

## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Regular Meeting**

**October 11, 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 Councilors Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales (at 6:26 p.m.)

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Flag salute led by City Planner O'Neal**

**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, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

### **PRESENTATION**

1. Council to recognize Raul Varela for his service to the City of Mendota.

The Council recognized Raul Varela for his service to the City of Mendota, presented him with a plaque of recognition, and shared memories they have of Mr. Varela.

Mr. Raul Varela thanked the Council and the City for their support and recognition and shared memories he has of his service and shared his input on the betterment of the community.

*At 6:26 p.m. Councilor Rosales entered the Council Chambers.*

City Manager Gonzalez shared memories he has of Mr. Varela.

*The Council took a brief recess and resumed the meeting shortly after.*

2. Jennifer Peterson with MRC Recreation to provide a presentation on the layout of a proposed inclusive park.

Jennifer Peterson with MRC Recreation presented information and the layout of a proposed inclusive park and Rojas-Pierce Park.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Ms. Peterson and input was provided on the proposed project.

*At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:29 p.m.*

3. City Planner O'Neal to present information about Senate Bill 9 housing developments and urban lot splits.

City Planner O'Neal presented information about Senate Bill 9 housing developments and urban lot splits.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Planner O'Neal.

### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

None offered.

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 27, 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. SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2022  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 52351 THROUGH 52409  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$477,384.05
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-62**, approving the use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones).
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-63**, directing staff to proceed with repairs to the surfacing at the existing splash pad located at Rojas-Pierce Park, and approving the estimate submitted by Panthers Concrete, Inc., for the related work.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-64**, directing staff to proceed with the purchase of a concrete mixing attachment as approved in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

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

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council to receive presentation from developer and discuss the status of the Odyssey Agricultural Development, LLC, project.

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

Alex Freedman with Odyssey Agricultural Development, LLC (“Odyssey”) provided an update on the development and asked that the Council consider their previous request regarding the existing development agreement.

Discussion was held on Mr. Freedman’s request.

Aaron Mamann with Odyssey provided an update on the development and provided additional information on Odyssey’s request regarding its development agreement.

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

Freddy Singh commented on the item and spoke in favor of Odyssey.

Julie commented on the item and spoke in favor of Odyssey.

Cano Singh commented on the item and spoke in favor of Odyssey.

Discussion was held on Mr. Cano Singh’s comments.

Christopher Lopez commented on the item and spoke in favor of Odyssey.

Liberty Lopez made inquiries about Odyssey's development.

Discussion was held on Ms. Lopez's inquiries regarding the development.

Victor Martinez commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Liberty Lopez commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

2. Council discussion and consideration of financing options for the Police Station/Council Chambers project.

City Manager Gonzalez introduced the item and Charles Dellinger with RRM provided an update on the Council Chambers/Police Station project.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

*At 9:17 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned at 9:18 p.m.*

Eric Scriven with NHA Advisors presented financing information and options for the Police Station/Council Chambers project.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

*At 9:29 Council Member Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 9:31 p.m.*

Discussion was held on the information provided.

Jeff Tamkin with Public Investment Facilities Corporation commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

3. Council discussion and consideration of the membership of the Public Safety Sub-Committee.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to appoint Council Member Jose Alonso as Chairperson and to appoint Council Member Joseph Riofrio as Vice Chairperson of the Public Safety Sub-Committee, seconded by Mayor Castro; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

4. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-58** regarding a recommendation from the Planning Commission in the matter of Application No. 22-10, Tentative Parcel Map No. 22-01 (APN 013-223-19).

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 22-58, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

5. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-59** regarding a recommendation from the Planning Commission in the matter of Application No. 22-11, Tentative Parcel Map No. 22-02 (APN 013-075-13S).

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 22-59, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

6. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-60** regarding a recommendation from the Planning Commission in the matter of Application No. 22-12, Tentative Parcel Map No. 22-03 (APN 013-075-12).

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 22-60, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

7. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-61** in the matter of Application No. 22-14, acceptance of dedications made by Parcel Map No. 22-04.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 22-61, 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 status of local street projects that are planned.

3. City Attorney  
a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager  
a) Police Station/Council Chambers Project Update

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Fall Community Clean Up event.

Discussion was held on upcoming community events; and existing code violations in the community.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales commented on existing code violations in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked those who attended the meeting.

Councilor Riofrio commented on the City's transaction and use tax ballot measure.

Councilor Alonso thanked Westside Youth, Inc. for the driver awareness event; reported on the upcoming movie night event; and stated that he will be having an interview with the Q97.1 radio station.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on items that were discussed during the meeting.

Liberty Lopez reported on a homicide that recently occurred and a fundraiser that will be held to support the victim's family.

**CLOSED SESSION**

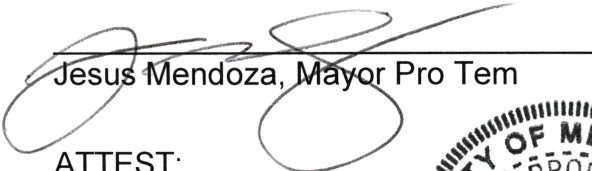
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).
  
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5, subdivision (f), and 54957.6
  - a. Agency Designated Representative: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
  - b. Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

At 10:20 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 10:39 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 10:39 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Jesus Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

