

## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Regular Meeting

June 25, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 6:02 PM

### Roll Call

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Victor Martinez and Council Members Jose Alonso and Joseph Riofrio

**Council Members Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Libertad “Liberty” Lopez and Council Member Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Council Member Riofrio

Invocation led by Mr. Justin Silva

### FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Rosales).

### CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Sergio Valdez with Mendota Youth Recreation (“MYR”) requested that the City Council consider supporting and sponsoring the Ray Camacho Tribute event that is being hosted by MYR.

Discussion was held on the request made by Mr. Valdez and placing the request on a future City Council meeting agenda for further discussion and consideration.

Kyle Savage with Congressman John Duarte’s Office reported on the passage of HR 8580

– Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025.

Discussion was held on the information shared by Mr. Savage.

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 28, 2024, and the special City Council meeting of June 19, 2024.
2. Notice of waiving of the reading of all resolutions and/or ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

Council Member Alonso requested that a moment of silence held in honor of Jairo Romero at the regular City Council meeting of May 28, 2024, be translated into Spanish.

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso to approve items 1 and 2, with the modification requested by Council Member Alonso, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Rosales).

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. JUNE 11, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2024
  - a. WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 54938 THROUGH 54977
  - b. TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$493,663.47
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-31**, accepting the Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District 2019-01 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and scheduling a public hearing for consideration of same, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code section 22565 et seq.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-32**, approving the 2024 Fireworks Stand Permits.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-33**, approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget for the City of Mendota.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to approve items 1 through 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Rosales).

### **BUSINESS**

1. Council discussion and consideration of naming the new baseball field at Rojas-Pierce Park.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez provided the report including a request that was received at a previous City Council meeting to name the new baseball field at Rojas-Pierce Park in honor of the late Mendota resident Alfredo Muratalla.

*Mayor Martinez reopened Citizens Oral and Written Presentations due to an oversight of a request of an additional individual wishing to make a comment.*

### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

Joanna Garcia Rose introduced herself and stated that she is a candidate for California Assembly District 27.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Ms. Garcia Rose.

### **BUSINESS (Continued)**

1. Council discussion and consideration of naming the new baseball field at Rojas-Pierce Park.

Discussion was held on the request made to name the new baseball field at Rojas-Pierce Park in honor of the late Alfredo Muratalla.

Joe Ochoa spoke in favor of naming the new baseball field in honor of Mr. Muratalla.

Justin Silva spoke in favor of naming the new baseball field in honor of Mr. Muratalla.

Discussion was held on the possibility of Congressman Duarte's office recognizing the life and legacy of Mr. Muratalla.

Maria Mercado spoke in favor of naming the new baseball field in honor of Mr. Muratalla.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso to name the new baseball field at Rojas-Pierce Park in honor of late Mendota resident Alfredo Muratalla, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Rosales).

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### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

Dino Perez with Westside Youth Inc. ("WSY") reported that the organization is holding youth classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-6pm.

Discussion was held on the events and programs that ("WSY") provides and the upcoming

2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular.

2. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 24-34**, accepting the City of Mendota Audit Committee Letter, Single Audit Report, and Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and Finance Director Valdez provided the report.

Oswaldo Gutierrez with Price Paige and Company presented the Mendota Audit Committee Letter, Single Audit Report, and Financial Statements for Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2022-2023.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Mr. Gutierrez.

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso to adopt Resolution No. 24-34, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Rosales).

3. Council discussion and consideration of the introduction and waiver of the first reading of **Ordinance No. 24-03**, amending Chapter 2.04 of Title 2 of the Mendota Municipal Code relating to the time of regular City Council meetings.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item, including modifying the schedule of regular City Council meetings to occur the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.

A motion was made Council Member Riofrio to modify Ordinance No. 24-03 to include “first and third Tuesdays,” introduce and waive the first reading of said ordinance and schedule the second reading and public hearing for said ordinance for the July 9, 2024 regular City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Rosales).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. City Engineer
  - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn reported on the status of the Derrick Avenue and Oller Street Roundabout Project; the Rojas-Pierce Park soccer field restrooms and concession stand project; and of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Quince Street Reconstruction project.

Discussion was held on the report provided by City Engineer Osborn and the installation of additional streetlights in the City.

2. Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Police Department
  - a) May Monthly Logs

Chief of Police Smith thanked the City Council for the adoption of the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Discussion was held on the Police Department implementing body worn cameras in the upcoming fiscal year.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Code Enforcement Department, including the status of the annual weed abatement process.

Discussion was held on the information provided by Chief Smith regarding the Code Enforcement Department.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Animal Control Department, including the current capacity of the dog pound.

Discussion was held on the status of the new Animal Control facility that is currently under construction.

Chief Smith provided the report for the Police Department, including different types of calls for service that the department receives; department staff attending the 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular and the upcoming drag races; the Mendota Police Officer's Association hosting a fireworks stand to fundraise for the organization; and requested that the City Council consider providing the department a vehicle to use at the demolition derby in Firebaugh.

Discussion was held on enforcing public intoxication regulations.

### 3. City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney Castro provided an update on the annual weed abatement process.

### 4. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez thanked the staff for their work and reported on the upcoming Sacramento Advocacy Trip.

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

### 1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Alonso reported on the upcoming Sacramento Advocacy Trip and reported on the upcoming 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular.

Council Member Riofrio thanked those in attendance, the Muratalla Family, Mr. Silva, Mr. Ochoa and Mrs. Flores; reported on the purpose and goals of the Mendota Community

Corporation; commented on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget; and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Silva for their son being named Mendota High School's Athlete of the Year.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez thanked the community and Mr. Riofrio for coordinating with Mr. Gary Ross for a charitable contribution for the Mendota Community Corporation and commented on the status of various projects.

**CLOSED SESSION**


1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code sections 54954.5, subdivision (f), 54957.6
  - a. Agency Designated Representative: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
  - b. Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
  
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8  
Property: APN 013-222-02  
Agency Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: Jorge Rebollo and Saturnino Rebollo  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
  
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8  
Property: APNs 012-160-25S, 012-190-56, 012-190-25ST, 012-190-09T, and 012-190-26ST  
Agency Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: Westlands Water District  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

At 6:58 p.m. the City Council moved into closed session.

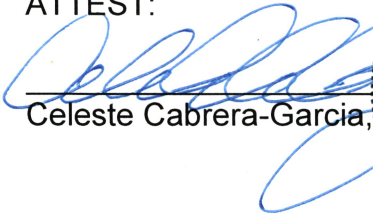
At 7:17 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to items 1 through 3 there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:17 p.m. by Council Member Alonso, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Lopez and Rosales).

  
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Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

