

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting

August 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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

City Council Members Absent: Council Members Joseph Riofrio and Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by Mayor Martinez

Invocation led by Pastor Mario Plascencia

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

City Manager Gonzalez requested to add a City Manager’s Update section after Business Item 1 and before Closed Session Item 1.

A motion was made by Council Member Lopez to adopt the modified agenda as requested by staff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Karina Beltran inquired into whether the City Council received the letter that was requested at a previous City Council meeting and whether the City Council has considered leasing City-owned property to La Granja de Favian (“La Granja”).

Discussion was held on the comments made by Ms. Beltran; the City Council needing time to read the letter that was provided; and Ms. Beltran's desire to bring La Granja to the City.

Ofelia Ochoa commented in support of La Granja; inquired into whether the City has any grants that can be allocated to community members; and commented on the possibility of translation services being offered even if they are not requested twenty-four hours in advance.

Discussion was held on the comments made by Ms. Ochoa; the City of Mendota not having any grants that will be allocated to community members; the Mendota Community Corporation providing donations to community members who request donations; on the drag racing events at the William Robert Johnston Municipal Airport affecting the animals that will be at La Granja; and the City Council deciding whether to prioritize La Granja or the drag racing events.

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration of **Resolution No. 24-43**, approving the quote submitted by Axon Enterprise, Inc. and authorizing the purchase of body-worn cameras for the Mendota Police Department.

Mayor Martinez introduced the item and Chief of Police Smith provided the report.

Discussion was held on the report provided by Chief Smith; the benefits of implementing body-worn cameras and when police officers will be required to have the body-worn cameras turned on and recording.

A video providing information on the Axon Enterprise, Inc. body-worn cameras was shown.

Discussion was held on the Mendota Police Department ("MPD") testing body-worn cameras from three different companies; whether all police officers will have a body-worn camera; and the cost associated with purchasing the body-worn cameras, including maintenance cost.

Mayor Martinez opened the public comment period and seeing no one willing to comment closed it within the same minute.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez to adopt Resolution No. 24-43, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).

Discussion was held on the benefits of implementing body-worn cameras.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. City Manager
 - a) Update

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on a request he received from Chantelise Pells with the S.E.E.N. Team inquiring into whether the City would be willing to support their application for \$50,000.00 in funding for a clear energy and carbon management project in the City.

Discussion was held on the update provided by City Manager Gonzalez, including supporting the S.E.E.N. Team's application for funding; on a recent inspection of the City's water tanks revealing rust and damage to beams in one of the water tanks, including the costs associated with repairing the tank; the possibility of installing a third water tank; ways to prevent further damage to City water tanks; possible grants that could assist with the repair of the water tank; and the installation of a pressure stabilizing tank at the corner of Smoot Avenue and Amador Street.

CLOSED SESSION

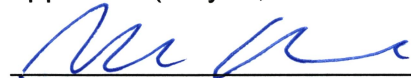
1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54957
Title: City Manager

At 6:11 p.m. the City Council moved into closed session

At 7:09 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session and Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that in regard to item 1 of the closed session there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:09 p.m. by Council Member Alonso, seconded by Mayor Martinez; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Riofrio and Rosales).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Antonio Pizano, Deputy City Clerk