

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**March 24, 2015**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 6:05 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

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

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Flag salute led by Councilor Amador.**

**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).

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Corporals Chris Tsaris and Joel Warkentin to be commended for heroic action in the line of duty.

Chief of Police Andreotti described the heroic action of Corporals Tsaris and Warkentin in which they helped save the life of a juvenile who was severely injured in a stabbing; commended the Corporals for their heroic actions; and provided an update on the case.

Corporals Tsaris and Warkentin described their first-hand experience of the incident in which they helped save the life of a juvenile that was injured in a stabbing.

Council thanked the Corporals for their heroic actions and for continuing to serve the community of Mendota.

At 6:20 p.m. Mayor Silva announced there would be a 10 minute recess.

At 6:26 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

2. Battalion Chief Vince Bergland of CALFIRE to present the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and 2014 year-end report.

Battalion Chief Vince Bergland of CALfire summarized the statistics for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and 2014 year-end report including the decrease of false alarms; an explanation of what false alarms consist of; an update on seasonal hiring; and various personnel changes within Station 96.

Discussion was held on growing weeds on properties creating a fire hazard; CALfire firefighter Emilio Valencia being recognized by Red Cross; commending Emilio Valencia at a future meeting; a roadside sign on Highway 180 regarding smoke detectors; and the importance of carbon monoxide monitors.

### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

None offered.

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

1. Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council meetings of March 10, 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; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. MARCH 10, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2015  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 39139 THRU 39203  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$334, 769.03
2. Council adopt Resolution No. 15-17, authorizing execution of a professional services agreement for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement project.
3. Council adopt Resolution No. 15-26, approving the notice of completion and acceptance of the CDBG access ramp and City Hall Improvement project.

4. Council approve the cancellation of the April 14, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting and hold a Special City Council meeting on April 21, 2015.

A request to pull item 2 for discussion was made.

A motion was made to approve items 1, 3, and 4 of the consent calendar by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-17**, authorizing execution of a professional services agreement for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street improvement project.

Discussion was held on the Mendota Unified School District's involvement with the project and a discussion that City Manager DiMaggio had with Superintendent Dr. Lopez.

A motion was made to approve item 2 of the consent calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

## **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration to adopt **Resolution No. 15-27**, amending the FY 2014-2015 budget and approving a contract with Provost & Pritchard for a revised report on Waste Discharge.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Public Utilities Director Lewis summarized his report including the 2012 Report of Waste Discharge being deemed incomplete by the state; the state asking for additional information to complete the report; and costs associated with adding additional information to the 2012 Report of Waste Discharge.

Discussion was held on the costs associated with adding additional information to the report; the information that needs to be added to the report; the possibility of meeting with the state and discussing the issues; and following up with the state after the information is added to the report.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 15-27 by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration to adopt **Resolution No. 15-28**, declaring its intention to propose an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding off-site signage and advertising.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Planning & Economic Development Manager Flood summarized his report including the process to amend the zoning ordinance; the process in which Code Enforcement will enforce the proposed off-site signage ordinance; and clarification that the off-site signage ordinance will include all businesses.

Discussion was held on the off-site signage ordinance including all businesses.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 15-28 by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

3. Council discussion and consideration to adopt Resolution No. 15-29, purchasing a new 2013 Ford Police Interceptor vehicle.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Chief of Police Andreotti summarized his report including the background of the vehicle search and transferring reusable equipment from a soon-to-be retired vehicle into the new vehicle.

Discussion was held on the financing of the vehicle and transferring reusable parts from a soon-to-be retired vehicle to the new vehicle.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 15-29 by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Council hold a public hearing and perform the second reading of **Ordinance No. 15-02**, adding an alternate member to serve on the Mendota Planning Commission.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Planning & Economic Development Manager Flood summarized his report.

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Silva opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present willing to comment, closed it in that same minute.

Discussion was held on other communities that have alternate Planning Commissioners and the positivity that the position will bring to the commission.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 15-02 by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Castro; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Public Works
  - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Works Gonzalez summarized his report including personnel changes; shade structures being installed at Rojas-Pierce Park; and needing more trees to plant for the Earth Day festivities.

Discussion was held on how the locations which the AOWP crew cleans are determined; parking issues on Gaxiola Street; issues regarding the street sweeper; and oil spill that was caused by a FedEx truck near the high school.

2. Public Utilities
  - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Utilities Lewis summarized his report including receiving the filter media; replacing a damaged pilot valve; and gathering the additional information that the State of California requested.

Discussion was held on people tapping water from fire hydrants and the process to purchase a meter to do so.

2. City Attorney
  - a) Update

Nothing to report.

3. City Manager
  - a) Report

City Manager DiMaggio reported on meeting between Ian Connors and City Officials at FCI-Mendota; the possibility of having a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and FCI-Mendota in which prisoners are able to come to the City and clean; the good cooperation between the City and the new warden; FCI- Mendota hiring more Mendota residents to work there; an executive order that Governor Brown issued regarding water conservation measures; the possibility of activating stage 3 water conservation measures; the possibility of the State of California mandating a state-wide plastic bag ban(8:02 Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers); and an upcoming H&S meeting.

Discussion was held on current water regulations; incidences of panhandling (8:05 Councilor Riofrio returned to the Council Chambers); and water regulations.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Council Member(s)  
Council reports

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez reported on the Neighborhood Coalition meeting that is held in different community's each month; the upcoming opening day of Mendota Youth Recreation's baseball league; and issues regarding overflowing and open dumpsters.

Councilor Amador reported on having religious organizations attend and begin each City Council meeting with a prayer.

Discussion was held on having religious organizations begin each future City Council meeting with an invocation

Councilor Castro thanked Chief of Police Andreotti and the police officers for their hard work and dedication.

Councilor Riofrio recommended that Councilmembers go on ride-alongs with the Mendota Police Department.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on the impact of water conditions throughout Fresno County; a luncheon that was held in which Brian Pacheco attended; an event he attended in Cantua Creek with Brian Pacheco; Dr. Manuel G. Gonzales' book on Mendota; and the possibility of creating a cross walk at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> and Oller.

Discussion was held on the upcoming book signing event that Dr. Manuel G. Gonzales will be having at the Mendota Library on April 25<sup>th</sup> and honoring Dr. Gonzales for his hardwork with a proclamation at a future meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

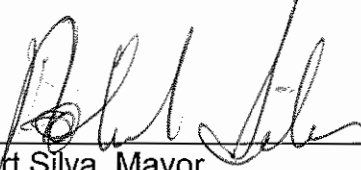
1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION  
CA Government Code Sec. 54956.9 - 1 case  
Rodriguez v. City of Mendota, Fresno County Superior Court (Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus)
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
CA Government Code § 54957(b)  
Title: City Attorney

At 8:24 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

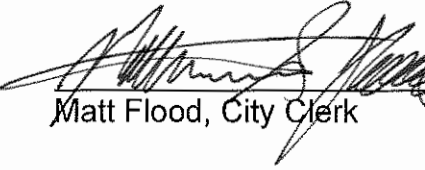
At 9:41 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Boranian reported that in regards to items 1 and 2 of the closed session, there was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 9:42 p.m. by Councilor Riofrio, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

  
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Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Flood, City Clerk

