

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

December 8, 2015

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

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Sergio Valdez, Councilors Joseph Amador and Joseph Riofrio.

Council Members Absent: Councilor Rolando Castro.

Flag salute led by Councilor Amador.

Invocation led by Pastor John Flores from Rivers of Living Waters Christian Church.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Dino Perez (Westside Youth Inc.) – stated that Westside Youth Inc. is collecting sweaters and jackets to give to families that are in need; emphasized the benefits of having youth recreational programs within the community; and reported on a walk ability study meeting that was held recently.

Discussion was held on improving the walk ability in Mendota.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Special City Council meeting of November 13, 2015 and the Regular City Council meeting of November 24, 2015.
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 Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Amador; approved (3 ayes, abstain: Valdez, absent: Castro).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. NOVEMBER 30, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 02, 2015
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 40254 THRU 40310
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$530,218.43
2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-84**, approving participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program.
3. Council consider request by Mendota Youth Recreation to change the day of their Open Market.

Requests were made to pull items 2 and 3 for discussion.

A motion was made to approve item 1 of the consent calendar by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-84**, approving participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program.

Discussion was held on participating in the program so that the City can acquire equipment that is needed; a requirement of the program that the acquired equipment needs to be used by a law enforcement agency or used to support law enforcement services; equipment that the City is looking to acquire for flood preparation; and personnel needing to be trained in order to operate certain disaster preparedness equipment.

A motion was made to approve item 2 of the consent calendar by Councilor Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).

3. Council consider request by Mendota Youth Recreation to change the day of their Open Market.

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez stated that he would abstain and stepped down from the dais at 6:25 p.m.

Sergio Valdez (Mendota Youth Recreation [MYR]) – requested that Council allow MYR to change the day of their Open Market to Fridays.

Discussion was held on MYR no longer having their Open Market on Saturdays; MYR requesting to change the day of their Open Market to Fridays from morning to early afternoon; local businesses bringing concerns about the Open Market; when the Facility Use Applications will go before Council in the coming year; and the size of MYR's Open Market.

A motion was made to approve item 3 of the consent calendar with MYR having their Open Market on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by Councilor Amador, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; approved (3 ayes, abstain: Valdez, absent: Castro).

At 6:29 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Valdez returned to the dais.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Works Gonzalez reported that the Street Light Retrofit has begun and that the reconstruction of a portion Quince Street has been completed.

Discussion was held on the possibility of reconstructing an additional section of Quince Street; the City being able to reconstruct a portion of Quince Street with the funds that were not used for the reconstruction of 6th Street; Council deciding which streets to repair at the upcoming budget hearing; Mendota Unified School District reimbursing the City for the costs associated with the reconstruction of a portion of Perez Street; the construction of a single-family home on Riofrio Street; the timeline of the Street Light Retrofit; and the amount of light fixtures that will be replaced.

2. Code Enforcement
 - a) Monthly Report

Planning & Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including that the Code Enforcement officers followed up on zoning violations and dilapidating properties.

Discussion was held on individuals scavenging through garbage bins; cases that are included in the monthly report; the definition of illegal dumping; and the possibility of having staff address poor living conditions throughout the City.

Michael Rodriguez (101 Sorenson Street) – reported that he stores trailers on a property on Tule Street and has done so for over 30 years; explained that he received a letter from the Code Enforcement Department stating that the trailers on the property were abandoned and needed to be removed; inquired as to why the trailers had to be

removed; and inquired as to what options are available in order to continue storing the trailers on the property.

Discussion was held on trailer parking regulations that are contained in the Mendota Municipal Code (MMC); Mr. Rodriguez's trailers are not allowed to be parked on the property due to violating the zoning code; the possibility of rezoning the property to commercial so that the trailers are able to be parked there legally; other options that might be available in order to store the trailers on the property so that they comply with the MMC; MMC regulations being equally enforced throughout the City; and staff meeting with Mr. Rodriguez in order to discuss possible solutions.

3. Police Department
a) Monthly Report

Chief of Police Andreotti summarized the report including an increase in auto-thefts and arrests of auto-theft suspects; acquiring additional vehicles through San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District funding; the release of Homeland Security funds; upgrading and adding surveillance systems to various areas in the City; homeless camps that are near Mendota; and officers making contact with homeless individuals in the City.

Discussion was held on cases that are included in the monthly report; bungalows on Oller Street that are being remodeled; staff verifying that the time allotted to rehabilitate the bungalows on Oller Street has not expired; the increase of methamphetamine use within the City; encouraging individuals to report criminal activity; the City's curfew for minors; and staff verifying that the City is complying with water conservation regulations.

4. City Attorney
a) Update

Nothing to report.

5. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported on the Joint Powers Authority in regards to Proposition 1 water storage funding; the possibility of having the cities of Mendota and Orange Cove serve as Board Members; the issue being discussed at a future Council of Governments meeting; the primary provision of the JPA; the various components of Proposition 1; the next regular scheduled meeting of the City Council being on January 12, 2016; and the holiday office hours for City Hall.

Discussion was held on the City applying for Proposition 1 funding as the guidelines become available.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)
Council reports

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez reported on the annual Christmas Parade which will be held on December 19th.

Councilor Amador inquired as to scheduling a Goal Setting City Council meeting in the near future.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva inquired on scheduling a joint meeting with the Mendota Unified School District Board in the near future.

CLOSED SESSION

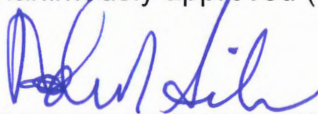
1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Title: City Attorney
Government Code § 54957 (b) (1)

At 7:52 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:11 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Manager reported that in regards to item 1 of the closed session, the Council has decided to interview four candidates at a Special City Council meeting which will be held on Monday, December 14th.

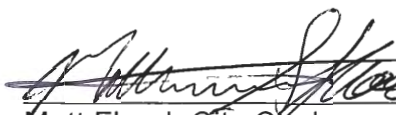
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:12 p.m. by Councilor Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Castro).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk

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