



MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 6:01 PM

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Victor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Libertad “Liberty” Lopez and Council Members Jose Alonso and Joseph Riofrio

Council Members Absent: Council Member Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez

Invocation led by Police Chaplain Ophelia Lugo

A moment of silence was held for the wife of Robert Salinas and for a community member who had recently passed away.

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 (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

PRESENTATIONS

1. Officer Lopez and K-9 Yanosch to provide a demonstration.

Chief Smith requested that Presentation item 1 occur after Presentation item 2.

2. Chief of Police Smith to introduce Officer Christopher Reynoso and Sergeant Eric Antuna.

Chief Smith introduced Officer Christopher Reynoso and shared information about his background.

Officer Reynoso thanked the City Council, Chief Smith, the Mendota Police Department (“MPD”), and his family for the opportunity to serve Mendota.

The City Council congratulated Officer Reynoso, wished him well, and welcomed him to the community.

Chief Smith introduced Sergeant Eric Antuna and shared information about his background.

Sergeant Antuna shared additional background information, and thanked his family, the City Council, City Manager Gonzalez, and Chief Smith for their support.

The City Council congratulated Sergeant Antuna, wished him well, and welcomed him to the community.

1. Officer Lopez and K-9 Yanosch to provide a demonstration.

Officer Lopez and K-9 Yanosch provided a narcotics search demonstration.

Officer Lopez shared her background and thanked the City Council, City Manager Gonzalez, and Chief Smith for the opportunity to serve as the MPD K-9 handler.

A question-and-answer session was held regarding K-9 Yanosch.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Kevin Romero provided an update on youth sports.

Karina Beltran and Ofelia Ochoa stated that they are requesting that the City Council consider leasing City-owned property to La Granja de Favian (“La Granja”) and provided information about the organization.

Discussion was held on La Granja providing a letter to the City that specifically outlines all of the services that the organization wishes to provide; whether the drag races that occur at the William Robert Johnston Airport will frighten the animals; and La Granja’s operational plan.

Oneida Escobar with the Office of Assemblywoman Esmeralda Soria provided information on the Summer Community Resource Fair.

Discussion was held on the information shared by Ms. Escobar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 25, 2024
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 Council Member Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. JUNE 24, 2024 THROUGH JULY 1, 2024
 - a. WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 54978 THROUGH 55056
 - b. TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$320,057.90
2. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-35**, approving a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mendota and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2703 Mendota Chapter.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-36**, establishing the annual Proposition 4 appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
4. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-37**, claiming Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
5. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-38**, concerning Local Transportation Purpose Funds (Measure "C" Extension Funds).

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso to approve items 1 through 5 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council discussion and consideration of proposed waiver of the second reading and adoption 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.

At 6:50 p.m. Mayor Martinez opened the hearing to the public.

Ofelia Ochoa inquired as to whether the City Council is considering live streaming City

Council meetings on YouTube.

Discussion was held on the inquiry made by Ms. Ochoa.

Maria Escobar inquired as to whether the City Council can request that a traffic study be conducted for the potential installation of a traffic light at the intersection of State Highways 180 and 33.

Discussion was held on the inquiry made by Ms. Escobar.

At 6:57 p.m. seeing no one else willing to comment, Mayor Martinez closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made by Mayor Martinez to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-03, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. Council discussion and consideration of the introduction and waiver of the first reading of **Ordinance No. 24-04**, amending the official City of Mendota Zoning Map in the matter of Rezone No. 24-01.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Martinez opened the hearing to the public.

John Garcia inquired as to how the proposed rezone would affect his neighboring property.

Discussion was held on the inquiry made by Mr. Garcia.

At 7:01 p.m. seeing no one else willing to comment, Mayor Martinez closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-04, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

3. Council discussion and consideration of the introduction and waiver of the first reading of **Ordinance No. 24-05**, amending the official City of Mendota Zoning Map in the matter of Rezone No. 24-02.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor Martinez opened the hearing to the public and seeing no one willing to comment closed it within the same minute.

A motion was made by Council Member Riofrio to introduce and waive the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-05, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

4. Council discussion and consideration of the introduction and waiver of the first reading of **Ordinance No. 24-06**, amending Mendota Municipal Code Section 17.024.080 in the matter of Application No. 24-30.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal provided the report.

Discussion was held on the item.

At 7:08 p.m. Mayor Martinez opened the hearing to the public.

Carl Castro inquired as to whether there are existing state and/or federal laws that provide restrictions on the installation of mobile homes and shared his concerns on the proposed ordinance and on an individual who is attempting to install a mobile home in his neighborhood.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Castro.

Benjamin Escobar commented in favor of the item; on his willingness to go through the building permit process for the installation of a mobile home that would be permitted by the adoption of the ordinance; and on his willingness to work with Mr. Castro regarding his concerns.

Marvin Barrera stated that he was left without a place to live due to the inability for a mobile home to be installed since it does not comply with the Mendota Municipal Code; commented in favor of the item; and shared his willingness to renovate a mobile home that would be permitted by the adoption of the ordinance.

Discussion was held on the information shared by Mr. Escobar and Mr. Barrera.

Sergio Valdez inquired as to whether there is an existing federal law that provides restrictions on the installation of mobile homes.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Mr. Valdez and on the item.

At 7:28 p.m. Mayor Martinez closed the hearing to the public.

Discussion was held on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso to continue the public hearing to the July

23, 2024, regular City Council meeting and for staff to obtain additional documentation from Mr. Escobar regarding his mobile home, seconded by Council Member Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

At 7:29 P.M. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez left the City Council Chambers and returned at 7:30 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Castro commented on the item.

Discussion was held on the item.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. City Engineer
 - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn presented his report.

Discussion was held on the status of the Derrick and Oller Roundabout Project; the status of various local road reconstruction projects; the status of the Community Center Project; the status of the 5th and Quince Street Reconstruction Project; the Streetlight Expansion Project and the Mendota Stormwater Improvement Project.

2. City Attorney

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

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez commended City staff for their work with the 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular; thanked the Council for their support of the 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular; commented on the State Advocacy Trip, including advocating for more housing in the City; the Community Center Project, including the statements of qualifications that were received; and the Police Station and Council Chambers Project.

Discussion was held on the information provided by City Manager Gonzalez and on 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Alonso commented on the 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular and commented on the State Advocacy Trip.

Council Member Lopez commented on the upcoming youth mental health workshop that

will be held at Westside Youth, Inc. on July 23rd from 3pm-5pm and the 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular.

Discussion was held on the impact that the closure of Turning Point has had on the community and whether additional mental health resources will be available in Mendota.

Council Member Riofrio commented on the local agricultural work season, including the possibility of public drinking increasing during the agricultural work season, and the 2024 Mendota Fireworks Spectacular.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Council Member Riofrio.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez thanked everyone in attendance; all community members for their support; the Council and City staff for their work; commented on upcoming City projects, including street reconstruction projects, the Streetlight Expansion Project and the Community Center Project.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
Property: APN 013-061-18T
Agency Negotiator: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager
Negotiating Party: Ramon Gonzalez
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

At 7:58 p.m. the City Council moved into closed session.

At 8:16 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to items 1 through 2 there were no reportable actions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:16 p.m. by Council Member Alonso, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

