



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 25, 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, Joseph Riofrio, and Oscar Rosales

Council Members Absent: None

Flag salute led by Police Officer Juan Gurrola

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. City Council to recognize Mendota Police Officer Juan Gurrola for outstanding work performance.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and Chief of Police Smith recognized Officer Gurrola for an award he received from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving for have a significant amount of DUI arrests in 2022.

Consultant Services Agreement from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, Inc. for planning services for the Phase 1: Mendota Airport Conceptual Land Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-52**, authorizing signature authority for items related to the Derrick and Oller Roundabout Project.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-53**, approving the quote submitted by Mechanical Irrigation Solutions for the purchase of a SMG Motor Grader in the amount of \$234,877.74 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-54**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase two vehicles for the Public Utilities and Public Works Departments in an amount not to exceed \$116,000.00, and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purchases.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-55**, establishing an Honor Wall Fundraising Program.
8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-56**, approving an amendment to the 401(K) profit sharing plan, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the amendment.
9. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-57**, approving the quote submitted by Commerce Truck Equipment Sales, LLC, for the purchase of a Ram 4500 Bucket Truck in the amount of \$151,562.38, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase.
10. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-58**, approving the trust agreement and trustee designation for the City's 401(K) profit sharing plan.
11. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-59**, approving the quote submitted by Mechanical Irrigation Solutions for the purchase of a CLG2030 Forklift in the amount of \$34,319.99, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purchase.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to approve items 1 through 11, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-60**, approving the proposal submitted by RRM Design Group for Mendota Community Center Conceptual Programming Services, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the proposal.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided the report.

Discussion was held on the report provided by City Manager Gonzalez, including possible services that will be offered at the Community Center; building guidelines that the City will need to follow; and logistics regarding who will be managing the Community Center.

Mayor Martinez opened the floor to receive public comment.

Joseph Amador – commented on a trip that previous City Council members took to a community center; potential liabilities that the City may open itself to if a swimming pool is included in the new Community Center, and congratulated City Manager Gonzalez on receiving a certificate of recognition from the Office of Congressman Duarte.

Albert Escobedo – congratulated City Manager Gonzalez for receiving a certificate of recognition from the Office of Congressman Duarte; and stated that the Community Center should have an area for seniors and thanked the City Council for their work.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Escobedo.

Dino Perez – commented on WSY possibly partnering with the City to assist with managing the Community Center.

Mayor Martinez closed the floor to receive public comment.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to adopt Resolution No 23-60, seconded by Council Member Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Discussion and consideration of **Ordinance No. 23-02**, amending Title 15 of the Mendota Municipal Code related to adoption by reference of the 2022 California Building Code and Associated Trade Codes.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided the report.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-02 and schedule its public hearing for August 8, 2023, seconded by Council Member Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department
 - a) Update

Chief of Police Smith commended City staff for their work with the 2023 Mendota Fireworks Show; commended Andres Godoy for his public dance event; thanked the City Council for their work with an upcoming drag racing event; provided the monthly update for the Code

Enforcement Department for the month of June, including their ongoing work with weed abatement, a karaoke night held by them, a face painting booth held by them at the 2023 Mendota Firework's Show, commented on a recent trip taken by Mendota Police Department Explorers to the United States District Court - Eastern District of California and thanked Mayor Martinez for his assistance with the trip.

Discussion was held on the update and comments made by Chief Smith for the Code Enforcement Department.

Chief Smith provided the update for the Animal Control Department including monthly statistics, their ongoing work to address stray dogs in the City and a rising number of egret birds throughout the City.

Discussion was held on the update provided by Chief Smith for the Animal Control Department.

Chief Smith provided an update for the Police Department, including monthly statistics, a personnel update, their ongoing work to address public drinking, and expressed his concern with an inmate escaping from the Federal Correctional Institution, Mendota.

Discussion was held on the update provided by Chief Smith for the Police Department.

2. City Attorney

City Attorney Kinsey stated that he is happy to see everyone; that Assistant City Attorney Castro has been enjoying his work with the City; commented on the ongoing weed abatement process; and on the Mendota Police Department Explorers recent trip to a United States District Court - Eastern District of California.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez commended Chief Smith for his continuous recruitment efforts to increase personnel for the Mendota Police Department; provided an update on the status of the Mendota PD and City Council Chambers; commented on the funding received for a new Community Center; potential uses for the William Robert Johnston Municipal Airport (the "Airport"); the 2023 Mendota Firework's Show, and the upcoming drag racing event that will be held at the Airport.

Discussion was held on the update provided by City Manager Gonzalez.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Rosales wished Mayor Martinez a happy birthday; thanked City staff for their work and thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

Council Member Riofrio commented on mobile food vendor concerns in the City and on a pilot program being conducted by the City of Fresno to address sidewalk vendors.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Council Member Riofrio.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez commented on the 2023 Mendota Fireworks Show, including feedback she received from community members; complaints she received due to semi-trailer trucks speeding through the roundabout on Bass Avenue and Barboza Street; on semi-trailer trucks parking on an empty lot near apartments on Oller Street; on a community member illegally dumping a refrigerator at Mendota Pool Park; on individuals smoking cannabis at the playground located at the AMOR Wellness Center; on stray dogs in the City and the improvement she has noticed; on backpack giveaways being held by Mendota Youth Recreation and Westside Youth Inc. on August 8th and Brother Jay and the Mendota Pentecostal Church of God on August 10th; thanked Phantom Fireworks and TNT Fireworks for their donation to the 2023 Mendota Fireworks Show and thanked the City Council and staff for the flowers she received while she was ill.

Council Member Alonso thanked the City Council and City staff for their work in securing funding for a Community Center; thanked City staff for their work with the 2023 Mendota Firework's Show; and commented on a ride along that he had with Chief Smith.

Council Member Rosales commented on an air conditioning class that he offers in Tranquility and expressed his disappointment in the lack of attendance by individuals.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez thanked the City Council, City staff and community members for their work and commented on the need to continue to work together to improve Mendota.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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 7:35 p.m. the City Council moved into closed session.

At 7:58 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey stated that in regard to item 1 of the closed session there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:58 p.m. by Council Member Rosales, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

