

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting

February 24, 2015

Meeting called to order by Mayor Silva at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Sergio Valdez, Councilors Joseph Amador, Rolando Castro, and Joseph Riofrio.

Council Members Absent: None.

Flag salute led by Mayor Silva.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mendota residents Delia Zavala and Ron Oroff who had recently passed away.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Amador to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATIONS

1. City Manager to introduce new Mendota Chief of Police Gregg Andreotti.

City Manager DiMaggio introduced Chief of Police Andreotti and shared his history and experience in law enforcement.

Mr. Andreotti explained his past experiences with the City of Mendota and thanked council and staff for appointing him as the new Chief of Police.

Discussion was held on Mr. Andreotti's experience in law enforcement; the gang problems in Mendota; and Council thanked Interim Chief of Police Johnson for serving in Mendota.

2. Rafael Aguilar from Learn4Life concept charter schools.

Rafael Aguilar and Anne Abajian from Learn4Life concept charter schools presented information including Learn4Life being an alternative to the traditional school setting; Mr. Aguilar's involvement with Mendota; the reasons why students drop out of school; the way the program operates; various school locations and resource sites throughout the Central Valley; meeting with school officials; and visiting various organizations to promote the program.

Discussion was held on helping students that come from another country that only speak their native language have trouble in school and the positivity of the program.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Ivette Rodriguez (Mid Valley Disposal)- stated that Mid Valley Disposal is able to assist with the annual Earth Day activities; partnering with the school's for events; and activities done in the past.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council meetings of February 10, 2015.
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 Councilor Riofrio to approve items 1 and 2, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. FEBRUARY 5, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 19, 2015
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 39014 THRU 39086
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$230,537.31
2. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-13**, adopting and approving the revised salary schedule for the Chief of Police.
3. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-14**, authorizing the City Manager to sign a Letter of Authorization allowing Fresno County to submit a regional application for the Used Oil Competitive grant, Cycle 2 (UOC2).
4. Council adopt **Resolution No. 15-15**, authorizing the disposition of remaining surplus items.

A request to pull item 1 for discussion was made.

A motion was made to approve items 2,3, and 4 of the consent calendar by Councilor Amador, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

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Discussion was held on the damage that was done to the equipment that was rented in December 2014.

A motion was made to approve item 1 of the consent calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council discussion and consideration on implementing Stage III Water Conservation.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio summarized his report (6:44 p.m. Councilor Amador left the Council Chambers).

Discussion was held on the length of the drought; the water runoff at homes and apartment complexes due to sprinklers (6:47 Councilor Amador returned to the Council Chambers); implementing restrictions on water usage; the number of wells that will be coming online in the upcoming weeks; and tabling the item until well level data is collected and analyzed and bringing the item to Council within two months.

A motion was made to table the item by Mayor Silva, seconded by Councilor Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Council discussion and consideration on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Assistant City Engineer Osborn summarized his report including establishing a basis for the increase of Water and Wastewater utility rates.

Discussion was held on public hearings that were held in the past in regards to increasing the utility rates that were poorly attended; educating the public on the reasons why utility rates need to be increased; the possibility of implementing a fee for drainage; and the amount of utility accounts that are delinquent.

3. Council discussion and consideration on the upcoming Earth Day activities.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio reported that Earth Day is April 22nd; staff will move forward with planning activities; using a grant from PG&E for the activities; and having other organizations and agencies assist.

4. Council discussion and consideration on the issue of off-site signage.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Manager DiMaggio summarized the report including that the Planning Commission recommended to take no action on the ordinance related to off-site signs.

Discussion was held on the City being business friendly; different options for off-site signage; the negative impacts of allowing off-site signage; non-profit organizations using off-site signs; and having staff bring back an ordinance that limits the usage of off-site signs.

Council direction to staff to bring back an ordinance allowing, with restrictions, the usage of off-site signs.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Public Works
 - a) Monthly Report

Public Works Director Gonzalez summarized his report including receiving the reimbursement for the new street sweeper; crews planting trees for Earth Day; and the various locations where new trees will be planted.

Discussion was held on the shade structures by the Benny Mares Sr. baseball diamond and the stolen caps from the baseball bases at the baseball diamond.

2. Public Utilities
 - a) Monthly Report

Public Utilities Director Lewis summarized his report including a recent treatment plant inspection; replacing aged pilot valves; and damage caused by PG&E power fluctuations.

Discussion was held on PG&E reimbursing the city for the costs associated with repairs made and other repairs that need to be made.

2. City Attorney
a) Update

City Attorney Boranian reported on the upcoming March 10th AB1234 ethics training from 3-5 p.m. for elected officials and other agencies.

3. City Manager
a) Report

City Manager DiMaggio reported on the One Voice trip to Washington D.C. that Mayor Silva and City Manager DiMaggio will be attending and the various topics that will be discussed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)
Council reports

Councilor Amador reported on a letter he had received from Comcast and issues regarding the Community Center.

Councilor Riofrio reported on lottery scratch-off tickets that are discarded in front of liquor stores; maintaining the soccer field behind Rojas-Pierce Park; a trip he made to Sacramento in regards to water issues within the community; and an interview he had with the Sacramento Bee.

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez reported on field maintenance in regards to the Benny Mares Sr. baseball diamond (7:53 Councilor Riofrio left the Council Chambers).

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on a COG meeting that he attended (7:55 Councilor Riofrio returned to the Council Chambers); an article that Caltrans published in regards to the Derrick/Oller roundabout; the increasing need for food giveaways; and Brian Pacheco visiting the Westside to meet with various officials and organizations.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
CA Government Code § 54956.8
Properties: APN 013-221-06; 013-221-07
Agency Negotiator: Vince DiMaggio, City of Mendota
Negotiating Parties: Ernestine Torres, Owner; David Hernandez, Owner

At 7:59 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:26 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session and City Attorney Boranian reported that in regards to item 1 of the closed session, there was nothing to report.

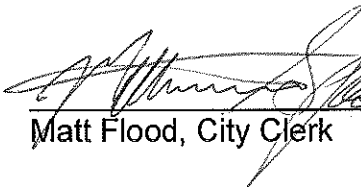
ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 8:27 p.m. by Councilor Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

