



MINUTES OF MENDOTA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting

Wednesday January 30, 2013

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

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Councilors S. Leo Capuchino and Joseph Riofrio.

Flag Salute Led by Mayor Silva

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

Adjustments to the Agenda.

Adoption of the final Agenda.

With no adjustments recommended, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Valdez; approved (3 ayes; absent: Capuchino and Riofrio).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration to approve the service agreement for remote video processing with the Fresno County Superior Court, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all associated agreements, documents, and work in implementing the terms of the agreement. [City Manager, Atkins]

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager Bryce Atkins stated that the City received the contract from Fresno County to provide remote court services for certain violations; gave a brief summary of the process used; what the City would have to provide out of its own resources; and the estimated cost to the City and a breakdown of each cost.

Discussion was held on ways to mitigate the associated costs; the personnel that will be

provided, especially by the Court; the nature of the pilot program; the choice that residents will have to come to Mendota or go to Fresno to contest a traffic infraction; the advantages associated with having a court locally, including the time and cost savings; and the ownership of equipment bought by the City.

A motion for approval was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador, seconded by Councilor Valdez; approved (3 ayes; absent: Capuchino and Riofrio).

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Mayor
 - a. Creation of a baseball park standing sub-committee.

Mayor Silva stated that in the past there was a committee composed of representatives from the City and School District; that it is important to protect the asset that is the renovated park; and would like staff to bring back to Council a similar proposal for a committee to do that.

Discussion was held on the use of the field by different organizations over the last few years and conflicts that had arisen between them; the need to have all parties on the same page; and past practices used to track who is using the field and their respective challenges.

2. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Amador stated that he would not be present for the regular Public Safety Sub-committee meeting the following Monday. Council consented to cancel the meeting and carry any items to the next one in March.

Councilor Valdez stressed the importance of staff communicating appropriately with members of the public that are given notices of correction regarding municipal code and other violations. City Manager Atkins stated that many people think that the letter they receive is a citation, when it is just a request to correct the problem with a reminder that they can be cited for it if not corrected.

Discussion was also held on the possibility of having town hall meetings where residents can learn about how their local government works; and of people scavenging in recycling bins.

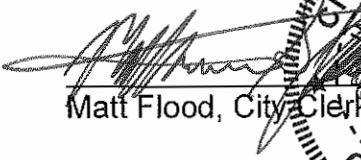
ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 16:31 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (3 ayes; absent: Capuchino and Riofrio).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

