

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

March 8, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Councilor Joseph Riofrio in honor of the men and women serving in the armed forces.

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

At 6:03 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned within the same minute.

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 Alonso unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

David Castro – provided information on the open enrollment for the Fresno Migrant and Seasonal Head Start.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Mr. Castro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 22, 2022 and the special City Council meeting of February 28, 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 Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. FEBRUARY 16, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51450 THROUGH 51495
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$477,040.79
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-15**, conditionally approving exclusive use permit applications for City facilities for 2022.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-16**, approving a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to provide final design, surveying, bidding, and construction services for the City of Mendota's Proposition 68 UFGP Funded Stormwater Improvement Project.

A request was made to pull item 3 for discussion.

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

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-16**, approving a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to provide final design, surveying, bidding, and construction services for the City of Mendota's Proposition 68 UFGP Funded Stormwater Improvement Project.

Discussion was held on the item.

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

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of setting goals for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

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

City Engineer Osborn provided information on upcoming road projects.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Engineer Osborn and the goals for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to direct staff to set the goals for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 based on the discussion that was held, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; 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.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Engineer Osborn.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey stated that he had nothing to report but commented on the Closed Session items.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported that a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle at the Public Works Yard and provided a personnel update.

Discussion was held on the City's personnel; the condition of sidewalks in the City; the possibility of fixing the baseball field at Pool Park; the possibility of planting trees and plants along Bass Avenue; and the permitting process for sidewalk vendors, and the presence of sidewalk vendors in the community.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso provided an update on the planning process for the Mendota Community Corporation's golf tournament; requested an update on the police department's dispatch services; and reported on outreach he has done for the Earth Day event.

Councilor Riofrio inquired about the City purchasing fuel for City vehicles, the status of housing developments, the status of the police canine, and the possibility installing fencing at Pool Park.

Mayor Pro Tem commented on International Women's Day; and inquired about the status of the soccer field.

Discussion was held on police presence in the community.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro related a message he received from Mr. Joseph Amador regarding candidates for the Fresno County Sheriff position; inquired about the status of a housing development; reported on a meeting he had with Fresno State President Jimenez-Sandoval; an invitation he received from Westlands Water District to attend a water summit; and provided an update on the fireworks show.

CLOSED SESSION

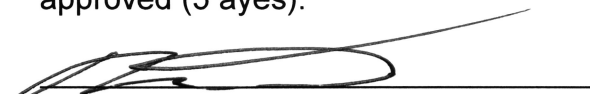
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Ongoing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case).
City of Mendota v. Evelyn Kramer, et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 21CECG02410.
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (two potential cases).

At 7:31 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:15 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey 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 8:15 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

