

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:00 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 Manuel Cunha with the Nisei Farmers League

Invocation led by Police Chaplains Ophelia Lugo and Arturo Montejano

Discussion was held on the police chaplaincy program.

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).

SWEARING IN

1. City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to swear in Police Officer Anthony Aguilar.

Chief of Police Smith introduced Officer Anthony Aguilar.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia swore in Officer Aguilar.

Police Chaplain Montejano shared a prayer for Officer Aguilar.

The Council congratulated Officer Aguilar.

Officer Aguilar thanked the Council for their kind words.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Manuel Cunha (Nisei Farmers League) – introduced himself; thanked the Council and staff for their work; reported on ongoing legislation; and requested that the City Council consider approving letters of support regarding the legislation.

Discussion was held on the letters of support being executed, submitted, and ratified at a future meeting date.

Jonathan Leiva – inquired as to when members of the public would be able to participate in public meetings in-person.

Discussion was held on opening the meetings to in-person attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 22, 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. JUNE 16, 2021 THROUGH JULY 6, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50444 THROUGH 50521
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$802,826.86
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-43**, approving the application for eligibility for the State & Federal Surplus Property Program; authorizing City representatives to acquire surplus property from the California State Agency for Surplus Property; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any and all necessary documents.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-44**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Letter of Authorization allowing Fresno County to submit a regional grant application to CalRecycle for the Oil Payment Program Cycle 12.

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-45**, claiming Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-46**, concerning Local Transportation Purpose Funds (Measure "C" Extension Funds).
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-47**, authorizing the adoption of a Debt Management Policy.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-48**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mendota and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 2703 Mendota Chapter.
8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-49**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mendota and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, on behalf of the Mendota Police Officers Association.
9. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-50**, revising the Management Benefit Resolution.
10. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-51**, approving entrance into an agreement with RRM Design Group for services needed for the Mendota City Hall and Police Department Project.
11. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-52**, approving the proposal submitted by Haaker Equipment Company for a sewer combination unit truck and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

A request was made to pull items 7 and 8 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 6 and 9 through 11 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-48**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mendota and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 2703 Mendota Chapter.

Discussion was held on the Consent Calendar items 7 and 8, and the possibility of tabling the items.

8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-49**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mendota and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, on behalf of the Mendota Police Officers Association.

Discussion was held on the Consent Calendar item 8, and the possibility of tabling the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to table item 7 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to table item 8 of the Consent Calendar, and, due to a lack of a second, the motion died.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve item 8 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; approved (4 ayes, no: Alonso).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-53**, appointing voting delegates for the League of California Cities' Annual Business Meeting.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza as the voting delegate and Mayor Rolando Castro and Councilor Jose Alonso as the voting delegate alternates and adopt Resolution No. 21-53, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-54**, approving the commitment of current Program Income Funds for the development of Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion Project and authorizing the execution of contracts.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 21-54, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Officer
 - a) Grant Update

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

Discussion was held on the various projects and grant applications.

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, including the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion project.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey provided an update on an abatement process.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the Fresno EOC intern program; the drinking fountain at Rojas-Pierce Park; the ball fields at Rojas-Pierce Park; the status of the car wash; the status of Little Cesar's restaurant; public safety funding that Senator Caballero was able to acquire for the City; the Notice of Availability period for the sale of City surplus property; and the upcoming dog clinic.

Discussion was held on the status of the airport.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales thanked the staff and Council for their work.

Councilor Riofrio commented on an individual who recently passed away.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked the Council and staff for their work; and reported on the upcoming Golf Tournament.

Councilor Alonso inquired about the citations issued on the 4th of July.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on a funeral service he recently attended; reported on the local cannabis farms; and an event he recently attended.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to CA Government Code § 54957.6, subdivision (a)
Title: Unpresented Management Employees
City's Designated Representative and Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager

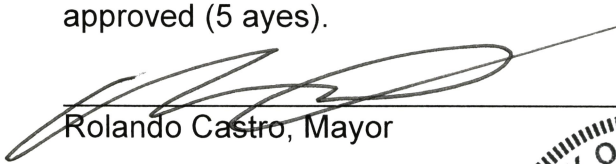
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 - a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case)

At 8:23 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 9:53 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to items 1 and 2 of the Closed Session, there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 9:53 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

