

MINUTES OF MENDOTA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting

April 4, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 4:34 p.m.

Roll Call

City Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Libertad “Liberty” Lopez, and Council Members Jose Alonso and Oscar Rosales

City Council Members Absent: Council Member Joseph Riofrio

Flag salute led by Council Member Rosales

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of potential road repair projects.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and commented on Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending that the City has received for road repair projects.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mayor Martinez.

City Engineer Osborn provided the report.

Mayor Martinez left the Council Chambers at 4:41 p.m. and returned at 4:42 p.m.

Discussion was held on the report provided by City Engineer Osborn; on the different types of funding available to the City for road repair projects; street designations affecting the types of funding that can be used for road repairs; the timeline of upcoming projects in the City; the need to focus on road repair projects on the Eastern side of Mendota; the possibility of receiving additional funding from the Fresno Council of Governments; how areas in the City that have higher populations can affect the timelines of road repair projects; and on potential road repair projects that can be funded with the Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending that was championed by Congressman John Duarte.

Sergio Valdez asked the City Council to consider repairing 4th Street (from Oller Street to Riofrio Street) due to its poor condition.

Discussion was held on the inquiry made by Mr. Valdez; the benefits of performing road maintenance to streets that are in better condition to increase their longevity; and the City Council's desire to allocate the Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending solely to road reconstruction projects.

Mayor Martinez opened the public comment period.

Raymond Aquino commented on the proposed road repairs on Lolita Street, including how large delivery trucks might affect the project.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Aquino; the issue of large delivery trucks driving through City Streets in which truck routes are not permitted, including the enforcement of truck routes; the status of the streetlight data collection and mapping project; and the City possibly needing to replace water and sewer infrastructure as part of the road reconstruction projects.

Mayor Martinez closed the public comment period.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez left the Council Chambers at 5:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Rosales for the following actions:

1. Direct staff to add the following road reconstruction projects to the City's list of upcoming road reconstruction projects:
 - a. I Street (from Kate Street to Divisadero Street)
 - b. Kate Street (North of I Street to the North end of Kate Street)
 - c. Riofrio Street (4th Street to 5th Street and 6th Street to 7th Street)

- d. 4th Street (from Oller Street to Riofrio Street)
- 2. Direct the City Engineer to analyze and determine the preliminary costs associated with the reconstruction of the aforementioned roads and the infrastructure improvements associated with each road reconstruction project, and, once finalized, provide the information to the City Council at a future meeting for further discussion and consideration.
- 3. Direct the City Engineer to update the City's list of upcoming road reconstruction projects, and specifically distinguish which road reconstruction projects will be funded through Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending.

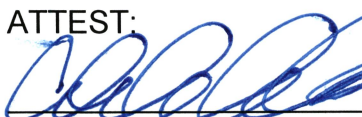
The motion was seconded by Council Member Alonso; approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Riofrio).

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 5:48 p.m. by Council Member Rosales, seconded by Council Member Alonso unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Riofrio).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

