



MINUTES OF MENDOTA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Silva at 2:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Amador, Councilors S. Leo Capuchino, Joseph Riofrio, and Sergio Valdez (2:08 p.m.).

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag Salute Led by Director of Public Works Gonzalez.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

With no adjustments recommended, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Capuchino; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Valdez).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget Workshop.

Mayor introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio gave a summary of staff's planned preparations for compiling the budget; the strategic planning document from 2012 with Council's goals; the importance of having a Capital Improvement Plan; developing a coordinated economic development strategy; flood management; ensuring a supply of potable water; and maintaining streets and sidewalks.

(At 2:08 p.m. Councilor Valdez entered the Chambers)

Discussion was held on budget priorities, with an emphasis in being fiscally conservative;

investing in public safety as a top priority; marketing Mendota correctly in order to foster economic development; the importance of making solid expenditure and revenue projections; the unknown future effects of the water allocation issues; the funds that will be needed to get the water treatment plant functioning at full capacity; the cost of maintain the City's most important assets; planning a multi-year program for investing in personnel and infrastructure; the importance of emphasizing public safety and public works as funding priorities; the importance of diversifying the local economy; efforts needed to establish an industrial park, including asking Westlands Water District to donate land; business attraction methods; the importance of preparing sewer and water delivery systems for future expansion; getting a bank and a brand name car dealership in town; streamlining more City processes; ensuring that entrepreneurs and other business entities have all the information they need in a timely manner; keeping up maintenance and logs for all City vehicles; purchasing from local businesses; staff suggestions for Council consideration; the importance of maintaining staffing levels; creating an employee incentive program; the need to increase utility rates in the future; the poor condition of some streets; the allocation of staff time in the Public Works department; the next steps for bringing more detailed information to Council for consideration; the possible need for more customer service employees at the front desk; electronic document management; the scheduling for future budget meetings; and the Council's desire to have the next budget session at 4pm before a regularly scheduled Council meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 3:37 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made by Councilor Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

