

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

September 14, 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 (via Zoom)

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Arturo Montejano

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A request was made to move the Public Hearing section to occur after the Citizens' Oral and Written Presentation section.

A motion was made by Councilor Alonso to adopt the agenda as requested by staff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Virginia Porras – commented on the naming of the original soccer field as Daniel "Gordo" Porras and requested that the City Council address the issue.

Discussion was held on Ms. Porras' comments.

Rosemary Ramirez - commented on the naming of the Daniel “Gordo” Porrás soccer field.

Discussion was held on Ms. Ramirez’s comments.

At 6:37 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 6:38 p.m.

Discussion was held on Ms. Ramirez’s comments.

At 6:40 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned within the same minute.

Discussion was held on Ms. Ramirez’s comments.

Leticia Saldana – commented on the naming of the Daniel “Gordo” Porrás soccer field.

Discussion was held on Ms. Saldana’s comments.

Israel “Eddie” Porrás – provided a summary of his involvement in the community and commented on the naming of the Daniel “Gordo” Porrás soccer field.

Discussion was held on Mr. Porrás’s comments.

Joseph Amador – commented on the history of Mendota and on the naming of the Daniel “Gordo” Porrás soccer field.

Discussion was held on Mr. Amador’s comments, and on the community being involved in City issues.

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 provided the report.

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public.

Maria Castillo – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Maria Castillo - inquired about community clean up opportunities and shared concerns she has regarding illegal dumping.

At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Castro closed the hearing the public and Councilor Alonso left the Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 21-68, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 24, 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 (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AUGUST 18, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2021
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 050689 THROUGH 050784
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$482,362.92
2. Proposed approval of **Proclamation No. 21-04**, proclaiming September 15, 2021 as the "Anniversary of the Mexican Independence in the Year of the 90th Anniversary of the Consulate of Mexico in Fresno" Day.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-69**, updating the fee schedule for the use of the baseball and soccer fields at Rojas-Pierce Park.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-70**, supporting and implementing timely use of funding in the matter of project delivery schedules for federal transportation project selection.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-71**, awarding the construction contract for the 2021 Alley Paving Project to Avison Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$430,441.00 and retaining Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for professional construction phase services.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration on defining a vision and goals for the Local Road Safety Plan.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:41 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:42 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:46 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to provide direction to staff regarding the vision and goals for the Local Road Safety Plan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).

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 the Hydrogen project; the Council Appreciation Breakfast; appointment of Public Utilities Director; and the charity softball game.

Discussion was held on the Mendota welcome signs and the status of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding.

At 8:19 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales thanked the staff for their work.

Councilor Riofrio commented on a recent homicide and the passing of longtime community member Cora Martinez.

At 8:21 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza returned to the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza inquired on the status of a facility use application submitted by Mendota Youth Recreation.

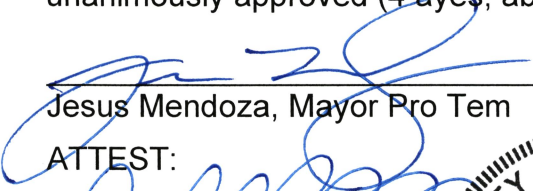
2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on the charity softball game; speeding issues on Kate Street; loose dog issues; congratulated Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager Lekumberry; and inquired on the status of the projects of various cannabis companies.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mayor Castro.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:32 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).



Jesus Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

