

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

January 25, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:10 p.m.

A motion of silence was held for community member Jose Luis Llamas who had recently passed away

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Ophelia Lugo

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager Lekumberry requested that the Council table Business Item 1 and Closed Session Item 1.

Discussion was held on the request.

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

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 January 11, 2022.
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. JANUARY 5, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 14, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51275 THROUGH 51332
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$618,677.18
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-05**, approving the application for grant funds from the Recreational Trails Program.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-06**, proclaiming a continued local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City of Mendota's legislative bodies for a period of thirty days pursuant to the Brown Act.

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve item 1 and 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-05**, approving the application for grant funds from the Recreational Trails Program.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve item 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

Councilor Rosales reported on outreach that he has done to state agencies requesting funding.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of the City Hall/Police Station project.

The item was tabled to a future meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

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

Discussion was held on crime trends; traffic issues; the role of the Code Enforcement officers; animal control issues in the community; and grant opportunities.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including that the officers are able to administer vaccines to dogs; the department's work with other animal shelters; and monthly statistics.

Chief of Police Smith provided the report for the Code Enforcement Department, including monthly statistics.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that he is excited for the new year.

Discussion was held on the recourses that are available to the City to address various safety issues at Latino Market.

3. City Manager

Nothing to report.

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 the passing of Mr. Jose Llamas, the passing of Mr. Richard Alarcon, and the passing of Mr. Francisco Almanza.

Discussion was held on the passing of community members.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on holding an event to unveil the sign designating the future site of the Daniel "Gordo" Porras youth soccer field.

Councilor Alonso wished everyone have a Happy New Year; and commented on celebrating the 80th anniversary of the City.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro inquired about the renter's business license process; and inquired about the 2021 Employees of the Year.

Discussion was held on community outreach groups.

CLOSED SESSION

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54957
Title: City Manager

The item was tabled to a future meeting.

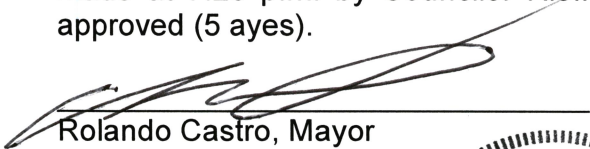
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Ongoing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case).
City of Mendota v. Evelyn Kramer, et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 21CECG02410.

At 7:00 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 7:23 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to item 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 7:23 p.m. by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

