



## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Regular Meeting

November 14, 2017

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

A moment of silence was held in honor of Eugene W. "Whitie" Barnette, Carl Castro, and Joe Rios.

### Roll Call

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Rolando Castro, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Martinez, Councilors Jesse Mendoza, Oscar Rosales, and Robert Silva.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

Flag salute led by Mayor Castro.

### FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

**Kevin Romero (160 Tuft Street)** – provided an update on Aztec football.

**Joseph Amador (1890 7<sup>th</sup> Street)** - stated that he asked Antonio Villaraigoza who is candidate for governor to visit Mendota; stated that he will be visiting Mendota on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.; thanked staff for their assistance; and invited the Council and members of the public to attend.

**Richard Rey (221 Holmes Avenue)** – stated that he would like to submit a petition to install speed bumps on Holmes Avenue, and reported that vehicles continuously speed on the street.

Discussion was held on the amount of residents of Holmes Avenue that signed the petition, and Mr. Rey meeting with staff to discuss the issue.

**Kevin Romero (160 Tuft Street)** – provided an update on Cobra Football.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Minutes of the special City Council meeting of October 19, 2017, the regular City Council meeting of October 24, 2017, and the special City Council meeting of November 1, 2017.
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 Silva to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. OCTOBER 23, 2017 THROUGH NOVEMBER 08, 2017  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 043174 THRU 043252  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$633,693.90
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-63**, authorizing the placement of special assessments/direct charges on the tax roll for the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 for fiscal year 2017/2018.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-64**, directing staff to implement the provisions of SB 54 in advance of the effective date of the legislation.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-65**, reviewing the bid for the Lozano Lift Station Modification project, and awarding the contract.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 17-66**, supporting and implementing timely use of funding for federal transportation project selection.

Discussion was held on warrant #43222 including the amount of days that the city is paying a street sweeping company to sweep; where the street sweeper is taken to be repaired; and the types of repairs that are being done to the sweeper.

Discussion was held on warrant #43199 including the details of the City's dog adoption program; the costs associated with residents redeeming their dogs; and Council

requested that staff present information on the dog adoption program.

A motion was made by Councilor Rosales to adopt items 1 through 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration of the impacts of waiving service fees for non-profit and other special organizations.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including that a non-profit organization requested that the fees associated with contract police services be waived; the organization paying for the services in the past; provided the background of the council's annual facility-use application approval process; the conditions that are imposed on the applications related to security; council previously requesting that staff investigate whether the organization needed to pay for the services; staff determined that the organization does have to pay for the services; the organization contesting the decision; and that the City Manager thought it was best to bring the item to the Council.

Discussion was held on the service that the non-profit organizations provide; the amount of staff time that it spent on certain events; the various fees relating to facility-use that the council often waives; what the letter that was sent to Mendota Youth Recreation (MYR) regarding the approval of their facility-use applications stated; whether organizations need to sign a contract following the approval of their facility-use application; what the motion of the Council was when the facility-use application for the Harvest Fiesta was approved; the possibility of requiring organizations to sign a contract when their applications are approved; the invoice amount for contract police services for the Harvest Fiesta; the years that MYR has paid for contract police services; and the possibility of allowing organizations decide whether they want to contract police officers or security guards.

**Mark Banuelos (Mendota Youth Recreation)** – stated that the Annual Harvest Fiesta was collaboration between the city and MYR; explained that in the past a City employee would act as a liaison to the non-profit organizations; and stated that there has been years in the past where MYR has paid for contract police services.

**Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation)** – stated that he has been volunteering with MYR for a long time; stated that MYR has not paid for contract police services for the Harvest Fiesta in the past, with the exception of when the organization lost its 501(c)3 status; reported that the City reimbursed MYR for the fees they paid for police services when they regained their 501(c)3 status; explained that MYR should not have to pay for the services since the City is a sponsor of the event; explained that he would prefer to hire additional security officers in lieu of contracting police services; and reported on the amount of security officers that he contracted for the event this year.

Discussion was held on the reasons that MYR has an entrance fee for the carnival; whether all individuals have to pay the entrance fee; the amount of officers that are contracted; that the amount of time that the officers are at the carnival; and the years that MYR has paid for police services.

**Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation)** – stated that MYR would be paying for contract police services for the Red Ribbon Carnival.

Discussion was held on the amount of officers that MYR has had at both carnivals; amending the fee waiver policy; the possibility of allowing non-profit organizations decide if they want to contract police officers or security guards; the reasons as to why police officers should be contracted in addition to the security guards; the Chief reviewing the security plan for each event; MYR requesting that the Mendota Community Corporation (MCC) donate to the organization to pay for the contract police services for the Harvest Fiesta; the fees associated with renting Rojas-Pierce Park; the different events that MYR holds throughout the year; the current fee waiver policy for profit and non-profit organizations; the revenue that organizations generate from their events; staff analyzing the fee schedule, and bringing options to council; the date of the next MCC meeting; and the upcoming Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon.

2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No.17-67**, adopting the list of street projects proposed for SB 1 (Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account) funding.

Mayor Castro introduced the item and Assistant City Engineer Osborn summarized the report including that SB 1 has taken affect; the funding being deposited into the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, some of which will be apportioned to the City; the City being required to provide a list of projects that can receive RMRA funding; AB 135 allowing the City to adopt a list at a public meeting instead of amending the City's budget; submitting the list to the state; and summarized the projects that were included on the list which was composed by the City Manager, Planning & Public Works Director and himself.

Discussion was held on the amount of funding for road projects that the City will receive from various funding sources; what would occur if the bill was repealed; and the list being shown to the public so that they will see what the funding is going to.

A motion was made by Councilor Silva to adopt Resolution No. 17-67, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Code Enforcement & Police Department
  - a) Monthly Report

Police Lieutenant Smith reported that the Code Enforcement officers are working on educating the community on ways to beautify the community such as moving

abandoned vehicles out of the street; stated that there have been no major crimes in the City; and stated that Fresno County Sheriff deputies have been present in the community.

Discussion was held on the Code Enforcement cases for the month of October including as to whether Food Center has a business license; the amount of resources that were spent on an officer that resigned; the amount of citations that were give to the employees of Palm Wonderful for parking illegally; strictly enforcing illegal dumping by giving citations; how illegal building additions are addressed; and the Code Enforcement department improving public relations.

2. Economic Development  
a) Monthly Report

Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including that an addendum was issued for the Request for Proposals for the Lease and Development of Property for Cannabis Cultivation; that the City Clerk's office is working on implementing a tool on the City's website where individuals would be able to search for commercial properties that are for sale; and stated that he is continuously working on forging good working relationships with various companies that could potentially come to the City.

Discussion was held on the various businesses that the City is in need of, and businesses that are looking for buildings that suit their needs and are "move-in" ready.

3. City Attorney  
a) Update

City Attorney Kinsey stated that he is working with staff on various projects, and that Nic Cardella is working with the Code Enforcement department on various matters.

Discussion was held on the status of the settlement agreement with Gonzalez Towing.

3. City Manager

Nothing to report.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Mendoza requested that the nets for the basketball courts at Veterans Park be replaced.

Discussion was held on the basketball court nets that were donated to the City.

Councilor Rosales inquired on the status of fixing the street lights along Oller Street,

and on the dedication ceremony for the new pocket park on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Derrick Avenue.

Councilor Silva summarized the items that were discussed at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Sub-Committee meeting; inquired on when the joint meeting with the Mendota Unified School District Board of Trustees would be held; and reported on an upcoming Kids in Need of Defense Resource Fair that will be held at Westside Youth Inc.

Councilor Rosales commented on the fall community clean-up event.

2. Mayor

Mayor Castro reported on the upcoming Senior Thanksgiving luncheon.

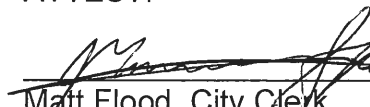
Sergio Valdez with Mendota Youth Recreation (MYR) stated that MYR would be hosting the Annual Backpack Giveaway event on behalf of the Gutierrez family.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:48 p.m. by Councilor Silva, seconded by Councilor Rosales; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Rolando Castro, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Flood, City Clerk

