

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza, Councilors Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio (at 6:09 p.m.), and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Fresno County Sheriff Mims

Invocation led by Police Chaplains Ophelia Lugo

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. Fresno County Sheriff Mims to thank the officers of the Mendota Police Department for their assistance during the Creek Fires.

Fresno County Sheriff Mims thanked the City of Mendota and the Mendota Police Department (MPD) for their assistance during the Creek Fires and presented a plaque and coin to MPD.

Chief of Police Smith commented on MPD's assistance during the Creek Fires.

The Council commented on the item and thanked the Fresno County Sheriff's Department for their work.

At 6:21 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 6:24 p.m.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Sandra Hernandez – stated that she feels she is being treated unfairly and is being harassed by the Mendota Police Department regarding a variety of issues involving her property.

Discussion was held on the concerns shared by Ms. Hernandez, and staff looking into the issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 27, 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 Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JULY 21, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 4, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50584 THROUGH 50634
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$238,831.29
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-62**, approving an update to the City's authorized signers for United Security Bank.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-63**, approving an update to the City's authorized signers for its Westamerica Bank signature card.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-64**, revising the Management Benefit Resolution applicable to the City's Management Employees.

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

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

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-64**, revising the Management Benefit

Resolution applicable to the City's Management Employees.

Discussion was held on the item, and on the management benefit resolution.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve item 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of water conservation measures in response to the ongoing drought conditions.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 21-15**, adding Section 5.08.266 to Chapter 5.08 of Title 5 of the Mendota Municipal Code to establish a business license fee for lessors of residential real property.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez deferred to City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to provide the report.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

Joseph Amador – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-15 and set the public hearing for the August 24th City Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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 an update on an abatement process.

Discussion was held on the abatement process.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on repairs of the skate park; the recoating of the basketball courts at Rojas-Pierce Park; and a bill that was passed by the United States Senate regarding infrastructure.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio reported on speeding issues on Divisadero Street.

Councilor Rosales reported on goats on a property.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked the Council and staff for their work.

Councilor Alonso thanked the Council and staff for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked the police department for patrolling the schools and shared his condolences for the Ramirez family.

CLOSED SESSION

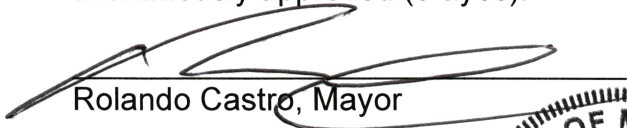
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
 - a. Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9; *Cruz v. City of Mendota, et al.*, Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 21CECG01185

At 7:56 p.m. the Council moved into closed.

At 8:17 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 8:17 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).


Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:


Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

