

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting **Tuesday July 22, 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 (6:05 p.m.), and Sergio Valdez (6:02 p.m.).**

Council Members Absent: **None.**

Flag salute led by Councilor Capuchino

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Capuchino; unanimously approved (3 ayes; absent: Riofrio and Valdez).

(At 6:02 p.m. Councilor Valdez entered the Chambers and at 6:05 p.m. Councilor Riofrio entered the Chambers.)

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

1. Council to present Certificates of recognition to Emilio Valencia and Benny Lozano of CALFIRE.

Battalion Chief Vince Bergland reported that he had been contacted by City Staff regarding the recognition of Lozano and Valencia; summarized the incident including details of the structure fire, the victim screaming for help, and the firefighters pulling him out of the structure; the amount of personnel and equipment that showed up to put the fire out and protect surrounding property.

City Clerk Flood read the certificates of recognition and Mayor Silva presented Emilio Valencia and Benny Lozano with the certificates on behalf of the Council.

PRESENTATION

1. Will Cooper of the Fresno County Library to provide information on the WoW! Mobile Library Branch.

Mr. Cooper provided information on the amount of people in the county that have library cards and on the resources available through the Fresno County Library system, especially on the internet, including for auto repair, language learning, consumer reports, and others; the importance of giving people a sense of autonomy; and the WoW! mobile program.

Discussion was held on the volume of patrons using the Mendota Branch Library; hours of operation; and the collaboration with the school district to help children use the library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 8, 2014 and the Special Council Meeting of July 15, 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 Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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. JULY 8, 2014 THROUGH JULY 17, 2014
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 38096 THRU 38155
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$269,861.44
2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-24**, fixing the amount taxable on property for the purpose of paying principal and interest on 1977 General Obligation Bonds.
3. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-25**, claiming Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
4. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-26**, taking a stand against bullying in the City

of Mendota and Fresno County.

5. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-27** urging California lawmakers to pass AB 69 (Perea), delaying the inclusion of transportation fuels in the cap-and-trade system.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 3 through 5 of the Consent Calendar, Seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-24**, fixing the amount taxable on property for the purpose of paying principal and interest on 1977 General Obligation Bonds.

Councilor Valdez reported that he spoke with staff regarding the language in the resolution that puts this item as raising funds.

Discussion was held on the ministerial nature of the item and how no property taxes will be raised by this resolution.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt Resolution No. 14-24, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council perform the first reading of **Ordinance No. 14-04**, adding chapter 5.56 to title 5 of the Mendota Municipal Code related to abandoned shopping carts.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Planning and Economic Development Manager Flood reported on the past interest Council expressed in addressing the amount of abandoned shopping carts in the city; and the main points of the proposed ordinance, which requires each business that provides shopping carts to have a cart retrieval plan submitted to the City.

Discussion was held on making stores report the number of carts that they have and the need to assess if stores are capable of implementing an effective retrieval plan.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to waive the first reading and set the public hearing; seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio introduced the new Public Utilities Director Matt Lewis; efforts to connect with the New Mendota Chamber of Commerce and the business sector in order to provide any assistance requested; and that iPads have been ordered for Council use.

Discussion was held on the timeline of the delivery of the new street sweeper; the contract with Mid-Valley Disposal for trash services; and the progress made to repair the electronic marquee on Oller Avenue.

2. City Attorney

City Attorney Boranian reported that she will be coordinating with City Manager DiMaggio in order to schedule any training that will be needed within the next year.

City Engineer McGlasson reported that he has been working with the Department of Water Resources on a flood management plan and the flood-proofing of various City Facilities; discussions with an organization about integrating recreation options with the Bureau of Reclamation's upcoming restoration project on the San Joaquin River; and an update on the Oller/Derrick/McCabe Roundabout project.

Discussion held on the need to acquire property for the roundabout project; the retaining of payment because a party to a settlement agreement has not signed and returned their part of it; the upcoming project at Derrick Avenue and 7th Street; and the flood risk in Mendota.

Chief Galvin reported on the success that was the Harvest Festival and provided information on the upcoming National Night Out event.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Valdez thanked staff for the help given during the Harvest Festival.

(At 7:20 p.m. Councilor Valdez exited the Chambers)

Mayor Pro Tem Amador requested that staff consider discontinuing the agreement with MyCommunity Mobile for the providing of a City of Mendota app due to low usage at a high cost and reported on an incident in which clients at his motel were victims of a crime in the early morning hours.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported that he was contacted by Mike Lopez of a local union regarding jobs for the local solar project; a recent by a delegate to Joe Del Bosque's ranch; tickets received from the Fresno Grizzlies to give to the community; and problems with trees dying in parks and along Oller Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

CA Government Code § 54956.9
1 case

At 7:24 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 7:38 p.m. the Council reconvened into open session.

City Attorney Boranian announced that in regards to the closed session item, no reportable action was taken.

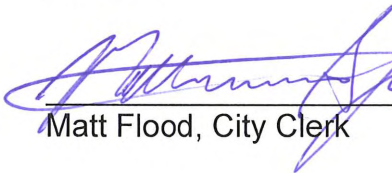
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:38 p.m. by Councilor Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

