

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**November 24, 2015**

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

**Roll Call**

**Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Sergio Valdez, Councilors Joseph Amador, Rolando Castro, and Joseph Riofrio.**

**Council Members Absent: None.**

**Flag salute led by Councilor Amador.**

**Invocation led by Father Gaspar Bautista from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.**

**FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

A motion was made by Councilor Amador to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

**CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

**Kenneth Faulkner (5662 S. Washoe Avenue)** – thanked Council for allowing individuals to give the invocation at City Council meetings; provided information regarding the formal establishment of Thanksgiving Day; and explained the importance of thanking God for what we have.

Discussion was held on the individuals from various religious organizations that have given the invocation at the City Council meetings.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 10, 2015.
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 Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. NOVEMBER 16, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2015  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 40184 THRU 40252  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$178,402.66
2. Council appoint Mr. Mario Plascencia Jr. to the Mendota Recreation Commission.
3. Council authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute a lease agreement with Mendota Youth Recreation.

Discussion was held on the warrant list covering the dates of November 13-18, 2015.

A request was made to pull item 3 for discussion.

A motion was made to approve items 1 and 2 of the consent calendar by Councilor Amador, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Council authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute a lease agreement with Mendota Youth Recreation.

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez stated that he would abstain from voting on the item, stepped down from the dais, and joined the audience at 6:11 p.m.

**Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation [MYR])** – requested that the lease be extended for an additional five years.

Discussion was held on MYR paying the electricity bill for the building; the lease being extended for an additional five years; and Council requested that MYR's rent be paid in full.

A motion was made to approve item 3 of the consent calendar with the modification of the lease agreement to be extended for an additional five years by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Councilor Amador, approved (4 ayes, abstain: Valdez).

*Mr. Valdez paid the total amount owed to the City for the lease of the building at 667 Quince Street for the period included in the adopted lease agreement (for a total of seven dollars) to Finance Administrative Supervisor Diaz.*

At 6:16 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Valdez returned to the dais.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. City Attorney
  - a) Update

Nothing to report.

2. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported that he will be out of the office for the rest of the week and will return next week.

Discussion was held on a meeting that was held with various organizations to discuss how to minimize the effects of El Niño and future flooding issues in Mendota and the City being the second city in Fresno County to hold such a meeting; a meeting that was held with City Department Heads in regards to the City's response strategy plan should a significant weather event occur; the City having to mitigate the impacts that will result from a rainstorm; the importance of having a proactive response to El Niño; the response from the Fresno County Board of Supervisors in regards to the bill that the City submitted to them for the costs acquired from the July flash flood; the benefits of collaborating with other organizations to minimize the effects of El Niño; the status of the City-wide lighting retrofit; the status of City crews installing Christmas decorations throughout the City; and removing the baseball nets that are at the Benny Mares Sr. baseball field.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)
  - Council reports

Councilor Riofrio inquired as to the City purchasing larger sized, higher quality flags.

Discussion was held on staff contacting the VFW in regards as to the City taking over the installment of the flags for designated holidays.

Councilor Riofrio inquired as to how Mendota Police Officers are scheduled to work for the holiday season; reported on new homeless encampments within and surrounding the City; and the reported on the upcoming semi-final high school football game between the Mendota Aztecs and the Dos Palos Broncos.

Discussion was held on the new homeless encampments within and surrounding the City.

Councilor Amador reported on the Joint Powers Agreement between the Westside Cable Authority and Comcast being dissolved.

Discussion was held on the reimbursement checks being sent out to various Cities and out-of-town businesses no longer delivering to stores within Mendota since they do not want to purchase a City Business License.

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez reported on the Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon that was recently held and inquired as to the possibility of displaying historical pictures of Mendota at the Mendota Branch Library.

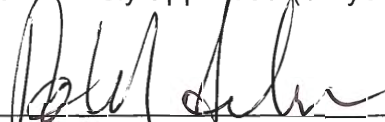
## 2. Mayor

Mayor Silva commended Mendota Youth Recreation and volunteers for their hard work before and during the Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon and reported on other counties approving Mr. Mario Santoyo's joint powers agreement plan.

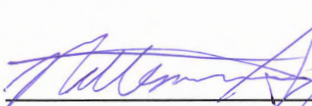
Discussion was held on the upcoming Annual Christmas Parade and the City being required to be part of a jpa in order to receive Proposition 1 funding for water storage projects.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 6:56 p.m. by Councilor Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Flood, City Clerk

