



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

April 26, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza at 6:14 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Rolando Castro

Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt the agenda as requested by staff, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Joseph Amador – provided information on a Meet and Greet event that will be held at the AMOR Wellness Center with Fresno County Sheriff Candidates Mark Salazar and John Zaroni.

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

Virginia Penalzoa – provided information on Ygrene's Property Assessed Clean Energy program.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Ms. Penaloza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 12, 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 (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APRIL 6, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51603 THROUGH 51675
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$757,693.71
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-23**, authorizing participation in the Fresno County Multijurisdictional Housing Element Update and Cost Sharing Agreement.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-24**, accepting the Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District 2019-01 for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, and scheduling a public hearing for consideration of same.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-25**, approving a contract with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to provide preliminary engineering phase services for the City of Mendota's Derrick & Oller Roundabout Project.

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

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-26**, approving the First Annual Adelante Mendota Car Show.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 22-26, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

2. Council discussion and consideration of the proposal submitted by Graphic Solutions for the creation of a comprehensive wayfinding program for the City of Mendota.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

Council consensus was reached to not proceed with the project.

3. Council discussion and consideration of pursuing the construction of a new test well.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

City Engineer Osborn provided additional information on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to look into additional options regarding the proposed project and to meet with the Mendota Unified School District to request their partnership with the project.

4. Council discussion on having the sports fields at Rojas-Pierce Park open to the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

Marlene Jimenez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on Ms. Jimenez's comments.

Joseph Amador – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on Mr. Amador's comments.

Sergio Valdez – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on Mr. Valdez's comments.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to create a plan for opening the sports fields to the public.

Hilda Flores – stated that she is the owner of Pupuseria El Salvadoreno and stated that she wanted to work the police department to address the business’s issues in relation to its Department of Alcohol Beverage Control permit.

Discussion was held on Ms. Flores’s comments.

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 Code Enforcement Department including the role of the department; monthly statistics; and a personnel update.

Discussion was held on code violations throughout the community; the enforcement of noise regulations; and ongoing cases.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including the current capacity of the dog pound, and the condition of the dog pound.

Discussion was held on the possibility of having a dog vaccination clinic; and whether the department addresses cat issues.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including monthly statistics; crime trends; and a personnel update.

Discussion was held on catalytic converter thefts; the department’s personnel; and the department’s participation in a demolition derby that will be held in Firebaugh.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

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

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on Administrative Assistant’s week; State Senator Caballero including a funding request for Mendota in the state budget; the status of the police department/council chambers building; the ongoing Community Clean Up; a personnel update; ongoing and upcoming projects; inquired as to whether the Council would like to hold a “Bring Your Child to Work” Day for staff; and commented on the Earth Day event.

Discussion was held on the condition of Veterans Park; decorating the community to recognize holidays and important awareness dates; and the City's personnel.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso thanked the volunteers for participating in the Earth Day event; commented on the Easter Egg Hunt; and thanked the public for their attendance.

Councilor Riofrio commented on the members of the public that attended the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked Mendota Youth Recreation for holding their Easter Egg Hunt.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro was absent.

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 9:19 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to item 1 of the Closed Session, the Council unanimously approved a settlement agreement with Evelyn Kramer resolving its lawsuit against her. By settling the lawsuit, Evelyn Kramer will be able to sell her property to a third party. The Council also approved a Forbearance Agreement with that third party where they have agreed to abate the property within 90 days.

In regard to item 2 of the Closed Session, Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 9:20 p.m. by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).



Jesus Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

