

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**June 14, 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

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Flag salute led by Councilor Alonso**

**Invocation led by Police Chaplain Lugo**

**FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

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

**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 May 24, 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. MAY 25, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 8, 2022  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 51800 THROUGH 51873  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$880,315.86
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-31**, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to terminate services with Administrative Solutions, Inc./Navia and to execute all documents necessary to obtain replacement services with Employer Driven Insurance Services.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-32**, adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-33**, awarding the construction contract for the Mendota Junior High School Safe Routes to School project to American Paving Co. in the amount of \$207,622.00.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-34**, approving the fireworks stand permits for 2022.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-35**, approving a Procurement Policy for the City of Mendota.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-36**, approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.
8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-37**, authorizing expenditures for the materials required for the construction of the Honor Wall at the baseball fields at Rojas-Pierce Park.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 8 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-38**, adopting a negative declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act; **Resolution No. 22-39**, approving an amendment to the Land Use Element of the City of Mendota General Plan Update 2005-2025; and introduction and waiver of the first reading of **Ordinance No. 22-01**, amending the official zoning map of the City of Mendota, all

in the matter of Application No. 21-10, the Carballo (Salomon) Apartments Project (755 Marie Street; APN 013-106-15).

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

Discussion was held on the report.

*At 6:22 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public.*

**Linda Varela** – shared her concerns about the proposed project and inquired about the design/layout of the project.

Discussion was held on Ms. Varela's concerns and on the project.

**Victor Martinez** – commented on the proposed project.

Discussion was held on the project.

**Raymond Aquino** – shared his concerns about the proposed project.

Discussion was held on Mr. Aquino's concerns and on the project.

**Jim Teague** – inquired about the project.

Discussion was held on Mr. Teague's comments.

**Ubaldo Garcia** – provided additional information about the project.

Discussion was held on the project.

**Julio Carballo** – provided information about the project.

Discussion was held on the project.

*At 6:47 p.m. Mayor Castro closed the hearing to the public.*

Discussion was held on the project.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution Nos. 22-38 and 22-39 and introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-01, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration on opening the sports fields to the public during regular park hours.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

**Victor Martinez** – commented on the item.

**Victor Morales** – commented on Public Hearing item 1.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to select option 1 as follows:

1. Direct staff to open the sports fields during regular park hours (7am-11pm) for groups smaller than twenty-five (25) persons, but still give priority to users that have an approved facility use application. This would also likely result in the need to approve park trespassing ordinances to provide enforcement options.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes)

2. Council discussion and consideration of a rate for a general transaction and use tax measure ballot.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

**Raymond Aquino** – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to direct staff to pursue a 1.25% transaction and use tax for parks and roads, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; approved (4 ayes, no: Castro).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-40**, approving and adopting the operating budget for the City of Mendota for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

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

Discussion was held on the proposed budget.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 22-40, 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 status of local street projects that are planned; upcoming Caltrans projects; and the status of the railroad crossing improvement project.

3. City Attorney
  - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez thanked the Council for approving the budget; and reported on the impacts of the current economy.

Discussion was held on the condition of the splash park; the condition of a light pole near Chevron; drainage issues near Rios Street and Lozano Street; issues with someone illegally dumping oil on the curb near Garcia Street and Blanco Street; and the status of the Pool Park project.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales shared information about various code enforcement cases.

Discussion was held on code enforcement department procedures.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza inquired on the possibility of repairing the plaque at Rojas-Pierce Park and reported on the upcoming Fireworks Show.

Discussion was held on the fireworks show, and Officer Galaviz participating in the Police Olympics.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on a meeting he attended at Fresno State.

Discussion was held on the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District Special City Selection Committee meeting that Councilor Rosales recently participated in.

**CLOSED SESSION**

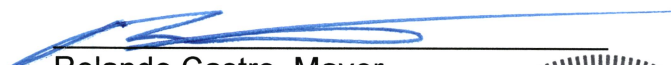
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to CA Government Code §§ 54954.5(f), 54957.6
  - a. Agency Designated Representative: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
  - b. Employee Organization: Mendota Police Officers Association
  
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (two potential cases).

At 8:19 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

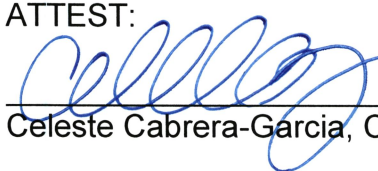
At 8:46 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to items 1 and 2 of the Closed Session, there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:46 p.m. by Councilor Alonso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

