

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

September 13, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:07 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 Mr. Kevin Romero

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

City Attorney Kinsey requested that Public Hearing item 1 be tabled to the September 27th City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda as requested by staff, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Chief of Police Smith to report on the DUI Checkpoint that was held on August 26th.

Chief of Police Smith provided a presentation on the DUI Checkpoint that was held on August 26th.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Chief Smith.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero – provided an update on Mendota High School Aztec Football.

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

Jose Ochoa – shared his concerns about the City's 2022 weed abatement process and requested that the case involving one of his properties be further examined.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Ochoa.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 23, 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. AUGUST 17, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 52189 THROUGH 52266
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$822,689.15
2. Proposed approval of **Proclamation No. 22-02**, commemorating the 212th Anniversary of the Independence of Mexico.

Discussion was held on Consent Calendar 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).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 22-56**, authorizing the placement of special assessments on the 2023/2024 property tax roll for 2022 nuisance abatement costs.

Public Hearing item 1 was tabled to the September 27th regular City Council meeting.

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 City Attorney Kinsey provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 6:42 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza left the Council Chambers and returned at 6:44 p.m.

Discussion was held on the item.

Lourdes Santiago – provided information on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

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).

At 7:07 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 7:15 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to item 1 of the Closed Session, the City Council is inclined to allow the property owner until October 25th to complete the abatement, and that the property owner must sign an agreement regarding such action. The City also encourages the property owner to do as much work as much as possible as soon as possible.

Lourdes Santiago – inquired as to what condition the City expects the property to be in for the abatement process to be considered complete.

Discussion was held on the item.

City Manager Gonzalez provided information on the specific items that need to be addressed on the property in order for it to be considered abatement.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza to authorize an extension to the abatement deadline until October 25th and to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with the property owner regarding the extension and completion of the abatement; seconded by Councilor Rosales (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Finance Director
 - a) Grant Update
 - b) Update on the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program

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.

Finance Director Banda provided an update on the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program.

Discussion was held on the item, and other grant opportunities.

Council consensus was made to maintain a status quo position on the Proposition 64 grant until further notice.

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

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the League of California Cities Annual Conference that he recently attended; reported on the upcoming Golf Tournament; and a hit-and-run that recently occurred that damaged a flashing beacon; and provided information on creating an all-inclusive park.

Discussion was held on the status of the Daniel Porras Youth Soccer Field; the status of the repairs for a fence at the baseball field; and the status of repairs for the splash park.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales stated that he is unable to answer phone calls due to his work schedule; and reported that he witnessed individuals living and defecating in an alley.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza reported on the upcoming Golf Tournament; and reported on the upcoming Annual Dog Vaccine Clinic.

Councilor Alonso reported on the League of California Cities Annual Conference that he recently attended; reported on the upcoming Annual Dog Vaccine Clinic; and reported on the upcoming Golf Tournament.

Councilor Riofrio reported on the heat advisories that have recently been issued; an accident that recently occurred; issues with speeding and exhibition of speed in the community; noise issues; an incident where someone shot a gun into the sky; and the need for additional lighting throughout the community.


2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on the League of California Cities Annual Conference that he recently attended.

Discussion was held on the various vendors that were showcased at the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:06 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

