

MINUTES
MENDOTA PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING
February 1, 2021
12:00 NOON
Mendota City Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Castro at 12:01 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Rolando Castro, Vice-Chairperson Oscar Rosales, and Committee Member Joseph Amador

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager; Kevin Smith, Chief of Police; Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk; and Jennifer Lekumberry, Director of Administrative Services.

Others Present: John Liu, Caltrans; and Michael Navarro, Caltrans.

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of January 4, 2021 were approved based on a motion made and seconded, and unanimous approval.

III. BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Castro
 - a) Police Department's Motorcycle Unit

Mayor Castro introduced the item and requested that Chief of Police Smith provide an update on the unit.

Chief Smith provided information on the motorcycle unit; the status of the new police vehicles; an update on the new police canine; and a personnel update.

Discussion was held on the flooding issues that recently occurred.

- b) Update on Caltrans projects

Mayor Castro introduced the item and commented on roundabouts.

Discussion was held on the improvements to the roundabout at Bass Avenue and Barboza Street; the status of the proposed roundabout at Derrick Avenue and Oller Street; and safety concerns at the intersection of 7th Street and Oller Street and potential improvements.

- c) Construction of an additional roundabout

Discussion of the item was held during the discussion of business item 1(b).

2. Vice-Chairperson Rosales

Vice-Chairperson Rosales reported on all terrain vehicles being utilized near residential areas; and a streetlight that is not functioning properly at the intersection of Blanco and Garcia Streets.

Discussion was held on streetlights that are not functioning properly.

3. Committee Member Amador

- a) Public involvement in reporting incidents to the Police Department

Committee Member Amador introduced the item and commented on ways to encourage public involvement in reporting incidents to the Police Department, and providing information to the public.

- b) Holding a meet and greet event with Fresno Chief of Police Paco Balderrama

Committee Member Amador introduced the item and commented on the relationship that the police department has with other law enforcement agencies; and the possibility of having a meeting with Fresno Police Chief Balderrama.

Discussion was held on the relationship that the police department has with other law enforcement agencies.

- c) Update on health and safety programs in Mendota

The item was mentioned during the discussion of business item 3(a).

4. Code Enforcement

- a) Monthly update

Discussion was held on the personnel of the Code Enforcement department; the increase in illegal dumping and ways to mitigate the issue; and ways to report code enforcement issues.

5. Police Department
 - a) Monthly update

Chief Smith provided information on the new police vehicles; and crime statistics.

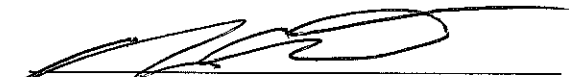
Discussion was held on the need for additional police presence in the community during the morning hours of the weekend.

6. Other Business

Discussion was held on preventing the spread of COVID-19.


IV. ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 12:38 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Committee.



Rolando Castro, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

