

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting **Tuesday May 27, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Silva at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Flag Salute led by Councilor Capuchino

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

City Clerk Flood requested the adjusting of the agenda by removing the swearing in of police officers and to add an emergency business item to consider approving the use of Rojas-Pierce Park by the Fresno County Drought Relief Coalition for a food distribution. A motion was made by Councilor Valdez to adopt the agenda with the aforementioned adjustments, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).

SWEARING IN

1. Chief of Police Galvin to swear in officers Bradley Hogan and Eddie Torres.

(Removed from the agenda)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of May 7, 2014 and the Regular City Council Meeting of May 13, 2014.
2. Notice of waiving of the reading of all resolutions and/or ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador, seconded by Councilor Capuchino; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

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. MAY 13, 2014 THROUGH MAY 22, 2014
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 37858 THRU 37915
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$220,998.80
2. Council approve sending a letter of opposition to SB 1139 (Hueso) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.
3. Council approve and adopt the revised job description for the Public Utilities Director.
4. Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fresno Council of Governments (COG) to participate in a County-Wide Housing Element.
5. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-11** requesting that the Fresno County Clerk provide election services.

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

2. Council approve sending a letter of opposition to SB 1139 (Hueso) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Discussion was held on the impact of this opposition letter and the conversations that Mayor Silva had with Assemblymember Perea regarding this legislation.

A motion to approve the item was made by Mayor Silva, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).

3. Council approve and adopt the revised job description for the Public Utilities Director.

Councilor Valdez asked about the requirements of attaining the position and City

Manager DiMaggio explained that in the first round of recruitment the City only received one serious applicant, causing a need to create flexible requirements; specifically a conditional timeframe in which the employee must obtain the appropriate certifications.

Discussion was held on the amount of time generally needed in order to obtain State certifications; the frequency of the tests for certifications given by the State; the consequences if the employee were to not receive their certification in the designated timeframe; who will supervise the employee; and some wording changes made in the job description.

A motion was made by Councilor Valdez to approve the item with the suggested modifications, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).

BUSINESS

1. Council award the bid for a CNG regenerative air street sweeper to Municipal Maintenance Equipment in the amount of \$277,360.87, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all associated documents and contracts. [Director of Public Works, Gonzalez]

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Director of Public Works Gonzalez reported on the efforts that have been made in the past couple of years to get a street sweeper with CMAQ funding; the obstacles presented by the "Buy America" condition; the process of getting a waiver; going out and receiving bids; and the staff recommendation to award the bid.

Discussion was held on the timeframe of delivery of the street sweeper; the cost of the current street sweeper contract; the time that will need to be allocated by personnel to operate it; how the street sweeper will be maintained.

A motion was made by Councilor Valdez to award the bid, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).

2. Council consider approval of a request by the Fresno County Drought Relief Coalition to use Rojas-Pierce Park for a food distribution on May 28, June 11 and 25, 2014. [City Clerk, Flood]

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Clerk Flood reported that the Fresno County Drought Relief Coalition submitted a request to use Rojas-Pierce Park to do a food distribution for the community on various future dates.

Discussion was held on the use of the parking lot, the capacity of the Park; the importance of the Coalition leaving the Park clean once they are finished.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to approve the application, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported that they would have special budget meetings with Council on June 10th, 17th, and 24th, at 4 p.m.; interviews are scheduled for 2 applicants vying for the Public Utilities Director position; and gave an update on efforts that he has been engaging in to oppose a private interest that wants to take Measure C funds away from the SR180 and I-5 connection project.

Discussion was held on the funds that were diverted from a project that was to make SR180 4 lanes from Fresno to Mendota.

2. Public Works Director

Director of Public Works Gonzalez summarized his report and emphasized PG&E finishing a project they had out at Pool Park and the recent success of the community dog clinic at Rojas-Pierce Park.

Discussion was held on the price of fuel and the possibility of purchasing some before the prices go up; street lights that went out on 7th Street recently; and the new shade structure at the Benny Mares Baseball Field.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Valdez reported on the MYR under-12 baseball team taking first place at a recent tournament in Selma, and the recent successes of the other teams.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on recent discussions with representatives from the Fresno Grizzlies to try and get more youth to the professional baseball games through free tickets for non-profits and other promotions and a recent fundraiser called the "Fight for Water".

Discussion was held on the possibility of collaborating with other cities to get youth to a Grizzlies' game.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to CA Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: City Manager Vince DiMaggio and Director of Support Operations Charles Johnson
Employee organization: Mendota Police Officers Association

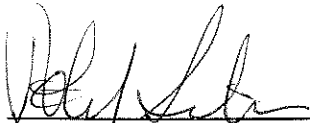
At 4:54 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 5:00 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

City Attorney Boranian reported that in regards to item number 1 no reportable action was taken.

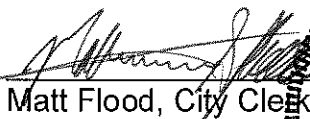
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 5:00 p.m. by Councilor Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk