



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

December 14, 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 Councilors Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Officer Santiago Jurado

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 Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Chief of Police Smith to introduce Officer Santiago Jurado.

Chief of Police Smith introduced Officer Santiago Jurado and shared his background.

Officer Jurado thanked the Council.

Police Lieutenant Rodriguez congratulated Officer Jurado.

The Council congratulated Officer Jurado.

At 6:19 p.m. the Council took a recess.

At 6:21 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

2. Simon Andrews with Graphic Solutions to provide a presentation on wayfinding signage for the City.

Simon Andrews with Graphic Solutions provided a presentation on wayfinding signage for the City.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

3. Dan Urias with CalFire/Fresno County Fire to provide information on the emergency extrication equipment purchased with the Office of Traffic Safety Grant.

Battalion Chief Dan Urias provided information on the emergency extrication equipment purchased with the Office of Traffic Safety Grant.

Fire Captain Andrew Saldivar provided information on the emergency extrication equipment.

Firefighter Juan Montiel provided information on the emergency extrication equipment.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero – provided an update on local youth sports.

Hector Garcia – inquired as to why the alley close to his home was not paved as part of the local Alley Paving Project.

Michael Osborn (City Engineer) – explained how the alleys that were paved as part of the Alley Paving Project were selected.

Discussion was held on the Alley Paving Project.

Victor Martinez – inquired about the possibility of improving the crosswalks along Highway 180.

Discussion was held on upcoming Caltrans projects for Highway 180.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 9, 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. NOVEMBER 3, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 7, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51056 THROUGH 51176
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$840,412.39
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-92**, approving the proposal submitted by Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for the Safe Routes to School Master Plan Project No. ATPSB1L-5285(022).
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-93**, approving an amendment to the engineering Consultant Services Contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion Phase 2 Project in accordance with Resolution No. 21-91, approving the Statement of Qualifications for Community Development Block Grant projects for a period of three years.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-94**, approving the proposal submitted by Swanson Farney Ford and authorizing the purchase of a new 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-95**, authorizing the City of Mendota to enter into the settlement agreements with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., Amerisourcebergen Corporation Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., agreeing to the terms of the MOU allocating settlement proceeds, and entering into the MOU with the Attorney General.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-96**, approving the agreement with Lighthouse Electrical, Inc. for upgrading the Water Plant Programmable Logic Controllers Upgrades.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-97**, authorizing the execution of a licensing agreement with GovInvest Software for Transparent Solutions for Pension, Labor Costing, and Financial Modeling.

8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-98**, approving the agreement with the County of Fresno for law enforcement dispatch services/9-1-1 answering responsibilities.
9. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-99**, approving the quote submitted by Municipal Maintenance Equipment and authorizing the purchase of a Schwarze M6TE Avalanche Mechanical Street Sweeper.

Requests were made to pull items 8 and 9 for discussion

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 through 7 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-98**, approving the agreement with the County of Fresno for law enforcement dispatch services/9-1-1 answering responsibilities.

Discussion was held on the item.

9. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-99**, approving the quote submitted by Municipal Maintenance Equipment and authorizing the purchase of a Schwarze M6TE Avalanche Mechanical Street Sweeper.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 8 and 9 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

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.

Victor Martinez – requested information on SB 1383.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-19 and set the public hearing for January 11, 2022, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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

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

Charles Dellinger with RRM Design provided a project information session.

Discussion was held on the item.

Tim Merrill with Anderson Burton provided information on the project.

Discussion was held on the item.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to continue looking into the various project options and bring the item back to the Council at a future meeting.

3. Council discussion and consideration on the Clean California Local Grant Program.

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

Discussion was held on the item and Council input was provided on potential project ideas.

4. Council discussion and consideration of the City of Mendota's Military & Veteran Flag Program.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve the City of Mendota's Military & Veteran Flag Program, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

5. Council discussion and consideration of future street projects.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Engineer Osborn provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 8:33 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to direct staff to initiate programming for the Stamoules, Kate, and Riofrio Street projects, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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 Municipal Code violations throughout the City.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including the status of the new animal control vehicle; monthly statistics; and an animal control case.

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

Discussion was held on the return of the police canine officer; the status of the drone program; and the status of the police motorcycle program.

2. Finance Director
 - a) Grant Update
 - b) 1st Quarter Budget 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.

Finance Director Banda provided the 1st Quarter Budget Update.

Discussion was held on the budget update.

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 development of the new soccer field to honor Daniel Porras.

4. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney stated that the Council will be discussing various matters under Closed Session.

Discussion was held on the abatement process for a property on Lolita Street.

5. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Christmas parade; grant applications that the City is working on; and the upcoming Christmas Luncheon.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilor Alonso wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thanked staff and Council for their support and work.

Councilor Riofrio wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and encouraged everyone to be safe; reported on the upcoming mask mandate; stated that the owners of Nayarit Grocery are requesting a stop sign at the intersection of 6th Street and Riofrio Street; and that his family will be joining him for the holidays.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro gave his condolences to Chief Smith for the loss of his family member; thanked the Council and staff for their work and support for the Annual Mendota Smog Toy Giveaway; upcoming events; and reported on the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

CLOSED SESSION

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54957
Title: City Manager
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Ongoing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case).
Case name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations.
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).

At 9:24 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 10:52 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 10:52 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

