soccer Field grand opening; and congratulated all of the 2021 graduates.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on the Mendota High School Senior Banquet; the upcoming Danny Trejo Soccer Field grand opening; the Mendota vs. Cresco Labs charitable softball game; and the public works department conducting weed/nuisance abatement at certain properties.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia provided an update on the MCC Fireworks Show.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:26 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, seconded by Councilor Riofrio unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

