

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting Tuesday November 25, 2014

Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Silva at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Amador, Councilors S. Leo Capuchino, Joseph Riofrio, and Sergio Valdez.

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Public Works Director Cristian Gonzalez

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

City Attorney Boranian requested to add a case of litigation to the closed session item, for a total of two cases of potential litigation. A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda with the requested modification, seconded by Councilor Capuchino; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered

PRESENTATION

1. Battalion Chief Vince Bergland of CALFIRE to present the second and third quarter report for 2014.

Battalion Chief Vince Bergland, Station 96 - summarized his reports from the last two quarters including comparisons from the same periods in 2013; calls received including fires, medical, vehicle accidents, and other calls; the different types of fires that exist and which they have responded to; and the absence of fires from fireworks in 2014.

Discussion was held on how they respond to calls outside of the City limits; how mutual aid calls work; the different statistics in the second quarter compared to 2013; different recent accidents that resulted in fatalities; illegal firework usage in Mendota; and the good job that CALFIRE does in the area.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Dino Perez (Westside Youth Director) - thanked Mayor Silva and City Manager DiMaggio for the support at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to get funding; provided an update on recent activities including fund raisers for youth sports programs, food distributions, and the Christmas toy giveaway; the possibility of providing childcare services on a regular basis; and the possibility of Westside Youth using a newly built center on the Housing Authority property for providing some of their services.

Discussion was held on the need for childcare in Mendota; setting up a meeting with the Housing Authority to explore the possibility of using the center.

Carlos Quintanar (Volunteer with Westside Youth) - reported that he is helping in Toys For Tots; is embarrassed by the presents that Toys For Tots gives out; and would like the City to help get the word out on donating toys.

Discussion was held on creating a letter to solicit donations.

Candie Caro (Proteus, Inc.) - updated the City of Mendota on a project that Proteus was funded for to help residents with their rent; how over \$366,000 worth of funds was used; and provided information on the upcoming Farmworker Appreciation Day and Resource Fair event on January 30th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of November 12, 2014.
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 Mayor Pro Tem Amador to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered separately.

1. NOVEMBER 19, 2014 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20, 2014
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 38634 THRU 38687
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$616,205.50

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2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-46**: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mendota declaring personal property surplus and authorizing the sale or disposal of such property.
3. Council approve the cancelation of the December 23, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting due to the Christmas Holiday.

A request was made to pull item number 2 for separate consideration and a motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 3 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-46**: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mendota declaring personal property surplus and authorizing the sale or disposal of such property.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Planning and Economic Development Manager Flood provided a report of the surplus process and the timeline for the disposition of property via a sale.

Discussion was held on surplusing the old vacuum street sweeper; concern that the City is going to surplus a dump truck that could still be of a considerable value; the disposal of items; an old fire truck the City has that is never used; the possibility of contracting the surplus process out to a private company; and the need to cross-check the surplus with the inventory.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to continue the item so staff can cross-reference the inventory with the surplus list and look into contracting out the sale of surplused items, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and appointment of a community member to serve on the Fresno Westside Mosquito Abatement Board of Trustees.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Planning and Economic Development Manager Flood reported that staff received a request from the District to allow Mr. Capuchino to serve another term on their Board of Trustees.

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

Information was shared on what to do to deal with mosquitoes in their property or in the general area.

2. Council consideration to donate \$200.00 from the Community Promotions Fund (CPF) to Mendota Youth Recreation to offset costs of Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Planning and Economic Development Manager Flood reported that staff received a request to donate funds from the Community Promotions Fund to support this annual event.

Corina Banuelos (MYR) - provided information on the Senior Luncheon that was put on this year; the raffle and other activities; and Christian Life Tabernacle helping out with the event.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Works Gonzalez summarized his report including receiving the new CNG Street Sweeper; the new ponding basin installation by the Water Treatment Plant; and personnel levels.

Discussion was held on a possible rabbit problem at the Benny Mares Baseball Field; money needed to install clay in the infield and other improvements that can be done for the field; grant monies that will be used for landscaping at Rojas-Pierce Park by the skate park; using high school students to repair City equipment; the upcoming rain that may cause problems; work on Quince Street to repair potholes; and putting lighting in the soccer field in the future.

2. Public Utilities
 - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Utilities Lewis summarized his report including the function of two water treatment pumps whose impellers need to be replaced; repairs on some treatment filters; the progress on construction of the chlorine tank shelter at the water treatment plant and a structure at the water treatment plant; and the rebuilding and replacing of fire hydrants.

Discussion was held on the cost of the water treatment filter media; the problems that could arise concerning replacing fire hydrants; and fluctuations in water pressure due to use by the prison.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Boranian reported on the AB1234 and Sexual Harassment training that will be done after the first of the year.

4. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported on a letter of support that EDC serving Fresno County that, with Council's consent, he will be sending out and the receipt of the certified results for the election, with the reorganization to be held on the December 9th Council Meeting.

Discussion was held on the modification of how some LTF funds from the COG will be spent.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Riofrio thanked Councilor Valdez for inviting him to be part of the chain gang at the football games and an update on the football team's progress in the playoffs.

Councilor Valdez provided information on MYR's upcoming posadas and Christmas Parade.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on a sidewalk sale that might have been inappropriate; the problems that drivers are having with a new roundabout near Kerman on Jensen and Madera Avenues; and meeting with MUSD for a joint meeting.

Discussion was held on sidewalk sales and itinerant merchandise vendors.

CLOSED SESSION

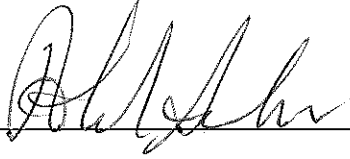
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
CA Government Code § 54956.9 – 2 cases

At 7:48 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:22pm the Council reconvened into open session. City Attorney Boranian stated that in regards to item number 1, there is nothing to report.

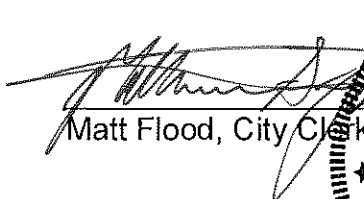
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:22 p.m. by Councilor Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

