



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

November 8, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilor Jose Alonso

Flag salute led by Police Officer Joshua Comen

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

PRESENTATION

1. Chief Smith to introduce Police Officer Joshua Comen.

Chief of Police Smith introduced Police Officer Joshua Comen and shared his background.

Officer Comen thanked the City for the opportunity and stated he is looking forward to serving the community.

The Council congratulated Officer Comen.

At 6:10 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that the City Council would take a brief recess.

At 6:21 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session.

2. Council to receive presentation regarding HOME ARP funding and Fresno County's CDBG/HOME Programs.

Yvette Quiroga and Jonathan Avedian with the Fresno County's CDBG/HOME Program provided information on the HOME ARP funding.

Discussion was held on potential projects in the community that would be eligible for the HOME ARP funding, and the County's CDBG program.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero – provided an update on youth football.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 25, 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: Alonso).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. OCTOBER 26, 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 52447 THROUGH 52486
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$303,564.99
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-69**, approving the Government Agency Agreement with the Flock Group, Inc., and authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute all necessary documents.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-70**, approving a budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.

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

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-71**, approving a contract with MRC and the bids received for an inclusive playground, including surfacing, at Rojas-Pierce Park, and authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute all necessary documents.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Finance Director Banda provided the report.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 22-71, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).

2. Council discussion and consideration of appointing Mendota residents to the Mendota Planning and Recreation Commissions.

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 Riofrio to appoint Josue Urias to the vacant regular position and Alex Garcia to the vacant alternate position on the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-72**, authorizing and approving the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000; approving the execution and delivery of a Site and Facility Lease, a Lease Agreement, and a Private Placement Agreement; authorizing actions and execution of documents related thereto; and approving a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.

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

Eric Scriven with NHA Advisors provided information on the proposed financing plan for the Council Chambers and Police Station project.

Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public, and there was no one willing to comment on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 22-72, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Alonso).

At 7:36 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that the City Council would recess and reconvene as the Mendota Joint Powers Financing Authority to hear Business Item 1 of said body agenda.

At 7:38 p.m. the Mendota Joint Powers Financing Authority adjourned its regular meeting, and the City Council reconvened its meeting.

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, including the roundabout project.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming closure of City offices for Veterans Day, and the upcoming Mid Valley Disposal luncheon.

Discussion was held on issues with speeding throughout the community.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio reported on the November 7th Public Safety Sub Committee meeting, including the various topics that were discussed.

Councilor Rosales reported on stray dogs; homeless individuals in the community, and residents who have been feeding them; overgrown weeds near the old Silver Creek area; and wished all candidates good luck in the local election.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on upcoming events in the community, and shared concerns he has regarding community weekly car washes and food sales and the possibility of regulating those activities.

Discussion was held on carwashes and food sales that are held in the community.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5, subdivision (f), 54957.6

- a. Agency Designated Representative: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
- b. Employee Organization: Mendota Police Officers Association

At 8:06 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:20 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to item 1 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 8:20 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Alonso and Mendoza).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

