

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 26, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilor Oscar Rosales

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.

City Manager Gonzalez requested that Closed Session items 1, 3, and 4 be tabled to a future meeting agenda due to Councilor Rosales' absence.

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

PRESENTATION

1. Council to recognize Jenny Ramos for her service to the community.

Mayor Castro presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jenny Ramos for her service to the community.

Jenny Ramos thanked the City and Council for the opportunity to serve.

At 6:19 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.

At 6:33 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Albert Escobedo – shared a conversation he had with others regarding a speech that Mayor Castro made at a recent meeting.

Elizabeth Jonasson (Westlands Water District) – provided information about Westlands Water District's 2022 West Side Scholarship recipients for Mendota High School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 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 Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JULY 6, 2022 THROUGH JULY 19, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS.51959 THROUGH 52028
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$449,609.94
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-44**, concerning Local Transportation Purpose Funds (Measure "C" Extension Funds).
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-45**, approving the quotation provided by Lighthouse Electrical, Inc. for a new 400-kilowatt diesel standby generator for the Water Treatment Facility and authorizing its purchase and installation.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-47**, supporting the Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan.

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

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

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-44**, concerning Local Transportation Purpose Funds (Measure “C” Extension Funds).

Tony Boren (Fresno COG) – provided information on Measure C.

Discussion was held on proposed road projects for the West side of Fresno County, and on the item.

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

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of the color options of tire-derived product for its installation at all Citywide sites.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Council provided direction to staff on the selected color options for the installation of tire-derived product at various Citywide sites.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-46**, (1) Calling for and ordering a Special Municipal Election to be consolidated with the regularly scheduled General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2022, to present to voters a measure to establish the Mendota General Transactions and use tax of 1.25%, as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California; (2) Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno to consolidate the special municipal election with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date; (3) Requesting that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors authorize the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters to render specified services to the City of Mendota related to the conduct of the Special Municipal Election; (4) Approving the proposed ballot measure description; and (5) authorizing the City Attorney to prepare the impartial analysis for the proposed ballot measure.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia and Finance Director Banda provided the report for Business items 2 and 3.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 22-46, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

3. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 22-03**, adding Chapter 3.14 to Title 3 of the Mendota Municipal Code to Enact a Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax to be Administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Mayor Castro introduced the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-03 and set the public hearing for August 9, 2022, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council to hold the Development Agreement Annual Review Hearing for Left Mendota I, LLC.

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

Chris Lefkovitz (Left Mendota I, LLC) – provided information about the facility.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:04 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:05 p.m.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 22-02**, amending Chapter 12.20 of the Mendota Municipal Code to promote access to City park and recreation facilities.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Direction was provided to staff regarding potential amendments to the ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department
 - a) Monthly Reports

Chief of Police Smith provided the report on the Code Enforcement Department, including monthly statistics.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including monthly statistics; the upcoming dog vaccination clinic; and the work of a volunteer of the department.

Discussion was held on chickens in the City; and how the department addresses dog bites.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including crime statistics and trends; a personnel update; and reported that Sergeant Galaviz won gold at the World Police Olympics.

Discussion was held on all-terrain vehicles being driven on City streets; and the status of the ongoing road construction of State Routes 33 and 180.

2. City Attorney
a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey responded to a comment that was made at a previous meeting by a member of the public regarding potential action that the City Council can take in response to inflation.

Discussion was held on the possibility of modifying the City's utility fees, and the water restrictions that are currently in place.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided a personnel update; honor wall project update; City Hall and Police Department building update; reported on ongoing projects; on an accident that recently occurred at the roundabout; and stated that he will be out of office.

Discussion was held on the ongoing construction of the State Routes, and the condition of a speed hump at Kate and 8th Streets.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso reported on the upcoming National Night Out event; a meeting that he recently attended regarding the housing crisis; and congratulated Sergeant Galaviz for his victory at the World Police Olympics.

Councilor Riofrio reported on the passing of local residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza reported that the Rojas-Pierce Pierce Park sign and the Eddie Porras Basketball Court sign were updated; that local resident Roger Lua recently won a video contest; and that local resident Hannah Flores competed in a pageant.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro commented on the upcoming Joaquin Murrieta ride; an event that the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation will be having in the community; and that the Mexican and Salvadoran consulates were recently serving the community at the AMOR Wellness Center.

CLOSED SESSION

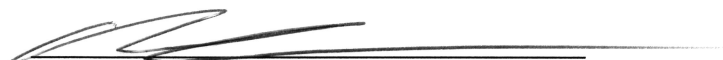
- ~~1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).~~
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).
- ~~3. 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~~
- ~~4. 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: Unrepresented Management Employees~~

At 8:01 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

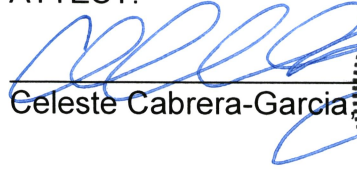
At 8:07 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to item 2 of the Closed Session the City Council voted to reject the claim and approve the related resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:07 p.m. by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).


Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia City Clerk

