

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

August 23, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:17 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 Police Sergeant Gerardo Galaviz

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Arturo Montejano

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 (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Council to recognize Sergeant Gerardo Galaviz for his victory at the 2022 Police & Fire Championships and at the 2022 World Police & Fire Games.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Chief of Police Smith shared that Sergeant Gerardo Galaviz received gold medals at the 2022 Police & Fire Championships and at the 2022 World Police & Fire Games.

An ABC30 news video related to Sergeant Galaviz's victories was shown.

Fresno County Supervisor Brian Pacheco congratulated Sergeant Galaviz and presented a certificate of recognition to him.

The Council congratulated Sergeant Galaviz for his victory.

Sergeant Galaviz thanked the community and those in attendance for their continued support and recognition.

2. Richie Sayavong with the California Department of Insurance to provide information on California's Low-Cost Auto Insurance program.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Richie Sayavong with the California Department of Insurance provided a presentation on California's Low-Cost Auto Insurance program.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Ofelia Ochoa – stated that she has a petition that she would like to share with the Council which expresses her requests and the requests of others regarding community needs.

Discussion was held on the information that Ms. Ochoa provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 9, 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 Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AUGUST 2, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 52134 THROUGH 52188
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$588,639.57
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-54**, approving a contract for professional services with Nichols Consulting.

Discussion was held on item 2.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 22-02**, amending Chapter 12.20 of the Mendota Municipal Code.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to introduce and waive of the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-02 and set the public hearing for September 27, 2022; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-55**, regarding a recommendation from the Planning Commission in the matter of Application No. 21-14, Tentative Parcel Map No. 22-04.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

Mayor Castro opened the public hearing, and seeing no one willing to comment, closed the hearing within the same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 22-55, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of Josue Aaron Contreras Santiago's request for an extension to the 578 Lolita Street abatement deadline in accordance with the Forbearance and Abatement Agreement.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the public hearing.

Lourdes Santiago– provided information on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:26 p.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:28 p.m.

Libertad Lopez – made inquiries about the property.

At 7:33 p.m., seeing no one willing to comment, closed the public hearing.

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 (two potential cases).

At 7:45 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:00 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to item 1 of the Closed Session, there was no reportable action.

PUBLIC HEARING (Continued)

2. Council discussion and consideration of Josue Aaron Contreras Santiago's request for an extension to the 578 Lolita Street abatement deadline in accordance with the Forbearance and Abatement Agreement.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to grant a 30-day extension to the abatement deadline related to the Forbearance and Abatement Agreement for 578 Lolita Street, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

Lourdes Santiago – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

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 monthly statistics.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including monthly statistics; the dog pound's current capacity; and introduced Ms. Veronica Rasmussen Gill, a volunteer that helps the animal control department.

Veronica Rasmussen Gill – provided information on her volunteer work with the Animal

Control Department.

Benjamin Button – shared his personal experience of being in the community.

Chief Smith provided information about the upcoming dog vaccination clinic; provided the report for the police department including crime statistics, and shared an update on the drone program.

Councilor Alonso reported that he has received complaints from residents of Silva Street about cars speeding through the street; and complaints he has received from residents of the Las Palmas subdivision regarding thefts in the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza reported on complaints he has received from residents of Jennings street regarding unlicensed drivers.

Discussion was held on the reconfiguration of state highways 180 and 33.

Jonathan Leiva – commented on the reconfiguration of the highways.

Discussion was held on the traffic congestion near schools.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on local road construction; and the impacts on material delays for projects.

At 8:33 p.m. Mayor Castro left the Council Chambers and returned within the same minute.

Discussion was held on the installation of flashing beacons at specified crosswalks.

Ofelia Ochoa – thanked the Council for the consideration of their earlier request; requested the Councilor Rosales provide transportation for individuals to attend town hall meeting that will be held; and provided information on a upcoming fundraiser.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales thanked the Council for their work.

Councilor Alonso thanked those who participated in and assisted with the car show.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza requested an update on a weed abatement case near the Quickeroo; thanked those who participated in and assisted with the car show; and thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on the Adelante Mendota car show.

CLOSED SESSION (Continued)

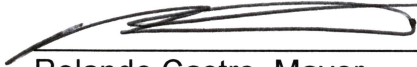
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (two potential cases).

At 8:43 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:53 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to item 1 of the Closed Session, there was no reportable action.

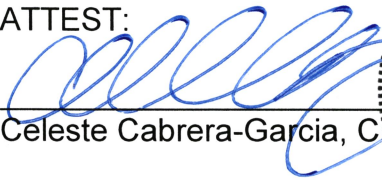
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:53 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

