

MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

March 14, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Castro at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Jesse Mendoza (at 6:07 p.m.), Oscar Rosales and Robert Silva.

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Economic Development Manager Flood.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (4 ayes).

SWEARING IN

1. City Clerk Flood to administer the Oath of Office to Jesse Mendoza.

City Clerk Flood swore in Councilor Mendoza.

At 6:04 p.m. Mayor Castro announced that there would be a recess.

At 6:07 p.m. the Council convened in open session and Councilor Mendoza took a seat on the dais.

PROCLAMATION

1. Proposed adoption of Proclamation No. 17-02, celebrating March 27th through March 31st "National Boys & Girls Club Week".

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Economic Development Manager Flood read the proclamation into the record.

Mayor Castro presented the proclamation to the members of the Boys and Girls Club.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Joe Gil Gomez (2033 7th Street) – stated that staff assisted him with an issue and it had been resolved.

The Council commented on the issue being resolved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the special City Council meeting February 21, 2017 and the special City Council meeting of February 28, 2017.
2. Notice of waiving of the reading of all resolutions and/or ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

Deputy City Clerk Cabrera reported on an edit that needed to be made to the February 28th Special City Council meeting minutes.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. FEBRUARY 28, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 08, 2017
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 042185 THRU 042249
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$209,740.49
2. Proposed adoption of **Proclamation No. 17-01**, recognizing April 22, 2017 as Earth Day worldwide.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-18**, entering into an agreement to provide police services to the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-23**, approving the facility use applications for 2017.

5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-26**, declaring the Council's intention to adopt a landlord accountability ordinance.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-27**, approving the delegation of the functions of the Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force to the AB 939 MOU committee.

A request was made to pull item 4 for discussion.

4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-23**, approving the facility use applications for 2017.

Discussion was held on how to resolve conflicting requests.

Dino Perez (Westside Youth Center [WYC]) – stated that the organizations had met and reached an agreement on the use of Rojas-Pierce Park.

Jorge (Alcoholics Anonymous [AA]) – wanted clarification on the agreement that was reached between AA and Westside Youth Center.

Discussion was held on both organizations meeting with staff to discuss the issue; AA utilizing the community center instead; and the two carnivals that will be held this year.

Dino Perez (WYC) – requested that the Council waive city fees related to the WYC carnival.

Discussion was held on the areas that WYC is requesting to utilize for their carnival; how the carnival will benefit the community; the programs that WYC sponsors; and what fees WYC is requesting to be waived.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva adopt item 4 of the Consent Calendar with the modification of WYC facility use application for Rojas-Pierce Park to include the use of additional City facilities, and the inclusion of the waiving of fees associated with hosting the WSY and Mendota Youth Recreation carnivals, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-24**, discontinuing the City's participation in Fresno County's Urban Community Development Block Grant program.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio summarized the report including that the city participates in the CDBG through the County of Fresno's Urban County CDBG program and the potential benefits from withdrawing from the County's CDBG program.

Discussion was held on the process of withdrawing from the County's CDBG program; the potential consequences for leaving the program; the city leaving and rejoining the program in the past; the performance of the grant writers; and evaluating the the grant writers at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to adopt Resolution No. 17-24, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-25**, forming of a sub-committee to examine the various options available for issuing bonds.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio reported on the council's direction to staff to research information on acquiring a bond for certain projects and forming a Council sub-committee to assist with the issue.

Discussion was held on the days and times that the subcommittee would meet.

A motion was made by Council Silva to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and Councilor Rosales to the sub-committee and adopt Resolution No. 17-25, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Introduction and first reading of **Ordinance No. 17-03**, amendments to the Mendota Municipal Code to adopt by reference the 2016 California Building Standards codes.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the Building Code being updated every three years.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to perform the first reading of Ordinance No. 17-03, with the second reading waived, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed adoption of **Ordinance No. 17-02**, authorizing the use of mail ballot elections.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and City Attorney Kinsey reported on the purpose of the ordinance and the council's intention to hold a revenue related special election.

Discussion was held on the process of holding a special election to consider a public safety tax.

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Castro opened the hearing to the public.

Marc Banuelos (930 Gaxiola Street) – inquired on the amount of the proposed tax.

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Castro closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Ordinance No. 17-02, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Code Enforcement
 - a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood reported on the purpose of the proposed landlord accountability ordinance and the department beginning the annual weed abatement process.

Discussion was held on whether city employees can perform weed abatements on private properties if the owners are disabled; the definition of the obstruction of city property; officers providing warnings to code violators; the importance of educating the public; the upcoming Town Hall Forum on immigration that will be held on March 22nd at 6 p.m.; and when to hold a Fireworks Show.

2. Police Department
 - a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti provided an update on the graphics transition of police vehicles; provided a personnel update; reported on the probation and parole suppression; and provided information on the Explorer Program.

Council thanked the officers for their work and discussion was held on whether individuals who are arrested for alcohol or drug offenses are referred to alcohol or drug related programs.

3. City Attorney
 - a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey reported on the ethics training.

4. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported on the upcoming Washington D.C. lobbying trip and commended Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez and Public Utilities Superintendent Angel for assisting in the creation of levies at the waste water treatment plant.

Council thanked Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez and Public Utilities

Superintendent Angel for their work and discussion was held on cancelling the March 28th regular City Council meeting, and the status of the project at the Mendota airport.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Silva reported on the upcoming five year activation commemoration ceremony at FCI – Mendota.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on a Bingo event at WYC and reminded everyone about the upcoming Town Hall Forum on immigration.

Discussion was held on the possibility of scheduling a meeting with Senator Kamala Harris.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
CA Government Code § 54956.8
Property: Approximately 2,000 acres within Westlands Water District in the County of Fresno located south of the Ashlan Avenue alignment, west of Dos Palos Road/State Highway 33 (Derrick Avenue), north of Belmont Avenue, and east of Douglas Avenue
Agency Negotiator: Vince DiMaggio, City of Mendota
Negotiating Parties: Westlands Water District

At 7:44 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:13 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Kinsey reported that in regards to item 1 of the closed session, there was nothing to report.

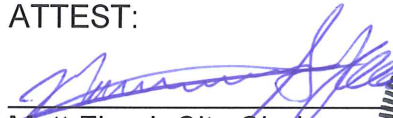
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:14 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

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