



**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting

November 1, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 3:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, Councilors Joseph Amador, Rolando Castro (at 3:06 p.m.), and Joseph Riofrio.

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Mayor Silva.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Deputy Sergeant Rod Lucas who had recently passed away.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration on enhancing public safety efforts.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio deferred to Police Chief

Andreotti.

Police Chief Andreotti reported that the Mendota Police Department was re-established in 2009; the increase in the amount of police officers since the department's re-establishment; improving the way that the department handles investigations; the amount of duties that the current officers have; current personnel structure of the department; and requested the addition of three police officers to the department.

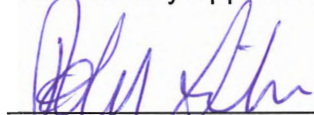
Discussion was held on whether the Fresno County Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC) has operated within the City; the duties that the proposed police officers would perform; the costs associated with creating the positions and hiring the officers; holding a special election in June 2017 for a tax measure that would create additional police department revenues; the possibility of utilizing the city's general fund reserve to fund the positions until the city holds the special election (3:37 p.m. Councilor Amador left the Council Chambers and returned at 3:38 p.m.); ensuring that the grant writers are searching and applying for police-related funding; meeting with elected officials in order to request funding; the hiring process for the requested addition positions; whether the community would support a tax measure to fund the police department (3:53 p.m. Councilor Amador left the Council Chambers and returned in that same minute); expanding the Community Facilities District to city-wide; whether the city had received the redevelopment agency bond funds; the possibility of having a city-wide utility tax; the impacts that the minimum wage increase will have on the city; allowing the police department to create the three positions, hire the officers, and allow the budget to run a deficit in order to determine actual costs for the positions.

Council consensus was reached to direct staff to formalize a plan via a resolution that would create the additional police positions, and to direct the City Attorney to create a timeline for a special election that will be held in 2017.

Discussion was held on the importance of determining the costs associated with adding three positions to the Mendota Police Department.

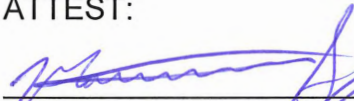
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 4:09 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

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