



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

August 9, 2016

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 Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez.

Invocation led by Robert Lopez from the Mendota Pentecostal Church of God.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 26, 2016.
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. JULY 26, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 03, 2016
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 041246 THRU 041322
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$381,153.04
2. Council authorize the Mayor to execute a letter of support for the expansion of Migrant and Seasonal Head Start.

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).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion on residential overcrowding.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and reported on the increasing concern on residential overcrowding within the City and the complaints that he has received from the public.

Councilor Castro reported on the negative effects that residential overcrowding has on the community; individuals creating illegal living quarters; and inquired on what can be done about the issue.

Discussion was held on the issues that Code Enforcement can address; the excessive amount of individuals living in a single-family home; the various negative effects that residential overcrowding has on the community; having the City Attorney's office research the issue and determine how the City can address the issue; the current condition of the trailer park; the negative effects that alcoholism has on the community; various code violations throughout the City; and how to improve the conditions at the trailer park.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Code Enforcement
 - a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including the officers focus for the month of July being vehicle code violations and public nuisances; reported on the Code Enforcement tip line that staff is working on; the ongoing enforcement of outdoor advertising; and having a discussion of the sign ordinance at a future Council meeting.

Discussion was held on what other cities are doing in regards to outdoor advertising; the

City being 'business friendly' in regards to outdoor advertising; illegal signs that exist within the City; the possibility of having business owners sponsor banners during the Christmas season that will be displayed along the downtown corridor to advertise their business; and the possibility of refurbishing the City's Christmas ornaments.

Antonio Gonzalez (Farmers Insurance) – stated that the sign ordinance is not enforced equally; letters that he has received from the Code Enforcement Department; and reported on the benefits of businesses having signs to advertise their business.

Discussion was held on discussing the sign ordinance at a future Council meeting and the importance of the public reporting suspicious activity.

2. Police Department
a) Update

Discussion was held on significant cases that occurred during the month of July; the need to make the collaboration between the police officers and community stronger; the benefits of Community-Oriented Policing; the participation of the Mendota Police Department in the Annual Backpack Giveaway event; and the success of the National Night Out event that was held recently.

Chief of Police Andreotti recognized Administrative Assistant Perez and Police Lieutenant Smith for their efforts in organizing the National Night Out event; reported on the new Mendota Police Department sign that will be installed at the property in the near future; reported that Officer Ayala would be the School Resource Officer for the school year; and requested that the Council provide direction to staff to create a resolution that opposes Proposition 64.

Discussion was held on the purpose of Proposition 47; the negative impacts that drugs and alcohol has on individuals and the community; and Council commended Chief Andreotti and the police officers for their hard work.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to bring back a resolution that opposes Proposition 64 for the next City Council meeting.

3. City Attorney

Deputy City Attorney Helsley reported that City Attorney Kinsey would return the next City Council meeting.

4. City Manager

Nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. Council Member(s)
Council reports

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez inquired on who owned the Mendota Community Center.

Discussion was held on meeting with the Mendota Unified School Board of Trustees to discuss the ownership of the Community Center and Code Enforcement Officers labeling the Gaia Movement clothes bins as a public nuisance.

Councilor Riofrio shared a childhood memory about the Los Amadores Malt Shop.

Councilor Amador provided an update on the 21st Annual Driver Awareness event and reported on a possible sinkhole near the intersection of 11th Street and Oller Street.

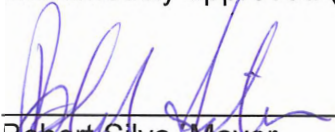
Councilor Castro thanked the Mendota police officers for enforcing speed limit regulations on state highways within the City.

- 2. Mayor

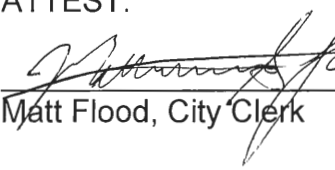
Mayor Silva reported on the Annual Backpack Giveaway event and thanked staff for their assistance with the event.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:14 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk

