



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza and Councilor Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia

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 Rosales to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Riofrio unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATIONS

1. Council to receive an update on the state of the local cannabis industry from Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC, and Odyssey Agricultural Development, LLC.

Dustin Moore with Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC provided an update on the local cannabis industry.

Jon David with Odyssey Agricultural Development, LLC provided an update on the state of its business.

Dustin Moore with Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC provided an update on the state of its business.

Discussion was held on the item.

Joel Lozano with Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC provided an update on the state of its business.

Discussion was held on the item.

Dustin Moore with Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC provided additional information.

Discussion was held on the item.

Michael Jensen with Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC provided an update on the state of its business.

Discussion was held on the item.

Dustin Moore with Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC provided additional information.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 6:36 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 6:38 p.m.

Dustin Moore with Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC provided additional information.

Discussion was held on the item.

2. Council to receive an update from Boca Del Rio Agriculture, LLC, on the state of its business.

The item was discussed under Presentation item 1.

3. Council to receive an update from Odyssey Agricultural Development, LLC, on the state of its business.

The item was discussed under Presentation item 1.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Joseph Amador – inquired about the presentations that were provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 8, 2022.
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 (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. FEBRUARY 2, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51376 THROUGH 51449
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$308,983.17
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-09**, proclaiming a continued local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City of Mendota's legislative bodies for a period of thirty days pursuant to the Brown Act.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-10**, approving the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Subrecipient Certifications and Commitment of Responsibility.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-11**, approving the submittal of a proposal for the 2022 Senate District 12 Budget Request to the Office of State Senator Anna Caballero.

A request was made to pull item 3 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1, 2, and 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-10**, approving the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Subrecipient Certifications and Commitment of Responsibility.

Discussion was held on the item.

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

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-12**, approving the City of Mendota's Local Road Safety Plan included in the Multijurisdictional Local Safety Plan.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Engineer Osborn provided the report and introduced Mychal Loomis with Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

Mychael Loomis with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. presented information about the Local Road Safety Plan.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 22-12, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Chief of Police Smith provided the report for the Police Department including monthly statistics and crime trends, and the change in dispatch services.

Discussion was held on dispatch services, and the towing of vehicles.

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

Discussion was held on stray dogs; issues with bats; and the possibility of holding a dog vaccine clinic.

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

Discussion was held on the duties of the Code Enforcement officers; and a potential gang issue in the East side of the City.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

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

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on ongoing economic development projects, including the development of the Star Super Market property and the Jack's Resort property; and the condition of the local economy.

Discussion was held on the sidewalk improvements near City Hall.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales inquired about the possibility of establishing a Recreation Department.

Discussion was held on Mr. Rosales's comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on the Honor Wall project; ongoing projects; and the upcoming Autism Awareness month.

Councilor Alonso reported on housing developments in the City, and whether the City Council will hold a goal setting meeting.

Councilor Riofrio commented on code enforcement violations in the City.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on discussions that were held at the meeting and upcoming meetings that he will be attending.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Ongoing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case).
City of Mendota v. Evelyn Kramer, et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 21CECG02410.
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Ongoing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case).
Case name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations.

At 8:08 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:21 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to items 1 and 2 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 8:21 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

