

## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Regular Meeting

September 22, 2015

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

### Roll Call

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Sergio Valdez, Councilors Joseph Amador and Rolando Castro.

**Council Members Absent:** Councilor Joseph Riofrio.

Flag salute led by Councilor Castro.

Invocation led by Omaged Mondol from the Iglesia Cristiana Highlands.

### 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 Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

### CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

**Kenneth Faulkner (5662 S. Washoe Avenue)** – reported on various problems in the United States; the refugee crisis occurring in Europe; and explained the benefits of having a relationship with God.

**Craig Schmidt (Gill Ranch Storage)** – reported on Gill Ranch Storage being a natural gas storage facility where customers are able to purchase natural gas and store it at the facility (6:11 p.m. Councilor Amador left the Council Chambers); the facility including an approximate 27-mile, 30-inch pipeline which connects to a PG&E line; emphasized the importance of pipeline safety such as calling 811 to identify pipeline locations at an

area scheduled to be excavated (6:15 p.m. Councilor Amador returned to the Council Chambers); and reported on an upcoming meeting that will be held at the Mendota High School to review an informational brochure.

Discussion was held on effective ways to reach out to the public in regards to pipeline safety; yellow warning markers that indicate where pipelines are located and tell how to contact the pipeline operator; and Gill Ranch Storage donating \$1,000 to the Mendota High School Agriculture Program.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 25, 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 Amador to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. AUGUST 21, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2015  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 39813 THRU 39857  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$572,367.93
2. SEPTEMBER 04, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2015  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 39858 THRU 39923  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$207,614.76
3. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-64**, approving the City to perform the administrative financial services for the Mendota Community Corporation.
4. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-65**, setting the fee for public dances and dance halls.
5. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-66**, authorizing the transfer of City funds from one mutual fund to another.
6. Council direct the City Manager to write a letter to Governor Brown on behalf of the City Council encouraging him to sign AB 2 into law.

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

A motion was made to approve items 1 through 3 and 5 and 6 of the consent calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

4. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-65**, setting the fee for public dances and dance halls.

Discussion was held on the Mendota Municipal Code stating that the permit fee for public dances shall be set by resolution of the City Council; the purpose of the proposed resolution being to designate the permit fee for public dances; the various businesses that will be subject to the permit fee; whether non-profit organizations are subject to the fee; the purpose of the fee being to recuperate staff time that is used to review the permit; the proposed fee being set at \$50 which will need to be paid quarterly; and staff informing businesses about the proposed fee.

A motion was made to table item 4 of the consent calendar in order to inform businesses about the proposed fee by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Code Enforcement
  - a) Monthly Report

Planning & Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including the hiring the of the new Code Enforcement Officer; the focus on public nuisances and water conservation measures; issues with out-of-town property owners; and enforcing the Bin Enclosure Guidelines throughout the City in order to beautify the community.

Discussion was held on the out-of-town vendors conducting business within the City without a business license; issues in regards to illegal truck/trailer parking; the enforcement of amplified music regulations; and an individual that was selling new/tagged clothing at a yard sale.

2. Police Department
  - a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti summarized the report including the increase of warrant arrests; the increase of narcotic violations; majority of arrests being made through self-initiated activity by the officers; reported on a recent homicide which is being investigated by the Fresno County Sheriff's department; a recent shooting involving gang members; the increase of auto-thefts; the hiring of the new Police Records Clerk; the COPS Veteran Hiring Grant for hiring being approved; private funding for the Community Service Officer not being received; and that the new police vehicle was up-fitted.

Discussion was held on the increase of school fights; the School Resource Officer identifying gangs at schools; the major drug problem in the City; and the increase of drug paraphernalia since the adoption of Proposition 47.

**Robert Rasmussen (230 McCabe Avenue)** – inquired as to the amount of identified gangs within the City and the burglary rate.  
Discussion was held on the amount of gangs within the City.

3. Public Works  
a) Monthly Report

Public Works Director Gonzalez reported on scheduling to move the Dave Daniels skate park sign to the front of the park; recently having a final walk through of the reconstructed 6<sup>th</sup> street; and the timeframe that dirt grindings will be removed from Mr. Joe Gil Gomez's property.

Discussion was held on the arrow markings on 6<sup>th</sup> street; the length of the warranty on 6<sup>th</sup> Street; the poor condition that Pool Park is in; the possibility of having inmates from FCI-Mendota maintain Pool Park; verifying that City employees follow proper safety procedures; and the speaking to Supervisor Pacheco in regards to funding for Pool Park.

4. Public Utilities  
a) Monthly Report

City Manager DiMaggio reported that Public Utilities Director Lewis was out ill; the contractor being scheduled to be out at the Water Treatment Plant to replace the media; Borrego Solar working with the City in regards to installing a solar system out at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; the contract for the solar system coming in front of Council at a future meeting; and funding being available to repair the B&B bridge.

Discussion was held on fire hydrants being flushed out; the accuracy of the new hand-held water meter readers; and verifying that the water meter readers are functioning properly.

5. City Attorney  
a) Monthly Report

City Attorney Boranian reported on the success of a recent Pitchess Motion; thanked Chief Andreotti for his assistance in court matters; congratulated Councilor Amador for the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Driver Awareness event; and reported on the upcoming sexual harassment and abuse in the workplace training.

6. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio provided an update on the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that was adopted by the Council at a recent meeting; the purpose of the JPA being to seek water storage funding under Proposition 1 which are available for disadvantaged communities and counties; reported on meetings that he attended in order to finalize the

membership of the JPA; and the Chairwoman of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors preferring Fresno County staff to manage the JPA.

Discussion was held on various cities and water districts opposing the management of the JPA by Fresno County staff; the Board of Supervisors of various counties voting on the issue; and the different options available.

City Manager DiMaggio reported on the traffic study for the Derrick/Oller roundabout being completed; meeting with the City Engineer to discuss the results of the study; the results being presented to Council at a future meeting which will include the computerization of a traffic signal and a roundabout at the Derrick/Oller intersection.

Discussion was held on losing funding that is specified for the roundabout if Council decides to move forward with a traffic signal at the intersection.

City Manager DiMaggio reported on the Council Sub-Committee that was established by Council at a previous meeting; an Israeli national company that is owned by the Israeli government that is interested in developing a tertiary treatment facility at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; the company using sophisticated technologies to treat waste water to near potable level and then dispose of it in the river for water credits; the treated water being monetized through agreements; delegates of the sub-committee traveling to Israel to view the technology; and the possibility of having to sign a non-disclosure agreement due to the confidentiality of the technology.

Discussion was held on the City being reimbursed for expenses acquired by the delegates that will travel to Israel to view the technology; special Counsel assigned to the sub-committee that reviewed the Exclusive Right to Negotiate agreement between the other party and the sub-committee; Mendota being in a location that favors the water delivery system; the need to make profit from the proposed project; and the status of the storm water drain grant.

**Robert Rasmussen (230 McCabe Avenue)** – inquired as to the location of the proposed roundabout.

Discussion was held on the status of the establishment of McDonalds and Autozone in Mendota and the status of a building that is being constructed on Oller Street.

**Omaged Mondol (Iglesia Cristiana Highlands)** – emphasized the importance of looking into the opportunities that are offered to the City and discussed the benefits of the sub-committee delegates traveling to Israel.

Discussion was held on City Attorney Boranian reviewing the Exclusive Right to Negotiate Agreement between the other party and the City and provide a report to Council via email.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 1. Council Member(s)  
Council reports

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez reported on two grants that Mendota Youth Recreation (MYR) will be applying for; MYR partnering with the City to apply for a Major League Baseball grant; how the grant will be used if it is awarded to MYR; and the recreational needs in the community.

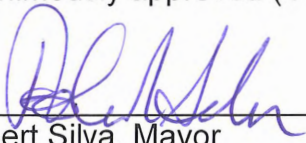
Councilor Amador reported on recognizing a Mendota resident that published a book and on the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Driver Awareness Event.

- 2. Mayor

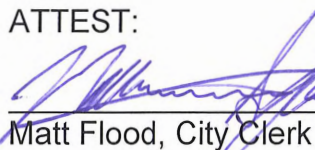
Mayor Silva reported on Governor Brown’s task force on the drought attending a meeting in Mendota; a recent backpack giveaway hosted by Alliance for Medical Outreach & Relief (AMOR); the need to meet with Mendota Unified School District officials in order to create a joint flood plan; and an upcoming Water Rally that will be held at Rojas-Pierce Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:36 p.m. by Councilor Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

  
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Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Flood, City Clerk

