

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Special Meeting**

**May 19, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 3:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

**City Council Members Present:** Mayor Victor Martinez, and Council Members Jose Alonso, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

**City Council Members Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Libertad “Liberty” Lopez

**Flag salute led by Police Sergeant Galaviz**

**FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Lopez).

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6, subdivision (a)  
Title: Chief of Police  
City’s Designated Representative and Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager

At 3:02 p.m. the City Council moved into closed session.

At 3:21 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro reported that there was no reportable action.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. MAY 8, 2023 THROUGH MAY 11, 2023  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 53236 THROUGH 53277  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$317,821.49
- 2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-30**, approving an employment agreement for the position of Chief of Police of the Mendota Police Department.

A request was made to pull item 2 for discussion.

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Council Member Riofrio commented on the Mendota Police Department’s (“MPD”) proposed use of body worn cameras, and the recruitment efforts of other Fresno County cities to fill their Chief of Police positions.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Council Member Riofrio and the tasks and issues that MPD has been addressing.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Rosales; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Lopez).

**CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

**Joseph Amador** – commented on the employment agreement for the position of Chief of Police for MPD.

**Officer Gurrola** – commented on the employment agreement for the position of Chief of Police for MPD and spoke positively of Chief of Police Smith.

**Sergeant Galaviz** - commented on the employment agreement for the position of Chief of Police for MPD and spoke positively of Chief of Police Smith; and reported on the upcoming First Annual Battle of 33 PD Edition.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 3:37 p.m. by Council Member Riofrio, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Lopez).

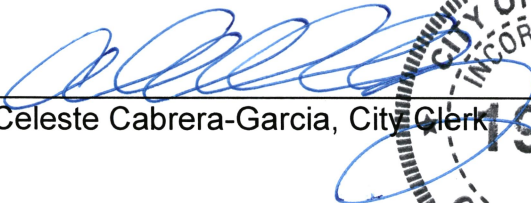
  
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 Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

