

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

June 27, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Libertad “Liberty” Lopez, Council Members Jose Alonso and Joseph Riofrio

Council Members Absent: Council Member Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Chief Plant Operator Jeronimo Angel

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mendota residents Francisco Andrade, Anastacio Macias, and Raymond Snowden

Se guardó un minuto de silencio en honor a los residentes de Mendota, Francisco Andrade, Anastacio Macías y Raymond Snowden

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 13, 2023.
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 Council Member Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

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. JUNE 7, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2023
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 53342 THROUGH 53450
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$725,539.41
2. Proposed ratification of a letter of support for Climate Resilience Investments for the May Revision Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
3. Proposed ratification of a letter of support for the Newsom Administration's Infrastructure Package: Build California's Clean Future, Faster.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-39**, revising the Management Benefit Resolution applicable to the City's Management Employees.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-40**, approving the proposal and consultant services agreement from Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc. for engineering services for the Fleming and McCabe Avenue Reconstruction Project and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-41**, approving an addendum to the employment contract of the City Manager.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-42**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase a vehicle for City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 plus taxes and fees and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase.
8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-43**, approving the application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the Mendota Triangle Park Project.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to approve items 1 through 8, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 23-44**, accepting the City of Mendota Safe Routes to School Master Plan.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and Finance Director Banda provided the report and introduced Morgan Wright with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group.

Morgan Wright with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group presented information on the City of Mendota Safe Routes to School Master Plan.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

Sergio Valdez commented on reckless driving occurring in the City.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Valdez and on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to approve Resolution No. 23-44, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. Council discussion and consideration of the public review draft of the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element, City of Mendota Local Housing Element Section.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and Sara Allinder with Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group presented information on the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element, City of Mendota Local Housing Element Section.

Discussion was held on the information provided.

Joseph Amador commented on the item.

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez left the Council Chambers and returned at 7:02 p.m.

Sergio Valdez commented on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso for the oral comments that were made during the discussion of the item be considered during the public review draft of the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element, City of Mendota Local Housing Element Section, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department

Police Sergeant Galaviz provided a report on the Animal Control, Code Enforcement and Police Departments including ongoing tasks for all departments.

Discussion was held on the Police Department addressing illegal fireworks, thefts, individuals drinking in public, and reckless driving.

Alfredo Arambula commented on the approval process and fees associated with public dances and facility use applications; shared concerns regarding the approval process for public dances and facility use applications; and commented on the enforcement of the City's business license regulations.

Discussion was held on Mr. Arambula's comments and on the ability for the public to request public records.

Joseph Amador inquired on the status of an upcoming public dance and commented on the enforcement of the City's business license regulations.

Discussion was held on Mr. Amador's comments.

Ramon Gonzalez provided information on the Conditional Use Permit that was issued for his banquet hall.

Discussion was held on the enforcement of business license regulations.

2. City Attorney
a) Update

Assistant City Attorney Castro provided an update on the weed abatement process; reported that he is reviewing various sections of the Mendota Municipal Code; and provided an overview on the California Public Records Act.

Discussion was held on the approval process and regulations for mobile food vendors.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the status of the Mendota Police Station and City Council Chambers project; the 2022 Local Street Reconstruction Project; and on the 2023 Mendota Fireworks Show; and reported on the passage of California Assembly Bill 102, which allocates funding in the State Budget for the construction of the Mendota Community Center.

Discussion was held on conversations that were recently held with Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria and the status of Congressman John Duarte's request for Federal funding for the Mendota Pavement Management Project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Alonso reported on the upcoming Mendota Fireworks Show.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez reported on the "Meet and Greet" event held by Assemblywoman Soria; commented on the importance of building relationships with the public and elected and appointed officials; and reported on the condition of the homeless encampment.

Council Member Riofrio reported on a streetlight that is not working.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez reported on the City Council's goals to repair roads, construct a community center; enhance parks, construct an additional soccer field, address the issue of loose dogs, and increase lighting in the City.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5, subdivision (f), 54957.6

- a. Agency Designated Representative: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
- b. Employee Organization: Mendota Police Officers Association

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).

At 7:55 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:35 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to items 1 and 2 of the Closed Session, there were no reportable actions.

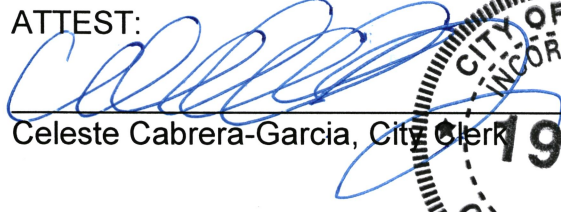
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:35 p.m. by Council Member Alonso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

