

MINUTES OF MENDOTA SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Silva at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Sergio Valdez, and Councilors Joseph Amador and Rolando Castro (3:07 p.m.).

Council Members Absent: Councilor Joseph Riofrio.

Flag Salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (3 ayes; absent: Castro and Riofrio).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

WORK/STUDY SESSION

1. City of Mendota Goal Setting Session.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio presented the goals that each department is working on, or will be working on, this year and reported on the need to receive input from Council for any additional projects desired; the purpose of this goal-setting session; its relationship with the budget; the need to prioritize due to the limited resources that the City has; a summary of the goals including improving code enforcement, police department organizational analysis and salary adjustments, the development of a capital improvement plan and a utility rate increase plan, joining PERS (at 3:07 p.m. Councilor Castro entered the chambers), developing an economic development plan, reconstruction of 6th Street, working with other west side cities on

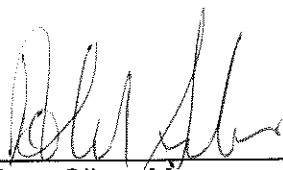
regional issues, acquiring downtown properties for a park, investing in vital equipment for water and wastewater systems, and building a comprehensive storm drainage system.

Discussion was held on the benefits of collaborating with other west side cities to accomplish certain regional goals; increasing benefits at the Mendota Police Department to avoid turnover; the importance of educating the public in order to develop a plan to increase utility rates; the importance of a Capital Improvement Plan; applying for funds in order to improve our infrastructure; community members interested in doing community-based projects; the upcoming project by the Bureau of Reclamation that will change the San Joaquin River path; water availability for farmers; the timeframe for the extension of SR180 through Mendota; fast-tracking the permitting process; getting ideas and comparisons from other cities; the issues related to the H&S development subdivision map; the process required for having the City of Mendota re-join the PERS system; creating revenue opportunities from land that the City owns; increasing the variety of uses at the airport; the prioritization of goals during the year; working with non-profits, schools, and the Chamber of Commerce; the obstacles related to applying for a Cal-grip grant; the importance of cracking down on gang violence and other serious crime; code enforcement issues; and the impacts of the drought on water supplies for farmers and municipalities.

(At 4:44 p.m. Councilor Amador left the Chambers)

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 4:53 PM, with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Castro; unanimously approved (3 ayes; absent: Amador and Riofro).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

