



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

April 12, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Jesus Mendoza and 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

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Chief of Police Smith to introduce Police Officer Jonathan Farr and Police Officer Joseph Acosta.

Chief of Police Smith introduced Police Officer Jonathan Farr.

Officer Farr thanked the City and the Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Council congratulated Officer Farr.

Chief of Police Smith introduced Police Officer Joseph Acosta

Officer Acosta thanked the City and the Council for the opportunity to serve the community.

The Council congratulated Officer Acosta.

At 6:22 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.

At 6:24 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

2. Chief of Police Smith to introduce new drone pilots Airman Gerardo Galaviz and Airman Matt Kawana.

Airmen Galaviz and Kawana provided a demonstration of the drone program and provided information of the program.

Discussion was held on the program.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Hector Enriquez – reported on speeding issues in the community, an attempted burglary, and inquired about a potential increase in refuse collection rates.

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

Ruben Martinez – reported on issues that he is experiencing with his neighbor, and a citation that he received from the Code Enforcement Department.

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

At 6:55 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 22, 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 (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MARCH 16, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 1, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51540 THROUGH 51602
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$563,281.92
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-23**, authorizing the creation of a City account with Bid4Assets.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-24**, accepting the Bass Avenue landscape improvements constructed for Tract No. 6218 "La Colonia".

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 and 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-23**, authorizing the creation of a City account with Bid4Assets.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve item 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Castro returned to the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing, consideration, and proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-25**, approving the successor franchise agreement between the City of Mendota and Mid Valley Disposal, LLC, for Solid Waste Handling services and fee increases related thereto.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Castro provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

Jay Fowler (Mid Valley Disposal) – provided information on the requirements of SB 1383.

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Castro returned to the Council Chambers and Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:08 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza returned to the Council Chambers.

Discussion was held on the item.

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

Ruben Martinez – inquired about the proposed refuse collection rate increase.

Discussion was held on Mr. Martinez's comments.

Hector Enriquez – inquired about the proposed refuse collection rate increase.

Discussion was held on Mr. Enriquez's comments.

Jose Luis Castro - inquired as to whether vehicles will be cited if they park on the lawn, and inquired about the possibility of installing a speed hump on Marie Street.

Discussion was held on Mr. Castro's comments.

At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Castro, hearing no additional comments from the public, closed the public hearing.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia reported that as of the conclusion of the public hearing, the City received zero written protests in regard to the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 22-25, seconded by Councilor Rosales; 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 condition of Quince Street and local street projects that are planned.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Hector Enriquez – inquired about interpretation services.

Discussion was held on Mr. Enriquez’s comments.

Salvador Romero – inquired about the City’s refuse collection services.

Discussion was held on Mr. Romero’s comments.

Assistant City Attorney Castro reported on the cases and items that he has been working on.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Earth Day event.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso reported on the upcoming Earth Day event; the upcoming Annual Mendota Youth Recreation Easter Egg Hunt; and reported that Evelyn Gonzalez was accepted into the PhD program at the University of Boston.

Councilor Riofrio reported on a local resident who is having issues with vicious dogs, and properties with overgrown weeds.

Councilor Rosales requested that the police department address the concerns made by residents earlier in the meeting and reported on an organization that would like to have an event in September.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza commented on the Autism awareness flags that are displayed throughout the community and thanked the members of the audience for attending the meeting.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro thanked the members of the audience for attending the meeting and encouraged the audience to work with staff to address their concerns.

Councilor Rosales reported that the Council is considering placing a sales tax measure on the November election ballot.

Ruben Martinez – shared concerns he has regarding traffic issues.

Discussion was held on Mr. Martinez’s concerns.

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 8:05 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 9:04 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 9:04 p.m. by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

