



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

August 24, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:05 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 Stephany Barrera

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Ophelia Lugo

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATION

1. Chief of Police Smith to recognize Stephany Barrera for her support of the Mendota Police Department.

Chief of Police Smith introduced Stephany Barrera and Brennan and provided information on the Mendota Police Department recruitment video that was created by them for a college class project.

Stephany Barrera – provided information on the project.

Brennan – provided information on the creation of the video.

Discussion was held on the video.

The recruitment video was played into the record.

Discussion was held on the video.

At 6:16 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers.

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 August 10, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AUGUST 4, 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50635 THROUGH 50688
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$1,412,445.63
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-65**, delegating authority to the City Manager to administer and manage claims and actions against the City of Mendota, its officers, or its employees and claims and actions of the City of Mendota.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-66**, rejecting the application for leave to file two late claims against the City of Mendota.

Discussion was held on item 3.

At 6:20 p.m. Councilor Riofrio returned to the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion on potential amendments to the development agreement with Left Mendota 1, LLC.

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

Chris Lefkovitz (Leftbank Holdings) – provided information on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 6:27 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 6:29 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

Joseph Amador – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to schedule a meeting with staff, representatives of Leftbank, and the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

2. Council discussion on potential amendments to the development agreement with Odyssey Agricultural Development, LLC.

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

Michael Jensen (Odyssey Holdings) – provided information on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Jon David (Odyssey Holdings) – provided information on the item.

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:03 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:05 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:07 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to discuss the proposed amendments with Odyssey Holdings and schedule a visit to the farms for Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing, consideration, and proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-68**, authorizing the placement of special assessments on the 2022-2023 tax roll for 2021 nuisance abatement costs.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Chief of Police Smith summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:24 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:27 p.m.

At 7:24 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public.

Maria and Jose Castillo - commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:29 p.m. Councilor Rosales left the Council Chambers.

Maria and Jose Castillo - commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Joseph Amador – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Castro closed the hearing to the public.

At 7:50 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:52 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to continue the item to the September 14th City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. Public hearing, consideration, and proposed adoption 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 Councilor Riofrio stated that he would abstain from discussing the item.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:58 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public.

Joseph Amador – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Castro closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Rosales, abstain: Riofrio).

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 the various duties and actions of the department.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including monthly statistics and issues with stray dogs.

Discussion was held on the large number of stray dogs.

Discussion was held on animal control activities.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including monthly statistics, significant cases, and commercial enforcement.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Chief Smith.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Hunter provided an update on an abatement process.

Discussion was held on the abatement process.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the street sweeper; an update on the recoating of the basketball courts at Rojas-Pierce Park; commented on the Mendota Community Corporation's (MCC) golf tournament that was recently held; and provided an update on the Mowry Bridge Replacement Project.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Manager Gonzalez.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso commented on the Little Caesar's Grand Opening event.

Councilor Riofrio inquired on the possibility of replacing the flags at Rojas-Pierce Park and safety concerns at the park, and the City addressing a concern that a family had.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on the MCC's golf tournament and thanked everyone for their work.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on the MCC's golf tournament and thanked everyone for their work; commented on the grand opening events for Little Caesar's and Dinora's Restaurant; and shared COVID-19 statistics.

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 (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

