

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

February 8, 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 Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio and Oscar Rosales (via Zoom)

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Public Works Superintendent Macario Banuelos

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 Alonso unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Public Works Superintendent Banuelos to present the Public Works Department's 2021 Employee of the Year Award to Maintenance Worker I Michael Leyva.

Public Works Superintendent Banuelos presented the Public Works Department's 2021 Employee of the Year Award to Maintenance Worker I Michael Leyva.

Mr. Leyva thanked the staff and Council for the recognition.

The Council congratulated Mr. Leyva.

At 6:17 p.m. the Council took a recess and reconvened in open session at 6:24 p.m.

2. Chief of Police Smith to present the Police Department's 2021 Employee of the Year Award to Police Officer David Maldonado.

Chief of Police Smith presented the Police Department's 2021 Employee of the Year Award to Police Officer David Maldonado.

Mr. Maldonado thanked the staff and Council for the recognition.

The Council congratulated Mr. Maldonado.

At 6:40 p.m. the Council took a recess and reconvened in open session at 6:45 p.m.

3. City Manager Gonzalez to present the City Administration Department's 2021 Employee of the Year award to City Clerk/Event Coordinator Celeste Cabrera-Garcia.

City Manager Gonzalez presented the City Administration Department's 2021 Employee of the Year award to City Clerk/Event Coordinator Celeste Cabrera-Garcia.

Mrs. Cabrera-Garcia thanked the staff and Council for the recognition.

The Council congratulated Mrs. Cabrera-Garcia.

At 6:56 p.m. the Council took a recess and reconvened in open session at 7:02 p.m.

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 25, 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 19, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51333 THROUGH 51375
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$268,285.47
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-07**, approving the proposal submitted by Selma Kia and authorizing the purchase of a KIA Rio for the Code Enforcement Department.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-08**, authorizing services for plan restatement for the City of Mendota's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, in compliance with the Post Pension Protection Act Legislation (Post PPA-Cycle 3).

A request was made to pull items 2 and 3 for discussion.

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

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-07**, approving the proposal submitted by Selma Kia and authorizing the purchase of a KIA Rio for the Code Enforcement Department.

Discussion was held on the item.

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-08**, authorizing services for plan restatement for the City of Mendota's 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, in compliance with the Post Pension Protection Act Legislation (Post PPA-Cycle 3).

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to approve items 2 and 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

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

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Charles Dellinger (RRM Design) – provided information on the item.

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Jeff Tamkin (Public Facilities Investment Corporation) – provided information on the item.

Charles Dellinger (RRM Design) – provided information on the item.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:36 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to proceed with the construction of a Police Department and Council Chambers and direct staff to proceed with a traditional bid process, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

At 7:41 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:44 p.m.

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 Mr. Osborn.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on a letter that was drafted requesting funds from Fresno County for public safety purposes; congratulated the Employees of the Year; an reported

on an upcoming meeting regarding a new housing development and school site on the western side of the City.

Discussion was held on the status of the youth soccer field; and the condition of the baseball and soccer fields.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked the staff for their work and congratulated the Employees of the Year for their achievement.

Councilor Riofrio commented on the condition of a speed hump on Sorensen Avenue.

Councilor Alonso thanked the staff and Council for their work.

Councilor Rosales thanked the staff and Council for their work and congratulated the Employees of the Year.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro congratulated the Employees of the Year; and discussed future potential developments in Mendota.

CLOSED SESSION


1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54957
Title: City Manager
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
 - a. Property: APN: 013-162-02S
 - b. Agency Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
 - c. Negotiating Party: Nadene Weatherbie; County of Fresno
 - d. Under Negotiation: Redemption of Property
3. 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 8:13 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 9:04 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to items 1 through 3 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 9:04 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

