

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**                      **Tuesday October 28, 2014**

**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, Councilors S. Leo Capuchino, Joseph Riofrio, and Sergio Valdez.**

**Council Members Absent:**            **None.**

**Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Amador**

**FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

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

**CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

Joe Gomez (2033 7th Street) - Previously asked City Clerk to schedule a meeting with the City Manager; explained the reason that he would like to have an item on the agenda.

City Attorney Boranian explained the process for communicating issues to the Council and instructed Mr. Gomez to turn in a written statement to the City Manager.

**SWEARING IN**

1.     Police Chief Galvin to swear in Officer Christopher Galpin.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Chief Galvin provided biographical information on Officer Galpin, introduced the family and friends present, and swore Officer Galpin in.

Officer Galpin provided background information, including his reason for choosing a law enforcement career and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

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

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 14, 2014.
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 Capuchino; unanimously approved.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered separately.

1. OCTOBER 14, 2014 THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 2014  
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 38505 THRU 38574  
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$346,053.73
2. Council perform the first reading of **Ordinance No. 14-06**: amending the Mendota Municipal Code by modifying the City of Mendota Local Vendor Preference, and set the public hearing for November 11, 2014.
3. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-40**, accepting and filing the Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.
4. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-41**, authorizing the establishment of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for Federal Fiscal Year 2014/2015.
5. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-42**, opposing Proposition 47 on the ballot of the November 4, 2014 election.
6. Council adopt **Resolution No. 14-43**, approving the ninth amendment to the Fresno Council of Government's Joint Powers Agreement.
7. Council approve modified City Hall operation hours during the Christmas Holiday.

Requests were made to pull items 2 and 7 for separate consideration.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador to approve items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council perform the first reading of **Ordinance No. 14-06**: amending the Mendota Municipal Code by modifying the City of Mendota Local Vendor Preference, and set the public hearing for November 11, 2014.

Mayor Silva reported that this is a good opportunity to help local businesses.

City Manager DiMaggio reported on the purpose of the local vendor incentive currently in the code; the lack of effectiveness due to the low difference of 1%; and the opportunity to give local merchants a better chance to be awarded a bid.

Discussion was held on the reason \$10,000 was chosen as a limit to extend the local business incentive; the importance of being specific within the request for bids on the materials that will be used for a project.

A motion was made by Mayor Silva to approve the item, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

7. Council approve modified City Hall operation hours during the Christmas Holiday.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Councilor Capuchino talked about the requested dates and clarified which day would be off.

Discussion was held on the exact schedule workers would have; the problems that could arise by closing City Hall for that day; and accommodating part-time workers so that they can work as many hours as possible on that week.

A motion was made by Councilor Capuchino to approve the item, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; approved (4 ayes; No: Valdez).

## **PRESENTATION**

1. Police Chief Galvin to provide a video presentation on community oriented policing.

Chief Galvin introduced the subject and provided a video presentation on Community Policing principles.

Discussion was held on the history and principles of community oriented policing; the steps that can be taken to implement these principles in the community; the need for officers to engage the public at events; the importance of maintaining communication with different members of the community; how the City had been notified that the DMV in the City of Mendota will not be able to process application for a driver license from undocumented individuals; a recent incident in which music was played loudly until 2 a.m.; various other incidents that have been taking place recently; the personnel issues resulting from turnover in the police department; social service needs within the community that need to be met; and the lack of recreation opportunities in Mendota.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Public Works
  - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Works Gonzalez summarized his report including the slurry work that was started on 7th Street; the street sweeper that will be delivered soon; the shade structures that will be going up in Rojas-Pierce Park soon; and the recent purchase of fuel.

Discussion was held on information received on the COG about CNG; the installation of some irrigation at Rojas-Pierce Park; the recent repair of the animal control vehicle; and a recent demolition that took place that did not get the proper permits.

2. Public Utilities
  - a) Monthly Report

Director of Public Utilities Lewis summarized his report including replacements, maintenance, and repairs of fire hydrants; the work being taken care of on 7th Street; introduced Geronimo Angel, a new employee in the department; and announced that he passed his D1 test.

Discussion was held on the securing of manholes.

3. City Attorney
  - a) Update

Nothing to report.

4. City Manager

Nothing to report.

## **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

Public Comment- Vanessa Ortiz (no address given) - stated that the person that received the position for administrative assistant position at City Hall is not qualified as she did not score well on a test that was given; and that she turned in an application for the Police Department Administrative Assistant position and it never made it to the Police Department.

City Manager DiMaggio explained the purpose of the test and the confidential nature of personnel issues. City Attorney Boranian recommended that Ms. Ortiz put her concerns in writing.

Discussion was held on the role of the written skills test in the hiring process and having a closed session item at the next Council Meeting to discuss the issue related to hiring.

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

1. Council Member(s)
  - a) Mayor Pro Tem Amador – Update on outreach efforts for SB60

Mayor Pro Tem Amador re-emphasized the feedback he has received from the community regarding SB60 and discussion was held on lobbying leaders in Sacramento to bring the service to the Mendota DMV.

Councilor Riofrio gave an update on Aztec Football.

Councilor Valdez provided a summary of the Red Ribbon activity that took place the previous weekend.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on a conversation he had with a representative of Covanta recently and a recent groundbreaking ceremony for a First Solar solar farm west of the City.

## **CLOSED SESSION**


1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
CA Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2): 1 case

At 7:55 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

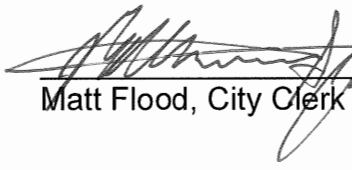
At 8:44pm the Council reconvened into open session with Councilor Riofrio absent. City Attorney Boranian stated that in regards to item number 1, there is nothing to report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:44 p.m. by Councilor Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Riofrio).

  
Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Matt Flood, City Clerk

