

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Libertad “Liberty” Lopez and Councilors Jose Alonso and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Councilor Alonso

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

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 Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero provided an update on local youth sports.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 13, 2022.

application process with applications due Friday, January 20th at 12pm, and the final appointment occurring at the January 24th City Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 23-05**, appointing Council Members to various boards, commissions, and subcommittees.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia provided the report including the recent vacancies on various boards, committees, and sub-committees.

Discussion was held and decisions were made on what Council Members would fill what seats.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to approve Resolution No. 23-05, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Chief of Police Smith provided the report for the Code Enforcement department including the monthly log for the month of November.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department including animal control duties, violations, enforcement, and the issue of loose dogs in the City.

Discussion was held on the report provided by Chief Smith.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department including monthly statistics and different statistical categories.

Discussion was held on the report provided by Chief Smith.

2. Finance Director
 - a) Grant Update

Finance Director Banda provided an update on various grants and programs.

Discussion was held on available grant opportunities.

3. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided an update on upcoming projects in the City.

Discussion was held on the upcoming storm drain project.

4. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro reported on ongoing projects and tasks.

5. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez commented on the impact of the recent storms and stated that sandbags are available; provided a flood update; reported on a preconstruction meeting for the Council Chambers/Police Department project; and commented on potential businesses looking into coming to the City.

Discussion was held on floods and on the issue of certain residents losing their flood insurance.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and commented on the issue of speeding near Garcia St.

Councilor Alonso wished everyone a Happy New Year and cautioned staff to be careful; thanked Memorial Hospital Los Banos; thanked Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento; thanked staff; and wished his dad a happy birthday.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez commented on the AMOR Wellness Center clinic closing and potential businesses that may take its place.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez thanked staff for their hard work; commented on elected officials that he met with and on future meetings for funding opportunities; commented on the Safe Routes to School Project; commented on a meeting to discuss funding for the homeless; and requested that City staff look into scheduling a joint meeting with the Mendota Unified School Board.

CLOSED SESSION

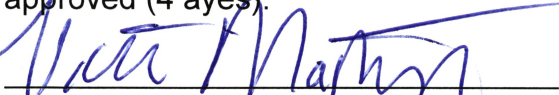
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).

At 7:33 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.


ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilor Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

