

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

June 8, 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

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Lugo

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Oscar Rosales – stated that he was participating in the meeting via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 25, 2021 and special City Council meeting of June 2, 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 Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MAY 25, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50342 THROUGH 50392
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$753,230.41
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-35**, approving the School Resource Officer Agreement with the Mendota Unified School District.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **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.

Finance Officer Diaz reported on the budget.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:01 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:02 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to table the item and direct staff to remove the projects associated with cannabis related funds from the budget and present the information separately, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-36**, conditionally approving the remaining exclusive-use permits for City facilities for 2021.

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 21-36, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-37**, authorizing staff and consultants to prepare necessary documentation for the issuance of bonds to refund and prepay certain outstanding obligations and to finance a new City Hall and Police facilities; and approving financing team members in connection therewith.

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

At 7:18 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:20 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

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A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 21-37, 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 various projects.

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 various projects.

3. City Attorney
b) Update

City Attorney Kinsey provided the status of the abatement process for the case at 6th and Lolita Streets; and provided information on the reopening process in response to the pandemic.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the contractor of the Mowry Bridge Replacement Project offering to provide rock material to the City; the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) internship program; the basketball court resurfacing project; the status of Boca Del Rio project; status of the car dealership; the status of the Economic Incentive Zone; the possibility of scheduling a joint meeting with the Mendota Unified School District Board of Trustees; and the status of senior center.

Discussion held on the information provided.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales commented on the work of the City and Council.

Councilor Alonso congratulated Idalia Serranos for her work; and commented on information he recently learned at a water conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on the upcoming fireworks show and golf tournament; congratulated Mendota alumni; and thanked staff for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on the grand opening of the Firebaugh VFW; a meeting he attended with Governor Newsom's staff; an upcoming meeting with Fresno EOC; emails he has been forwarding to staff; staff creating a flyer regarding illegal fireworks; and reported that he was elected to the FCTA Board.

Discussion was held on a Mendota High School alumni who was featured by ABC30.


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 (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

