

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting

June 4, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Sergio Valdez (at 10:04 a.m.), Councilors Joseph Amador, Rolando Castro, and Joseph Riofrio (at 10:02 a.m.).

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Mayor Silva.

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 Councilor Castro; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Valdez).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered (10:02 a.m. Councilor Riofrio entered the Council Chambers).

BUSINESS

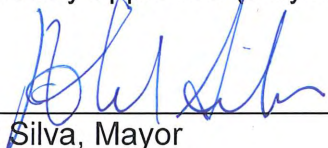
1. Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Workshop.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio reported on the major aspects of the 2015/2016 budget including the different funds that the City has and their purpose (10:04 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Valdez entered the Council Chambers); diversifying the local economy in response to the drought through projects; the conservative approach taken towards the projection of revenues; the decrease of the use of the General Fund balance; funding capital items through development impact fees and water/sewer fees in a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); the timeframe of the CIP; the inclusion of various capital items in the CIP; the process of increasing water/sewer rates; having to increase water/sewer rates in order to fund current operations; the usage of Gas Tax, Measure C, and LTF funds to fund the reconstruction of 6th Street and the repairs of various street segments throughout the City; the different street segments that should be repaired; and the option Council has to increase the amount of funds that is going towards the repairs of various street segments.

Discussion was held on increasing the funds available that go towards the repairs of various street segments; the different street segments that should be repaired; the possibility of having the contractor who will be completing the 6th Street reconstruction project also complete the various street segment repairs throughout the City; the possibility of selling or renting City owned property that is not in use to interested persons in order to generate revenue; solar companies that are interested in building a solar farm near the waste water treatment plant; the possibility of hiring an airport operator; different aviation opportunities that can generate revenue from the William Robert Johnston Municipal Airport; the issue of complying with airport uses that are acceptable by the Federal Aviation Administration; the funds in various line items; the increase of staff completing work in house instead of having contracted employees complete the work; the personnel restructuring within the police department; the possible addition of two positions; the progress on working with the Mendota Unified School District (MUSD) to get a school resource officer; where fund revenues from auctioning a surplus police vehicle go to; the possibility of Mendota having a dispatch center and City-owned police station; where funds received from the 911 system go to; weapons owned by the police department; where funds received by the Westside Cable Authority go; (11:32 a.m. Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers); Council being provided with a resolution to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015/2016 at the next budget meeting (at 11:34 a.m. Councilor Riofrio returned to the Council Chambers); the topic of the one-per-week garbage collection of all three bins being an item of discussion at an upcoming regular City Council meeting; the option of moving forward with the once-per-week collection of all three garbage bins now or deferring until May 2016; the amount of the rate increase to allow once-per-week garbage collection of all three bins; the appropriate permits that vendors need in order to sell at the Farmer's Market; and the amount of officers present at the Farmer's market.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 11:47 a.m. by Councilor Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

