

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza and Councilor Joseph Riofrio

Council Members Absent: Councilor Jose Alonso and Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Johan Reijnders with Townsend Public Affairs

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

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 Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Alonso and Rosales).

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 December 14, 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 (3 ayes, absent: Alonso and Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. DECEMBER 8, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51177 THROUGH 51274
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$1,105,330.80
2. Proposed approval of **Proclamation No. 22-01**, recognizing January 23-January 29, 2022 as School Choice Week.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-01**, approving an amendment to the agreement with the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno for the provision of Available Court Connection and Electronic Support Services.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-02**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for surveying and engineering services for the 2022 Local Street Reconstruction Project.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-03**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for the design and construction support services for the Backwash Reclaim Tank and Pump Station at the Water Treatment Plant.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-04**, approving a contract with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for consultant services.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 through 6 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Alonso and Rosales).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-19**, amending Chapter 8.16 of Title 8 of the Mendota Municipal Code regarding refuse collection requirements pursuant to Senate Bill 1383.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

At 6:09 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public and, hearing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-19, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Alonso and Rosales).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department
 - a) Monthly Reports

Chief of Police Smith provided the report for the Code Enforcement Department including a personnel update and monthly statistics.

Discussion was held on how the officers address violations; whether the officers are able to issue parking related citations; and issues with unlicensed businesses.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including monthly statistics; and improvements that have been made to the dog pound.

Discussion was held on the care for the dogs that are captured; and the possibility of expanding the dog pound.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including monthly statistics and crime trends.

Discussion was held on the monthly statistics; the possibility of having police checkpoints in the future; issues with speeding; officers patrolling throughout the City; department personnel; and catalytic converters being stolen.

2. Finance Director
 - a) Grant Update

Finance Director 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.

3. 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 automated meter reading project; the construction of the youth soccer field; the condition of various aspects of the baseball fields; and the possibility of opening Cervantes Street to traffic.

4. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

5. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the 80th anniversary of the City's incorporation; the status of the City Hall/Police Station project; the status of the Belmont Estates project and potential school project; the closure of Taco Bell; and the potential development of a gas station on Belmont Avenue.

Discussion was held on ways to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the City's incorporation; on the City Hall/Police Station project; the status of the Star Super Market location; the status of the Daniel Porras Youth Soccer Field; and the usage of the Danny Trejo Soccer Field.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio reported on the upcoming fireworks show; the rental business licenses; and commented on employees who worked during the holidays.

Discussion was held on the rental business licenses.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked the staff for their work; and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro wished everyone a Happy New Year; reported on ongoing impacts of COVID-19; inquired about the possibility of holding virtual meetings; and discussed ways to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the City's incorporation.

Johan Reijnders (Townsend Public Affairs) – introduced himself and shared information about the firm.

Discussion was held on acquiring grants for the City.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Ongoing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case).

City of Mendota v. Evelyn Kramer, et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 21CECG02410

At 7:36 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 8:28 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to item 1 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 8:28 p.m. by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Alonso and Rosales).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

