



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

December 12, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, Oscar Rosales, and Robert Silva.

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Fresno County Board of Supervisors Chairman Brian Pacheco.

Invocation led by Jesus Sanchez from Mendota First Baptist Church.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

SWEARING IN

1. Deputy City Clerk Cabrera to swear in Officer Nicholas Alvarado.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera swore in Officer Nicholas Alvarado.

Chief of Police Andreotti shared Officer Alvarado's background.

Officer Alvarado thanked the Council for their support and stated that he is glad to serve the community.

Council congratulated Officer Alvarado and thanked him for his hard work.

At 6:10 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.

At 6:12 p.m. the Council reconvened in opened session.

2. Chief of Police Andreotti to present the Mendota Police Department's Employee of the Year award to Officer Sindy Ayala.

Chief of Police Andreotti shared that it was Lieutenant Smith's suggestion to have an Employee of the Year award; stated that the supervisors unanimously voted for Officer Sindy Ayala; explained that he made the award and official commendation for Officer Ayala; and Chief Andreotti read the commendation into the record.

Officer Ayala stated that she will continue doing a great job.

Council congratulated Officer Ayala and thanked her for hard work.

At 6:18 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.

At 6:20 p.m. the Council reconvened in opened session.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Cristian Aganza (617 4th Street) – inquired on the requirements for opening a recycling business.

Discussion was held on the process of opening a recycling business; whether there can be a local preference for opening businesses in the city; and having staff meet with Mr. Aganza.

Brian Pacheco (Fresno County Board of Supervisors) – stated that he met with Caltrans officials regarding the proposed roundabout; provided an update on the proposed roundabout; and requested that Council provide him with direction regarding future action of the roundabout.

Discussion was held on the safety issues that the roundabout will cause.

City Manager DiMaggio and the Council thanked Supervisor Pacheco for attending the meeting, providing the Council and public with an update on the roundabout, and for attending the meeting with Caltrans.

Supervisor Pacheco stated that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors officially opposed the roundabout by adopting a resolution.

Sergio Valdez (325 Pucheu Street) – stated that the Mendota Youth Recreation will be hosting the annual Christmas Parade and it would be held December 16th; inquired on whether the sales tax measure would be on the ballot in 2018; and stated that he would assist in supporting the measure should it be on the ballot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 14, 2017.
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 Silva to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. NOVEMBER 14, 2017 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 2017
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 043253 THRU 043305
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$487,013.67
2. NOVEMBER 29, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 7, 2017
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 043306 THRU 043367
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$275,486.76
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-68**, supporting and implementing timely use of Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program project funding.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-69**, approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6149, and entering into a subdivision agreement therefor.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-70**, authorizing payment of retainage to the contractor of the 8th Street Reconstruction project.

A request was made to pull items 1 and 2 for discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt items 3 through 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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Discussion was held on the amount of uniform companies that the City uses.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt items 1 and 2 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administrative Services
a) Monthly Report

Administrative Services Director Lekumberry summarized her report including the special project management for 7th and Derrick project; that the open enrollment for health insurance closed on November 27th; the topics covered in the safety training that was held in November for the Public Works Department; and that she had received the Caltrans Annual State Inspection report.

Discussion was held on the sexual harassment training that will be held; the upcoming holiday party; and the Council thanked Ms. Lekumberry for her hard work.

2. Public Works
a) Monthly Report

Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez summarized the report including that the Public Works employees had installed the holiday ornaments.

Council complimented the recently reconstructed 8th Street; thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his hard work; and asked for an update on the possibility of allowing public access of the emergency vehicle walkway at Las Palmas.

Assistant Engineer Osborn stated that it was created so emergency vehicles can reach different sections of Las Palmas without having to take a longer route.

Discussion was held on the possibility of allowing the public to use the walkway; staff reporting to council in the future about the issue; the removal of graffiti at Pool Park; the frequency of the dog clinics; the veterinary clinic putting dogs up for adoption at their clinic; the status of the Proteus program; and the status of the Holmes Avenue speed bumps.

3. Code Enforcement & Police Department
a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti summarized the report for the police department including that all shifts were being covered; that the city did not receive the additional COPS grant that it had applied for; stated that the department would be attending the parade; reported that calls for service have been decreasing, and that the crime rate has also been decreasing overall; that Councilmember Mendoza would be attending Coffee with Cop and Councilmember, which would be held on December 21st; and reported on a significant case in which residents assisted the officers in apprehending a theft suspect.

Chief of Police Andreotti summarized the report for the Code Enforcement department including that the department only has one officer that works 20 hours per week; the officer focusing on illegal parking; and provided an update on 902 Riofrio Circle.

Discussion was held on whether there is a curfew for minors; kids trespassing on school property; marijuana odors near Rojas-Pierce Park; marijuana use regulations; the Mendota Unified School District security guard retiring at the end of the year; and Council directed Chief Andreotti to research curfew laws and send a memo to all of Council.

2. Economic Development
a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood stated that he had information on grants and loans that are available to individuals who want to start a business; that he is working on creating a database on the City's website that lists available commercial properties; that he met with United Way of Fresno County, an organization that is interested in investing in the community; stated that he wanted to do a survey of local businesses to see if there is an increase in the use of credit and debit cards payments; and stated that he would be out of office starting December 15th.

3. City Attorney
a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey reported that Deputy City Attorney Helsley had provided sexual harassment training to staff, and that Nic Cardella has been working with code enforcement.

Discussion was held on the status of the Canna-Hub project; the status of the RFP for the lease of the City's property; and whether family members can serve on the same commission.

3. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported that the dedication ceremony for the Robert Silva Plaza would be held in January; stated that City was awarded the Safe Routes to School grant for the proposed Belmont Avenue project; stated that he would be out of the office the following week; and thanked staff and Council for their warm wishes.

Discussion was held on how the Council can get involved with grant applications; applying for park grants; inviting Townsend, Inc. to present at a future meeting; staff providing the Council with a list of grants that are available; the City not receiving the COPS grant; the status of constructing a new police department building; the amount of funds that are needed to build a new police department; and staff presenting the options that the Council has at a future meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Rosales thanked staff and wished them happy holidays.


Councilor Mendoza stated that he would be attending Coffee with a Cop and Councilmember; that the event would be held on December 21st; and wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez asked about the possibility of holding a town hall meeting in early 2018.

Councilor Silva commended staff for their hard work throughout the year.


ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:45 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

