



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

September 12, 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 Council Member Oscar Rosales

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Robert Salinas

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mendota resident Arturo Carabez Ochoa who recently passed away and in honor of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

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 Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Albert Escobedo commented on his experience working with Deputy City Clerk Pizano.

Kevin Romero provided an update on local youth sports.

Discussion was held on the update provided by Mr. Romero.

Karina Beltran provided an update on her “Granja for Favian” project, including the vision and goals of the project; commented on the benefits the project will provide to the City and inquired about the possibility of the City assisting her in acquiring a location for the project.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Ms. Beltran, including possible locations in the City for the “Granja for Favian” project.

Ofelia Ochoa thanked the City Council for their willingness to assist with the “Granja for Favian” project and commented in favor of having the project located in the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 22, 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 Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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. AUGUST 16, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023
WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 53710 THROUGH 53786
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$759,806.90
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 23-66**, approving the job description and salary schedule for the Deputy City Clerk/Recreation Coordinator.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 23-67**, authorizing the formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to discuss and consider the Mendota Airport Land Plan.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia provided the report.

Discussion was held on the report provided by City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia, including which

Council Members were interested in joining the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Mayor Martinez opened the public comment period.

Council Member Rosales left the council chambers at 6:25 p.m. and returned within the same minute.

Sergio Valdez inquired into the possibility of community members forming part of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion was held on the inquiry made by Mr. Valdez, including having outreach meetings to receive input from the community.

Mayor Martinez closed the public comment period.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to appoint Mayor Martinez and Council Member Rosales as regular members and Council Member Alonso as an alternate member of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and adopt Resolution No. 23-67, seconded by Council Member Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing and proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 23-03**, amending Title 5 of the Mendota Municipal Code related to the regulation of mobile vending operations.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and Assistant City Attorney Castro provided the report.

Discussion was held on the report provided by Assistant City Attorney Castro; compliance measures set under Ordinance No. 23-03 (the "Ordinance"); enforcing the commissary requirements for mobile food vendors; the City's inability to restrict the number of mobile food vendors due to state laws; the hours of operation for mobile food vendors; whether mobile food vendors are allowed to have tables and chairs permanently set up at their

business locations and on whether mobile food vendors are permitted to have electrical connections to permanent buildings.

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Sergio Valdez inquired into whether sidewalk vendors are permitted to have shade structures and commented on enforcement measures set under the Ordinance.

Discussion was held on comments made by Mr. Valdez.

Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-03, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided an update on ongoing City projects, including the Mendota Stormwater Improvement Project and commented on the possibility of giving local engineering students a tour of the Mendota Stormwater Improvement Project.

Discussion was held on the update provided by City Engineer Osborn; the need to improve lighting throughout the City; the need to paint roads that undergo repair projects; the Citywide Railroad Crossing Improvements; the need to install sidewalks on 10th street, including the possibility of making them accessible; tree roots damaging sidewalks throughout the City; the need to clean the canal located along State Highway 180; and on the status of the Derrick and Oller Roundabout Project.

2. City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney Castro provided an update on ongoing tasks and projects.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the Finance Director position and the need to continue to work together and do what is best for the City.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Alonso commented on National Suicide Prevention Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated she is excited for the “Granja de Favian” project and thanked staff for their work.

Council Member Riofrio thanked staff for their work; thanked the Mendota Police Department for their work; and thanked those who attended the meeting.

Council Member Rosales thanked staff for their work; thanked those who attended the meeting; provided an update on brand new school buses that were purchased for the Golden Plains School District through a grant he was able to secure; thanked Council Member Alonso and former Mayor Rolando Castro for their work with the Inclusive Playground at Rojas-Pierce Park; and inquired on the possibility of installing cameras at Rojas-Pierce Park to monitor community members using the inclusive playground before it is complete.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez thanked those who attended the meeting; thanked the City Council for their work; provided an update on his work with the Fresno Council of Governments and the Fresno County Transportation Authority; commented on ongoing road repair projects; and discussed potential uses for the William Robert Johnston Municipal Airport.

Discussion was held on the update provided by Mayor Martinez, including a positive news article published by the Fresno Bee on the City.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Ongoing litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one case).
Case unspecified to avoid jeopardizing service of process.
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (two potential cases).

At 7:00 p.m. the City Council moved into closed session.

At 7:31 p.m. the City 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.

BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

2. Council discussion and consideration of the proposal received in response to the Request for Proposals for the Purchase and Potential Development of City Real Property.

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

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

A motion was made by Mayor Martinez to move forward with the Purchase and Potential Development of City Real Property with the proposal submitted by Mr. Joel Lozano, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:33 p.m. by Council Member Rosales, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

