



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 27, 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, Councilors Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Claudia Leiva.

Invocation led by Police Chaplains Ophelia Lugo and Arturo Montejano.

Police Chaplain Lugo provided a reminder on the upcoming National Night Out Event.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Council to present **Proclamation No. 21-03**, thanking and recognizing Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Rudy Marquez for his service and commitment to the City of Mendota.

The item was tabled for later in the meeting.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Council inquired on whether the Fresno County Board of Supervisors received a letter that was submitted by the City of Mendota (City) requesting financial assistance in response to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Marc Benjamin – commented on the letter that was submitted by the City, and the County's use of American Relief Plan funds.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Mr. Benjamin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 13, 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, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Council to present **Proclamation No. 21-03**, thanking and recognizing Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Rudy Marquez for his service and commitment to the City of Mendota.

Mayor Castro read Proclamation No. 21-03 into the record and thanked Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Marquez for his service and commitment to the City.

The Council thanked Mr. Marquez for his service and wished him well on his retirement.

At 6:28 p.m. the Council took a recess.

At 6:34 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JULY 7, 2021 THROUGH JULY 20, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50522 THROUGH 50583
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$553,883.03
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-55**, awarding the construction contract for the Mendota Automatic Meter Reading project to West Valley Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,337,042.

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-56**, approving the purchase of a sewer unit and two trucks and approving loans with United Security Bank.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-57**, approving the removal of the Finance Director/Assistant City Manager position; approving the creation of the positions of Finance Director, Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk/Events Coordinator; and approving their respective salary schedules.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-58**, approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for the American Rescue Plan Funding Allocation.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-59**, approving the Commercial Property Land Use Agreement between the City of Mendota and American Paving Co.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-60**, approving revisions to the City of Mendota's administrative policies related to Public Records Act requests.

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 3 and 5 through 7 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-57**, approving the removal of the Finance Director/Assistant City Manager position; approving the creation of the positions of Finance Director, Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager, and City Clerk/Events Coordinator; and approving their respective salary schedules.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to approve item 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-61**, authorizing the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the potential development of a Wastewater Treatment Facility and Water Supply Agreement related to the Heartland Hydrogen Project.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Brenor Brophy – provided information on the proposed project.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 21-61, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

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

Discussion was held on water conservation measures and conducting public outreach regarding the matter, and a lost dog that was recovered.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including monthly statistics; the status of the hiring of additional Code Enforcement officers; an upcoming dog vaccine clinic; and the status of the animal control truck.

Discussion was held on animal control activities.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including monthly statistics, and the upcoming National Night Out event.

Discussion was held on various police cases; the need for additional police presence; speeding issues in the community; and traffic violations at the Latino Market.

At 7:11 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:12 p.m.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro provided an update on the work of his office.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the purchase of the sewer combination truck; the status of the Rojas-Pierce Park basketball court resurfacing project; the status of the baseball fields; the upcoming summer community clean-up event; the status of the Automatic Meter Reading project; and the possibility of holding a Council appreciation luncheon.

Discussion was held on the status of vendor costs at the open market; the possibility of holding a cannabis-related event; and the possibility of holding events at various locations in the City.

At 7:36 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales thanked everyone for the work.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza congratulated staff for their advancement and commented on the upcoming golf tournament.

Councilor Alonso congratulated staff for their advancement and hard work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on meetings he held with various elected officials, and issues regarding with the Arte and Cultura event.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to CA Government Code § 54957.6, subdivision (a)
Title: Unpresented Management Employees
City's Designated Representative and Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager

At 7:43 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 8:01 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro 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 8:01 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

