



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

November 9, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilor Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Police Lieutenant Rodriguez

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Arturo Montejano

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 (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

PRESENTATION

1. *Chief of Police Smith to introduce Community Service Officers Yvonne Sandoval and Timothy Hernandez and Police Lieutenant Ramiro Rodriguez.*

Presentation item 1 was moved to after Presentation item 2.

2. The Axon Company to provide a presentation on body worn cameras and tasers.

Travis Cole with Axon provided information on body worn cameras and tasers.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

Joseph Amador – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

1. Chief of Police Smith to introduce Community Service Officers Yvonne Sandoval and Timothy Hernandez and Police Lieutenant Ramiro Rodriguez.

Chief of Police Smith introduced Community Service Officer Timothy Hernandez.

Timothy Hernandez – thanked the Council and the Police Department for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Council congratulated Mr. Hernandez.

Chief Smith introduced Community Service Officer Yvonne Sandoval.

Yvonne Sandoval – thanked the Council and the Police Department for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Council congratulated Ms. Sandoval.

Chief Smith introduced Police Chaplain Robert Salinas.

Robert Salinas – shared information about himself and thanked the Council and the Police Department for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Council congratulated Mr. Salinas.

Chief Smith introduced Police Lieutenant Ramiro Rodriguez.

Ramiro Rodriguez – shared information about himself and thanked the Council and the Police Department for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Council congratulated Mr. Rodriguez.

At 6:52 p.m. Mayor Council announced that there would be a recess.

At 7:03 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

3. The Mendota Carbon Negative Energy Project to present information on the Mendota Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project.

Chris Stavinocha with the Mendota Carbon Negative Energy Project presented information on the Mendota Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

David Henson with the Mendota Carbon Negative Energy Project presented information on the Mendota Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

Ofelia Ochoa – inquired about the project.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

At 7:37 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers.

Nayamin Martinez (Central California Environmental Justice Network) – commented on the information provided.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:44 p.m. Councilor Riofrio returned to the Council Chambers.

Discussion was held on the item.

Jasmine Buenrostro (Central California Environmental Justice Network) – commented on the information provided.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero – provided an update on youth sports.

Joseph Amador – commented on virtual offerings for public meetings; the proposed Mendota Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project; and the Council honoring Daniel “Gordo” Porras.

Ofelia Ochoa – commented on the Mendota Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Ms. Ochoa.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the special City Council meeting of October 20, 2021 and the regular

City Council meeting of October 26, 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 with a modification to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2021, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. OCTOBER 10, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50997 THROUGH 51055
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$249,877.02
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-89**, approving the Second Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Fresno and the City of Mendota and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-90**, accepting and filing the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-91**, approving the statement of qualifications submitted by Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for the engineering services for the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion Project and other Community Development Block Grant funded projects.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-92**, approving the City Manager and Public Utilities Director to be authorized representatives for the State Water Resources Control Board California Water and Wastewater Arrearages Payment Program.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 through 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of honoring Daniel "Gordo" Porras.

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

Ed Porras – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Virginia Porras – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Virginia Porras – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Arnold Gonzalez – commented on the item.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff in initiating the planning process of creating a youth soccer field at Rojas-Pierce Park and naming the field after Daniel “Gordo” Porras.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-88**, transitioning City Council meetings to in-person participation and ending virtual attendance service offerings while monitoring public health developments.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 21-88 and end all virtual offerings of public meetings on December 14th, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales)

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-18**, approving amendments to Development Agreement No. 2018-01 in the matter of Application No. 20-24, the Left Mendota I, LLC Commercial Cannabis Project (APNs 013-280-15 & 22S).

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O’Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made Councilor Riofrio to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-18, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: 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.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey provided a status update on the City's bond refinancing; and the various items that his office is working on.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the City Hall and Police Station project and the status of the translation services agreement.

Discussion was held on the status of ordering Christmas ornaments; upcoming Christmas events; and the condition of Rojas-Pierce Park restrooms.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso reported on various events that were held in the community; a ride-along that he participated in; and he wished all veterans a Happy Veterans Day.

Councilor Riofrio commented on the funeral services that were held for Felipe Gonzalez; individuals who had recently passed away; and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked staff for their work; thanked the Veterans for their service; and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on local Veterans Day festivities; the services that were held for Felipe Gonzalez; municipal code violations and traffic issues; wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; and reported on upcoming Christmas events.

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 (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

