

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

October 25, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Councilors Joseph Amador, and Rolando Castro.

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Councilor Riofrio.

Flag salute led by Mayor Silva.

Invocation led by Pastor Mario Plascencia of Christian Life Tabernacle.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Amador to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Castro; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Valdez and Riofrio).

PRESENTATION

1. Fresno County Clerk Brandi Orth to provide information regarding the upcoming election.

Fresno County Clerk Brandi Orth reported on the polling locations that will be used in the November general election; the amount of vote-by-mail ballots that were mailed out and the amount of ballots that have been returned; different ways to return vote-by-mail ballots; voter turnout at the June primary election; the various propositions, measures, and races that are on the ballot; provided information on ensuring ballot security; ensured that there are various security measures in place for the voting and counting

ensured that there are various security measures in place for the voting and counting system to prevent fraud; provided information on how to report election violations; and reported on the amount of registered voters in the county and in the city.

Discussion was held on how Fresno County residents that are in the military are able to vote; the eligibility requirements to be able to register to vote; the criteria for being a poll watcher; the individuals who are assigned to the polling locations; the distance in which campaigning cannot be done from a polling location; and the Council thanked Brandi Orth for her presentation.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Joshua Garcia (1890 7th Street) – stated that the peewee and junior youth Cobra football teams qualified for the playoffs and requested to use the grass area of the Benny Mares Sr. baseball field for practice.

City Manager DiMaggio requested that the City Council provide direction to staff on how to proceed.

Discussion was held on the portion of the baseball field that Westside Youth Inc (WSY) is requesting to utilize; possible liability issues; WSY ensuring that the baseball field is kept in good condition; and the days and times that WSY is requesting to use the field.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meetings of September 27, 2016 and October 11, 2016.
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 Councilor Castro to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Valdez and Riofrio).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. OCTOBER 12, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2016
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 041600 THRU 041654
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$225,730.30
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-72**, approving the Final Map of Tract No. 6146 and entering into a subdivision agreement.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-73**, authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for health, dental and vision benefit plans.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-74**, rejecting bids for the Lozano Lift Station modification project.

5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-75**, opposing the passage of Proposition 57.
6. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-76**, awarding the bid for the Marie Street and Divisadero Street Reconstruction project to Avison Construction, Inc.
7. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-77**, accepting and filing the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016/17.
8. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-79**, declaring surplus equipment and authorizing the sale or disposal of such property.

A request to pull item 3 for discussion was made.

A motion was made to adopt item 2 of the Consent Calendar by Councilor Castro, seconded by Mayor Silva, approved (2 ayes, abstain: Amador, absent: Valdez and Riofrio).

A motion was made to adopt items 1 and 3 through 8 of the Consent Calendar by Councilor Castro, seconded by Mayor Silva; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Valdez and Riofrio)

3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 16-73**, authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for health, dental and vision benefit plans.

Discussion was held on the reasons why staff was proposing to change benefit plans and the amount of savings that the City would incur.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 16-73 by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Amador, unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Valdez and Riofrio).

BUSINESS

1. Council consider a recommendation from the Police Department Compensation Sub-Committee to issue end-of-the-year bonuses to Police Officers and Sergeants.

City Manager DiMaggio summarized the report including that the creation of the Police Department Compensation Subcommittee; a meeting that was held to discuss officer compensation; the proposal of end-of-the-year bonuses; the amount that is needed to fund the bonus program; the ability for the Council to use the reserve funds in order to fund the one-time bonus program; and the process of approving and implementing the end-of-the-year bonus program.

Discussion was held on utilizing a portion of the City's reserve funds to fund the bonus program; the uncertainty of the length of time that current police officers will stay with

the Mendota police department; the possibility of holding a Special election in 2017 for a tax measure that will fund the police department; and the process of creating the bonus program.

Oscar Rivas (Mendota Police Officer's Association [MPOA]) – thanked the Police Department Compensation Subcommittee for their efforts in studying officer compensation; the positive impact that the bonus program will have; and stated that the MPOA supports the program.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 16-80 by Councilor Amador, seconded by Councilor Castro (3 ayes, absent: Valdez and Riofrio).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Planning & Public Works Director Gonzalez provided an update on the Marie Street and Divisadero Street reconstruction project.

Discussion was held on utilizing remaining budgeted street improvement funds to reconstruct a portion of 8th street; reaching out to the residents that live on Marie Street and Divisadero Street to inform them of the reconstruction project; the abatement process for abandoned vehicles; filling potholes throughout the City; and the status of the Washington Elementary modernization project.

2. City Attorney
 - a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio stated that he would not be attending the November 9th Special City Council meeting; thanked Administrative Services Director Johnson for coordinating the successful events that have been held at the Mendota airport; and reported on an upcoming charitable softball game that will be held on November 17th against the United Health Center.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Castro and Councilor Amador thanked Administrative Services Director Johnson for his efforts in coordinating the Young Eagles event.

Discussion was held on the performance and duties of the airport caretaker.

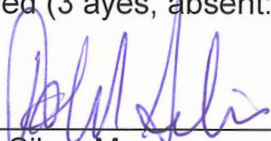
2. Mayor

Mayor Silva thanked Administrative Services Director Johnson and Joe Oldham for their efforts in organizing the Young Eagles event.

Discussion was held on the 2016 Mendota Business Summit that will be held on November 2nd and the upcoming Red Ribbon event that will be held on October 29th at Rojas-Pierce Park.

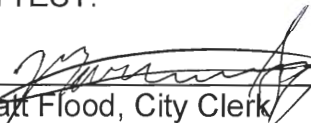
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:02 p.m. by Councilor Castro, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Valdez and Riofrio).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

