

## MINUTES OF MENDOTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Regular Meeting**

**September 3, 2024**

**Meeting called to order by Mayor Martinez at 6:00 PM**

### **Roll Call**

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

**Council Members Absent:** Council Member Joseph Riofrio

**Flag salute led by Council Member Rosales**

**Invocation led by Police Chaplain Salinas and Mr. Salinas shared his gratitude for serving as a chaplain and commented on the purpose of the invocation**

### **FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

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

City Manager Gonzalez requested that Presentation item 1 and Closed Session items 1 and 2 be tabled to a future City Council meeting.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. *Chief of Police Smith to introduce Police Sergeant Greg Houser.*

*Presentation item 1 was tabled to a future meeting agenda.*

2. City Council to honor and recognize Jesus “Big D” Martinez.

The City Council honored and recognized Jesus “Big D” Martinez for his service and commitment to the community.

### **CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS**

Augie Perez recognized Jesus “Big D” Martinez for his service to the community and spoke about several individuals who have contributed positively to the community.

The City Council thanked Mr. Perez for his service to the community.

Ofelia Ochoa inquired as to whether the City will be assisting La Granja de Favian (“La Granja”) by leasing City-owned property to the organization; commented on organizations that are assisting La Granja; the number of children that will be benefiting from La Granja; and the services that children with special needs need.

Karina Beltran requested an update from the City on whether it will lease City-owned property to La Granja; and commented on individuals who are waiting for La Granja to open.

Martha Puente stated that she has a child with special needs that would greatly benefit from La Granja; and stated she is in favor of La Granja.

Discussion was held on the services that will be provided by La Granja; and other agencies that are supporting La Granja.

Aaron Olsen with the Central Valley Regional Center (“CVRC”) provided information on the services that the agency provides; the services that they would like to provide in the community; and spoke in favor of La Granja.

Ofelia Ochoa requested that the City hold a formal meeting with CVRC and La Granja regarding their project.

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

1. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 20, 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 Rosales to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. AUGUST 9, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 27, 2024
  - a. WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 55217 THROUGH 55317
  - b. TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$922,942.35
2. Proposed ratification of a letter of support for Assembly Bill 2661.
3. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-50**, approving a license agreement with Ramon Gonzalez for racetrack operations at the former site of the William Robert Johnston Municipal Airport.

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

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. City Engineer
  - a) Update

City Engineer Osborn provided an update on various City projects including the railroad crossing project; the Roundabout Project on State Highways 180 and 33; the 2025 Local Street Reconstruction; the Divisadero Street Reconstruction; the 5<sup>th</sup> & Quince Street Reconstruction; the Amador & Smoot Extension Project; and the Citywide Streetlight Inventory and Evaluation project.

Discussion was held on the various road projects updates that were provided by City Engineer Osborn; the status of the Community Center project; the status of the Starbucks development; and the status of the Police Station and Council Chambers project.

2. City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney Castro stated that he had nothing to report.

3. City Manager

City Manager Gonzalez stated that he had nothing to report.

Discussion was held on road projects that will be funded by Measure "C"; and the need for additional pedestrian safety measures on Highway 33.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Council Member Rosales had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez thanked the audience for attending the meeting and thanked Coalinga Mayor James Horn.

Council Member Alonso thanked Coalinga Mayor Horn and the audience for attending the meeting; and commented on the various City projects that are in progress including road improvement projects and the Community Center Project.

2. Mayor

Mayor Martinez thanked the audience for attending the meeting; stated that the City Council is focusing on addressing the needs of the community through various City projects that are currently in progress, including road improvement projects, the Citywide Streetlight Inventory and Evaluation project, and the Community Center Project; and commented on the need to work together to improve and beautify the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez commented on the Pool Park Rehabilitation project; and provided information on Consent Calendar item 3.

Discussion was held on Consent Calendar item 3.

**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 LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION*  
*Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (two potential cases).*

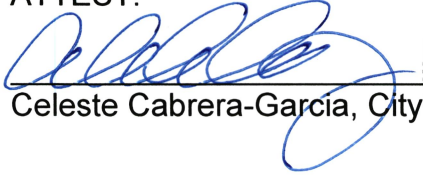
*Closed Session items 1 and 2 were tabled to a future meeting agenda.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 6:34 p.m. by Council Member Rosales, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Riofrio).

  
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Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

