

## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

---

**Regular Meeting**

**May 9, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 6:03 PM.**

**Roll Call**

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

**Council Members Absent:** Council Member Joseph Riofrio

**Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez**

**Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas**

### **FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

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

### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

**Kevin Romero** – provided an update on youth sports.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 25, 2023.
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 Council Member Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered separately.

1. APRIL 20, 2023 THROUGH MAY 2, 2023  
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 53178 THROUGH 53235  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$437,889.10
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-25**, approving an amendment to the 401(k) plan agreement, changing the matching contribution formula to discretionary.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-26**, approving an amendment to the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-27**, ratifying and extending the Proclamation of Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 9, 2023, to address rain and flooding throughout the City.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-28**, authorizing the City of Mendota to enter into the settlement agreements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, LTD., Allergan Finance, LLC, Allergan Limited, Walgreen Co., Walmart, Inc., CVS Health Corporation, and CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and agreeing to the proposed settlement proceeds allocation through California.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to approve items 1 through 5, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

### **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 23-29**, approving the Grant Writing and Advocacy Services Proposal submitted by Townsend Public Affairs, Inc., and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the proposal.

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

Andres Ramirez with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. ("TPA") provided information about the proposal and current grant applications that TPA is working on.

Discussion was held on the item.

**Albert Escobedo** – spoke in favor of the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to adopt Resolution No. 23-29, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

2. Council discussion and consideration of the City of Mendota's list of upcoming street projects.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Engineer Osborn provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

**Veronica Gill** – inquired as to whether the proposed street projects will also include the construction of speed humps.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to direct the City Engineer to create a map that demonstrates all proposed street projects, and to ensure that the map includes street projects and not alley improvement projects, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Finance Director
  - a) Grant Update

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

Discussion was held on the information provided by Finance Director Banda.

*At 7:06 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:07 p.m.*

2. City Engineer
  - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided an update on ongoing City projects.

Discussion was held on the need for additional lighting throughout the City.

3. City Attorney
  - a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro reported on the City's weed abatement process; a tobacco business license ordinance that he is working on; and the status of general nuisance abatement projects.

Discussion was held on Mendota residents littering in the outskirts of the City.

*At 7:21 p.m. Mayor Martinez left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:23 p.m.*

4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez reported on the upcoming Federal Advocacy Trip; a community beautification event that is scheduled for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will begin at the Public Works Yard at 8am; and a special City Council meeting that will be held on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to discuss the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Manager Gonzalez.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Alonso congratulated the City Clerk's Department for International Municipal Clerk's week and commented on the month of May being Mental Health Awareness month.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez thanked School Resource Officer Aguilar for his work and commented on Mental Health Awareness month.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez thanked everyone for their work and commented on the upcoming Federal Advocacy Trip.

**CLOSED SESSION**

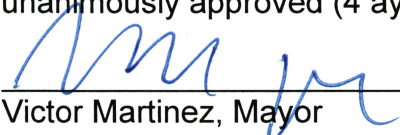
1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6, subdivision (a)  
Title: Chief of Police  
City's Designated Representative and Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager

At 7:38 p.m. the City Council moved into closed session.

At 8:21 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro reported that there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:21 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

