

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

October 12, 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, and Councilor Jose Alonso

Council Members Absent: Councilors Joseph Riofrio and Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Assistant City Attorney Castro

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Ophelia 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 Alonso; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio 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 September 28, 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 Alonso; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50865 THROUGH 50920
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$728,317.23
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-78**, authorizing final payment of the retainage to the contractor for the Mowry Bridge Replacement Project.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-79**, declaring its support for broadband infrastructure.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-83**, 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 4 for discussion.

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

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-83**, 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.

Discussion was held on this item.

No action was taken on Consent Calendar item 4.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of the allocation of the Clean CA Initiative Funding.

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

John Liu (Caltrans) – commented on the item.

Diana Gomez (Caltrans) – commented on the item.

John Liu (Caltrans) – provided a presentation on the item.

Curt Hatton (Caltrans) – provided a presentation on the item.

John Liu (Caltrans) – provided a presentation on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Christopher Townsend (Townsend Public Affairs) – provided information about Townsend Public Affairs and commented on the item.

Cori Takkinen (Townsend Public Affairs) – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

John Liu (Caltrans) – commented on the item.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-77**, authorizing the execution of a licensing agreement with GovInvest Software for Transparent Solutions for Pension, Labor Costing, and Financial Modeling.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Nadia James (GovInvest) – commented on the item.

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Discussion was held on the item.

Max Stoff (GovInvest) – commented on the item.

No action was taken on Resolution No. 21-77.

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-80**, approving the execution and delivery of an installment purchase agreement, a bond purchase agreement, an escrow agreement, a preliminary official statement, and a continuing disclosure certificate; and authorizing certain other matters relating thereto.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-80, with the inclusion of Exhibit A – Good Faith Estimate, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).

4. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-16**, amending Chapter 17.99 of Title 17 of the Mendota Municipal Code's provisions regarding approved uses in the Commercial Cannabis Overlay District.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-16 and set the public hearing for October 26, 2021, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of the following items in the matter of Application No. 21-01, the Left Mendota II Commercial Cannabis Project (APN 013-280-29): **Resolution No. 21-81**, adopting a mitigated negative declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; **Resolution No. 21-82**, ruling on the applicant's appeal of the Mendota Planning Commission's denial of a conditional use permit; and introduction and waiver of the first reading of **Ordinance No. 21-17**, approving and entering into a development agreement by and between the City of Mendota and Left Mendota II, LLC.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Chris Lefkovitz (Leftbank Holdings) – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Julio Lopez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Ben Kriger (Leftbank Holdings) – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Chris Lefkovitz (Leftbank Holdings) – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to continue the item to the October 26th City Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. 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.

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 information provided by City Engineer Osborn.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro reported on ongoing projects and assignments.

Discussion was held on the status of the abatement process of a property on 6th and Lolita Streets.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the joint meeting between the City Council and the Mendota Unified School District ("MUSD") Board that is scheduled for October 20th; and the impacts of high winds.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso commented on the Mowry Bridge Replacement Project; and recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

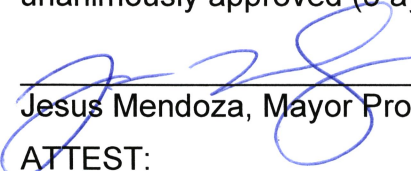
Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza reported on upcoming events.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on various meetings that he has participated in; the personnel of the police department; homelessness in the community; and ongoing projects.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:13 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).



Jesus Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

