



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

May 26, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 6:01 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 Pastor Hector Garcia from Maranantha Pentecostal Church of God.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

S. Leo Capuchino (390 K Street) – stated that a local businessman had expressed his concerns to him regarding the Farmer's Market; wanted clarification on the days and hours of operation of the Farmer's Market; and wanted to confirm that the City is benefitting from the Farmer's Market by charging the appropriate fees.

Discussion was held on the Farmer's Markets being held twice a week; the hours of operation of each market; the different organizations managing them; the fees that vendors have to pay; and the appropriate permits vendors need in order to sell at the Farmer's Market.

Joe Gil Gomez (2033 7th Street) – stated that vendors at the Farmer's Markets do not have to pay the equal amount of taxes and fees that local businesses pay; the effects that the Farmer's Market has on local businesses; and stated that City Manager DiMaggio has not contacted him to schedule a meeting.

Joel Warkentin (Mendota Police Officers Association) – reported that the Mendota Police Officers Association is currently in the process of negotiating a contract which includes bilingual pay incentive; organizational changes within the union; and the concept and importance of modernizing policies.

Discussion was held on the benefits of modernizing policies and the importance of retaining officers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of May 12, 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. MAY 12, 2015 THROUGH MAY 21, 2015
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 39411 THRU 39454
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$299,626.82
2. Council adopt Resolution No. 15-35, authorizing the City Manager to execute loan documents necessary for the purchase of a City vehicle.
3. Council adopt Resolution No. 15-37, establishing the schedule for Special City Council meetings to consider the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
4. Council adopt Resolution No. 15-38, requesting Governor Brown allocate resources and act to equitably preserve and protect California's water supply.

Requests were made to pull items 3 and 4 for discussion.

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

3. Council adopt Resolution No. 15-37, establishing the schedule for Special City Council meetings consider the budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Discussion was held on rescheduling the proposed June 4th Special City Council meeting due to the Mendota High School graduation being held on the same day; the possibility of having the Special City Council meetings before a Regular City Council meeting; staff wanting enough time to make any possible adjustments before the final 2015-2016 budget is approved; and changing the time of the proposed meetings to 10 a.m. on the days proposed.

A motion was made to approve item 3 of the consent calendar with the meeting time being at 10 a.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

4. Council adopt Resolution No. 15-38, requesting Governor Brown allocate resources and act to equitably preserve and protect California's water supply.

City Manager DiMaggio reported that staff received a request from the office of Supervisor Henry Perea for the City Council to pass a Resolution urging Governor Brown to pass legislation for immediate drought relief; Governor Brown's Executive Order mandating substantial water reductions across the state; the City's water usage being lower compared to other cities; the outcome of the San Juan Capistrano court case; the possibility of either implementing a stage III water emergency or water conservation measures that contains certain aspects of a stage III water emergency; and waiting on administrative advice from the State on how to proceed.

Discussion was held on adjusting sprinklers on City property so that water runoff is reduced and waterslides being prohibited since the water used is not recycled, per the restrictions of the current stage II water emergency.

A motion was made to approve item 4 of the consent calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council perform the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-07, adopting the official map of the Economic Incentive Zone (EIZ) of the City of Mendota, and set the public hearing for June 9, 2015.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio stated that Ordinance No. 15-07 codifies the Assessor's Parcel Numbers within the EIZ and the issues involved with expanding the zone.

Discussion was held on the possibility of creating an Industrial Incentive Zone; waiting to create an Industrial Incentive Zone until the results of the EIZ are analyzed; and clarification on a parcel that is separated by an alley but is still included.

Margo Lerwill (Fresno County Economic Development Corporation [EDC]) – explained that the EDC strives to attract businesses to various areas of Fresno County; wants to know what economic development tools Mendota has to offer to attract potential businesses to the City; and the advantages of the City being business friendly.

S. Leo Capuchino (390 K Street) – stated that the City should include Oller Street due to the possibility of the 180 bypass.

Discussion was held on Oller Street already being included within the EIZ and the 180 bypass not taking place in the near future.

A motion was made to perform the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-07 and set the public hearing for June 9, 2015 by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; approved (4 ayes; abstain: Amador).

2. Council discussion and consideration on the performance of the grant consultant.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and John Quiring from Acquisition Partners of America Reported on grants that were presented to the City for consideration but were not officially submitted due to various reasons such as lack of a financial match; grants that were initiated and/or are pending; the ongoing reorganization of the company by working with individuals with valuable knowledge and networks; and grant opportunities related to the drought.

Discussion was held on the grants that were submitted to the City for consideration and the grants that were initiated or are pending; the increase of City generated grant submittals; a water bond that the City qualifies for; and the importance of seeing grant results.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report:

City Manager DiMaggio stated that Director of Public Works Gonzalez was out sick but Council could ask questions which would then be forwarded to Director of Public Works Gonzalez, who would then answer via email.

Discussion was held on the purchase of fuel; the amount of Compressed Natural Gas used by City vehicles; the timeframe of the 6th Street and Perez Street reconstruction; the status of the Benny Mares Sr. baseball diamond; and Mendota Unified School District's progress in landscaping a dirt area along Sorenson Street.

2. City Attorney
a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager
a) Report

City Manager DiMaggio reported on the status of the fiscal year 2015/2016 budget; the re-allocation of monies in various accounts; decrease of usage of the General Fund to purchase capital items; capital items being funded through impact fees; the status of the Capital Improvement Plan; and various capital items included in the budget.

Discussion was held on re-allocating funds in accounts in order to balance the budget.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)
Council reports

Councilor Riofrio shared the biography of Dickran Boranian, who had recently passed away.

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez reported on meeting with business owners in regards to the impact that the drought has had on their business.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on a meeting he attended at Harris Ranch in regards to the drought; residents traveling elsewhere for work; the importance of immediate action related to the drought; Senator Dianne Feinstein's staff focusing on water issues; and the possibility of funds being shifted from for the 180 passing lane project to other areas.

Discussion was held on an upcoming meeting with Tom Stefanopoulos regarding the proposed Catholic Church; the status of the proposed Catholic Church; the Caltrans required traffic study; and the right that Caltrans has to impose conditions on the project due to the project being accessed from a state highway.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
CA Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: City Manager Vince DiMaggio
Employee organization: Mendota Police Officers Association
2. CITY MANAGER EVALUATION AND COMPENSATION
Closed Session required pursuant to Gov. Code Sections 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6.

At 7:41 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 9:03 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Boranian reported that in regards to items 1 and 2 of the closed session, there was nothing to report.

BUSINESS

1. Council approve Second Amendment to City Manager's Employment Agreement.

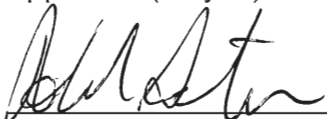
Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Attorney stated that Council can accept public comment if any.

Mayor Silva asked if anyone in the public wished to comment, and none was offered.

A motion was made to approve the Second Amendment to the City Manager's Employment Agreement by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Councilor Castro; approved (3 ayes; no: Amador and Valdez).

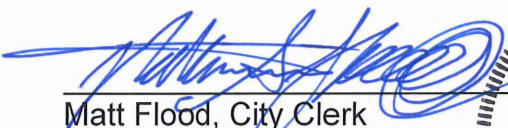
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 9:05 p.m. by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

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