

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**September 28, 2021**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza at 6:07 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro (via Zoom), Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza, Councilors Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Flag salute led by Mayor Castro**

**Invocation led by Police Chaplain Ophelia Lugo**

**Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza welcomed Brandon Herreman, the Field Representative for Congressman Valadao**

**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 Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

**CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

**Brandon Herreman (Field Representative for Congressman Valadao)** – presented certificates of recognition to Administrative Services Director/Assistant City Manager Lekumberry, Finance Director Banda, and City Clerk/Event Coordinator Cabrera-Garcia.

The Council congratulated the employees.

At 6:12 p.m. the Council took a recess.

At 6:15 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 14, 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 Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 50785 THROUGH 50864  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$845,329.31
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-72**, authorizing the City Manager to approve and execute the proposal and consultant services agreement received from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group for the development of a GIS online mapping system.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-73**, authorizing the City Manager to nominate the Mendota Community Corporation for the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award Program.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-74**, approving the application for Outdoor Equity Grants Program grant funds.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-75**, adopting the City of Mendota's revised Injury and Illness Prevention Program.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-76**, approving a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan between the City of Mendota and Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc., and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 3, 5, and 6 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 21-74**, approving the application for Outdoor Equity Grants Program grant funds.

Discussion was held on the item.

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 on the City's American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza introduced the item and Finance Director Banda summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

The Council provided direction to staff to determine the costs of various project options and bring back to the Council for discussion at a future meeting, and to direct the Recreation Commission to create a subcommittee to discuss potential improvements of Pool Park.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 21-77**, authorizing the execution of a licensing agreement with GovInvest Software for Transparent Solutions for Pension, Labor Costing, and Financial Modeling.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza introduced the item and Finance Director Banda summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to table the item to a future meeting agenda, seconded by Councilor Rosales; 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 a personnel update and monthly statistics.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including monthly

statistics and issues with stray dogs.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including monthly statistics, significant cases, the department addressing instances of individuals driving under the influence, and commercial enforcement.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Chief Smith and the status of the drone program, the possibility of having a bike patrol, the personnel of the police department, and police presence in the community.

2. City Attorney
  - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey provided an update on an abatement process.

Discussion was held on the abatement process

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming tour of the 5Points Facility that is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>; the joint meeting between the City Council and the Mendota Unified School District (“MUSD”) Board that is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>; and the upcoming Mowry Bridge Grand Opening event that is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on the possibility of acquiring the old stadium lights from MUSD; the need for additional funding for the Mowry Bridge; a public dance that was recently held; the rental property business license fee that recently went into effect; a group that is interested in purchasing land South of the City for a cannabis project; the possibility of improving Rojas-Pierce Park; the City’s green waste and mattress recycling programs; issues with individuals driving through the roundabout; the Lozano Street ponding basin; and the possibility of removing the Lozano Street traffic island.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

*At 7:58 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:59 p.m.*

Councilor Alonso reported on the importance of keeping City parks and roads clean, and shared his experience at the League of California Cities (CalCities) Annual Conference.

Councilor Riofrio commented on the CalCities Annual Conference.

Councilor Rosales thanked staff for their work and requested additional police presence throughout the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza shared his experience at the CalCities Annual Conference.

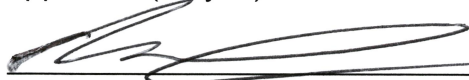
Discussion was held on illegal dumping.

2. Mayor

*Nothing reported.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:10 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

