



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:03 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 Mayor Castro

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager Lekumberry requested that Closed Session item 1 be tabled to a future City Council meeting.

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

PRESENTATION

1. Council to recognize Bernice Topete for her service to the City of Mendota.

Chief Smith reported that Bernice Topete had accepted a position with the Kerman Police Department and thanked Ms. Topete for her service to Mendota.

The Council thanked and recognized Ms. Topete for her service to Mendota and presented a plaque to her.

2. Council to recognize Roger Lua for winning the statewide 'Get Off Your Apps' video contest.

The Council introduced Roger Lua who recently won the statewide 'Get Off Your Apps' video contest.

Mr. Lua's winning video was shown during the meeting.

The Council congratulated Mr. Lua and presented a certificate of recognition to him.

Discussion was held on Mr. Lua's success.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Jose Alvarado Mendoza – reported on an issue involving the police department regarding music and inquired about permitted noise levels.

Discussion was held on Mr. Mendoza's comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of September 13, 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. SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 52267 THROUGH 52350
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$531,119.97
2. Proposed ratification of **Proclamation No. 22-03**, celebrating Salvadoran National Day and declaring September 15, 2022 as Salvadoran-American Friendship and Heritage Day in Mendota.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 22-57**, approving a supplement to the contract for consulting services with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve items 1 through 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; 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.

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

Chief of Police Smith provided additional information on the item.

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public.

Benjamin Bunton – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Daniel - commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

Guapo Lua – commented on a variety of issues in the community.

Pedro Alvarado – shared that certain curbs that are adjacent to fire hydrants in the Las Palmas subdivision are not painted red, resulting in individuals mistakenly parking there.

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

Benjamin Bunton – commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:19 p.m. Mayor Castro, seeing no one else willing to comment, closed the public hearing.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Mayor Castro to waive all 2022 weed abatement enforcement costs, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 22-02**, amending Chapter 12.20 of Title 12 of the Mendota Municipal Code to promote access to City park and recreation facilities.

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

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:23 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the public hearing, and seeing no one willing to comment, closed it within the same minute.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 22-02, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Chief of Police Smith presented the monthly logs for the Animal Control and Code Enforcement Departments and reported on the Dog Vaccine Clinic that was recently held.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department, including weekly and monthly statistics and reported on significant cases.

Chief Smith presented pictures and drone video footage regarding a significant case.

Discussion was held as to whether the police department can assist individuals who are receiving threatening phone calls, and on the weed abatement process.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro reported on ongoing projects and tasks.

3. City Manager

Nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Alonso thanked all of the individuals and organizations that made the Mendota Community Corporation's (MCC) annual golf tournament possible and reported on the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Celebrate at the AMOR Wellness Center.

Councilor Riofrio thanked all of the individuals and organizations that made the MCC's annual golf tournament possible.

Councilor Rosales thanked all of the individuals and organizations that made the MCC's annual golf tournament possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza thanked all of the individuals and organizations that made the MCC's annual golf tournament possible; commented on the Dog Vaccine Clinic that was recently held; commented on various items that were addressed during the meeting; and thanked the fire department for attending the meeting.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on a community meeting that is going to be held at FCI Mendota and reported on the upcoming Driver Awareness Event.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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

The item was tabled to a future meeting.

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 7:50 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:11 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to item 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 8:11 p.m. by Councilor Rosales, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

