

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JOINT-MEETING OF THE
MENDOTA CITY COUNCIL AND
THE MENDOTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

5:00p.m.

Joint Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 5:05 p.m.

Mendota Unified School District (MUSD) Board of Trustees conducted roll call and established a quorum.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilor Joseph Riofrio.

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Robert Silva

A moment of silence was held in honor of Vaness French 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 Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

Mendota Unified School District adopted their agenda.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion Forum

a. Traffic Analysis

McCabe Elementary on McCabe Avenue
Mendota Elementary on Perez Avenue

Discussion was held on the increase of traffic congestion at the aforementioned areas; the possibility of installing a traffic signal on Perez Street; MUSD and the City sharing the costs for a traffic study for the intersection; moving forward with developing a traffic signal at the intersection if traffic warrants are met; various short term solutions that are available to control traffic at the intersection; issues with the initial traffic study that was done near Mendota Elementary School not being accurate; the lack of road access onto Bass Avenue significantly influencing the traffic problem; and the costs associated with having a traffic study done at the intersection.

b. City General Plan – Growth & Development

Discussion was held on the City's General plan; the various elements included within the General Plan; the amount of homes that are being constructed at the new housing subdivision; the City's growth being dependent on the development of housing; contractors that are interested in developing additional housing in the City; the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element (MJHE) update that the City is participating in; and various provisions that are included in the proposed MJHE update.

c. Sorensen Avenue Parkway Islands – Westside of McCabe Elementary

Discussion was held on who owns the Sorenson Avenue parkway islands; the possibility of sharing the costs to beautify the parkway islands; the reconstruction of Sorenson Avenue creating the parkway islands; the possibility of having companies and organizations provide trees to plant at the area; ensuring that any beautification solution is drought friendly; safety issues that arise when mud is created; possible short-term solutions; and having MUSD staff and City staff meet to discuss permanent solutions for the parkway islands.

d. Smoot Avenue Property

Community Center
Other Facilities

Discussion was held on the ownership of the Community Center; the property belonging to MUSD; a lease that was in place between the City and the previous owners of the property; the City wanting to improve the Community Center and Senior Center once ownership is resolved; the possibility of the City creating additional parking near the Benny Mares Sr. Baseball Field on

Smoot Street; the possibility of MUSD transferring the Community Center property over to the City; and improving all buildings located on the property.

e. Proposed Roundabout at the Intersection of Oller and Derrick Avenues

Discussion was held on the City taking an official position on which traffic control measure to develop at the intersection; the traffic study that has been done at the intersection; the animation that was created to show how both a roundabout and a traffic signal would mitigate traffic at the intersection; the amount of funding that is available for intersection improvements; the City needing to acquire land from various property owners, including MUSD, to develop the traffic control measure; the City Council favoring a traffic signal; Caltran's position on the issue; and ways that the MUSD Board of Trustees can assist the City in its efforts to develop a traffic control measure.

f. City Use of School Facilities

Discussion was held on the various recreational programs that the City wants to establish; the City requesting to utilize school facilities for purposes related to the recreational programs; ensuring that scheduling conflicts do not exist between the City and other organizations in regards to the use of the facilities; and the possibility of having the developer of the Buena Vista subdivision expand Rojas-Pierce Park.

Discussion was held on the City and MUSD entering into an agreement to utilize each other's equipment when necessary.

g. Concerns Related to Bed Bug Outbreak

Discussion was on the proliferation of bedbugs in the community and their spread by children; the bedbug problem did not originate with the school; the action that the school immediately took upon discovering them in the school; and having the City spread the word about how to eradicate them.

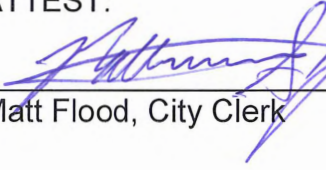
Mayor Silva thanked the MUSD Board of Trustees and staff, and the public for their cooperation and participation.

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 6:34 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion was given by Councilor Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez to adjourn the meeting, and was carried by a unanimous vote (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).


Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk

