

BUSINESS

1. Discussion Forum

a. Joint use of facilities

Mayor Silva introduced the item and welcomed the Mendota Unified School Board and members of the public to the meeting and explained that the City supports non-profit organizations and needed more areas to use for recreational activities for children.

Discussion was held on Mayor Pro Tem Valdez's commitment to Mendota Youth Recreation (MYR); the possibility of using the baseball diamonds at school sites; MYR expanding recreational services due to the amount of children participating; the various sport programs that MYR offers; a situation in which MYR requested to use the football stadium and was denied; using certain areas at Mendota Elementary; the ownership of the Community Center; the process followed to use areas at school sites; and the city providing a list to the district officials regarding facility usage.

b. Sorenson parkway strip

Mayor Silva introduced the item, stating the possibility of the district creating a landscape on the Sorenson parkway strip.

Discussion was held on having memorial plants planted along the parkway strip; mud being an issue along the strip; considering water-friendly landscape options due to the drought; and district officials providing the City Council a design and timeframe regarding the development of a landscape; the current water situation; and the City perhaps establishing restrictions in the future.

c. Traffic issues near new school

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Mayor Pro Tem Valdez explained that traffic causes issues at Mendota Elementary.

Discussion was held on having police officers at the location to regulate the traffic and having City and District officials meet to try to figure out a solution.

d. Flooding issues on McCabe/Derrick Avenues

Board Trustee Jose Zavala reported on flooding issues on McCabe and Derrick Avenues in December 2014 and requested an update on street improvements.

Discussion was held on the City of Mendota Capital Improvement Plan; the timeline of Safe Routes to School; and the improvement of 6th street.

e. Community Safety

Board President Flores requested an update on the City's plans on maximizing public safety.

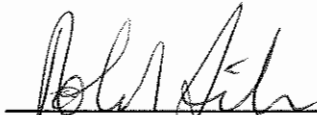
Discussion was held on having more police officers patrol school sites; the issue of officer turnover; the City applying for grants; a School Resource Officer; the gang problem within the City; various ways to end the gang problem; and an incident that occurred recently involving juveniles.

Albert Escobedo (807 Kate Street) - stated that his nephew was injured in an incident; the community coming together to put an ease to the gang problems; and various ways to overcome the gang problem in Mendota.

Mayor Silva thanked the School Board recommended that the School Board and City Council meet in six months to discuss issues of joint interest.


ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 6:04 PM, with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion was given by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Amador to adjourn the meeting, and was carried by a unanimous vote (4 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

