



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting

February 14, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

City Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Libertad “Liberty” Lopez and Councilor Joseph Riofrio

City Council Members Absent: Councilors Jose Alonso and Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Joseph Amador

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent Alonso and Rosales).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of the City of Mendota Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and setting the goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided the report.

Joseph Amador inquired about the public benefit funds that the City receives from certain cannabis companies.

Council and staff discussion was held on the City’s General Fund budget, including restoring the General Funds reserve; public benefit funds that the City receives from certain

cannabis companies; the Rojas-Pierce Park Expansion Project, including the plans to create a brand new soccer field; the feasibility of constructing an indoor sports facility; the process for requesting earmarked funds from state officials, including project prerequisites; the cannabis industry in the City, including cultivation facilities and business marketing; laws pertaining to vehicle window tinting; the roundabout project at the intersection of Highways 33 and 180; the City's wastewater treatment process and the condition of the Wastewater Treatment Plant; the Mowry Bridge project; the new Mendota Police Station and City Council Chambers project and the possibility of future expansion once it is completed; the Railroad Crossing Improvements project and the condition of the current railroad crossings in the City; the Veteran's Banner program; the Mendota Stormwater Improvement Project; the need to repair/reconstruct City roads and the costs associated with such projects; and holding a Town Hall meeting to encourage and increase community participation.

Joseph Amador urged the City Council to meet with Union Pacific Railroad company to address the conditions of the railroad crossings in the City.

Discussion was held on the need for a community center and the possibility of seeking grant funding for the project; the City Council's direction as to whether the City should establish a Recreation department; potential locations for additional housing; and housing developers who may be interested in creating additional housing in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to continue the discussion of Business Item 1 at a future meeting, seconded by Mayor Martinez; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Alonso and Rosales).


Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Antonio Pizano, Deputy City Clerk

