

MINUTES OF MENDOTA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting

December 10, 2024

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

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: Council Member Oscar Rosales

Flag salute led by City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION

1. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. 24-68**, confirming the results of the election returns for the consolidated General Election held on November 5, 2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Martinez to adopt Resolution No. 24-68, seconded by Council Member Alonso; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Rosales).

2. City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to administer the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Jose Alonso, Jesus “Jesse” Mendoza, and Joseph R. Riofrio.

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Members Jose Alonso, Jesus “Jesse” Mendoza and Joseph R. Riofrio.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to conduct City Council reorganization proceedings and accept nominations for the following offices:
 - a) Mayor
 - b) Mayor Pro Tempore
 - a. *City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to accept motions for nominations of Council Members for the office of Mayor*

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia opened the floor to accept motions for nominations of Council Members for the office of Mayor.

A motion was made by Council Member Alonso to nominate Council Member Martinez to the office of Mayor, seconded by Council Member Mendoza. Councilor Martinez accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other motions for nominations for the office of Mayor, City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia closed the floor to nominations.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia conducted a roll call vote for the appointment of Council Member Martinez to the office of Mayor.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Alonso: Yes; Council Member Lopez: Yes; Council Member Martinez: Yes; Council Member Mendoza: Yes; Council Member Riofrio: Yes

Council Member Martinez was appointed to the office of Mayor by a vote of five (5) ayes.

- b. *City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to accept motions for nominations of Council Members for the office of Mayor Pro Tempore*

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia opened the floor to accept motions for nominations of Council Members for the office of Mayor Pro Tempore.

A motion was made by Mayor Martinez to nominate Council Member Alonso to the office of Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Riofrio. Council Member Alonso accepted the nomination of Mayor Pro Tem.

Hearing no other motions for nominations for the office of Mayor, City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia closed the floor to nominations.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia conducted a roll call vote for the appointment of Council Member Alonso to the office of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Alonso: Yes; Council Member Lopez: Yes; Council Member Martinez: Yes; Council Member Mendoza: Yes; Council Member Riofrio: Yes

Council Member Alonso was appointed to the office of Mayor Pro Tempore by a vote of five (5) ayes.

RECESS

At 6:05 p.m. City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia announced that there would be a brief recess of the meeting of the City Council and that Mayor Martinez would be presiding over the meeting once it reconvened.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Albert Escobedo congratulated the newly elected Council Members and congratulated Mayor Martinez and Mayor Alonso.

Ruben Reyes requested information on City's facility use process; thanked the City Council; commented on facility use applications, including submitting applications for events on March 15, 2025, and November 22, 2025.

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

Kevin Romero congratulated the newly elected Council Members and provided an update on local youth sports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. NOVEMBER 14, 2024 THROUGH NOVEMBER 26, 2024
 - a. WARRANT LIST CHECK NOS. 55613 THROUGH 55724
 - b. TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$731,957.58
2. Proposed ratification of a letter of support for the County of Fresno Department of Behavioral Health's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 1: Launch Ready Grant Application for the Olive Project.
3. Proposed ratification of a letter of support for the County of Fresno Department of Behavioral Health's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 1: Launch Ready Grant Application for the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.
4. Proposed ratification of a letter of support for the County of Fresno Department of Behavioral Health's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 1: Launch Ready Grant Application for the Senate Bill 43 Psychiatric Health Facility Project.

A motion was made by Council Member Lopez to approve item 1 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alonso; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

Discussion was held on items 2 through 4 of the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Alonso to approve items 2 through 4 of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Council Member Lopez ; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Mayor Pro Tem Alonso thanked the Council for their support and for nominating him to the office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Mendoza congratulated the newly elected Council Members and commented on upcoming City events, including the 2nd Annual Christmas Celebration and Toy Giveaway.

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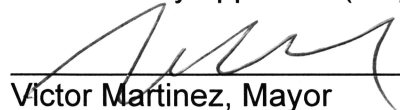
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2. Mayor a) Update

Mayor Martinez provided an update on completed and ongoing projects in 2024, including safety projects, parks and recreation projects, street projects, economic development projects, and Public Works and Public Utilities projects.

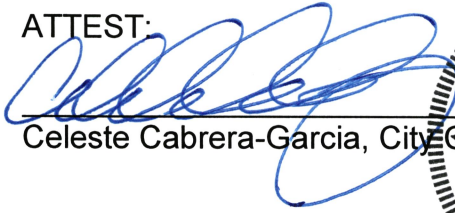
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:38 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Alonso, seconded by Council Member Mendoza; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Victor Martinez, Mayor

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

