

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting **Tuesday May 13, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Silva at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: **Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Amador, and Councilors S. Leo Capuchino, Joseph Riofrio, and Sergio Valdez.**

Council Members Absent: **None.**

Flag Salute led by Councilor Riofrio

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Valdez to adopt the agenda with the requested modification, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PRESENTATION

1. Pete Dangermond and Julia Hernandez to present on an upcoming community meeting regarding the vision for San Joaquin River area in and around Mendota.

Mayor Silva introduced the item and Mr. Dangermond presented on his experience in government and recreation administration; his work with the Resource Legacy group; his desire to see a master plan for development along the river; the community meeting planned for May 27th in Mendota; encouraging greater travel and tourism in the area; the various alternatives that the Federal Government is considering for river restoration; and the end result desired for development of recreation opportunities along the San Joaquin River.

Mrs. Hernandez provided information on a recent survey taken in the community concerning the use and perceptions of the river and spoke on the end goal of the upcoming community meeting.

Discussion was held on the need for staff involvement for the development of this plan; the stage that the EIR is in for the San Joaquin River restoration plan; the purpose of a river master plan; the people that come to the area to camp and fish; security and safety problems at Pool Park; and the owners or caretakers of surrounding land.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Code Enforcement
 - a) Monthly Report

Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant Maria Perez provide the monthly report for April including the foci for that month; vendors without business licenses, public nuisances; upcoming weed abatement processes; and the Mendota Municipal Code (MMC) infractions given out.

Discussion was held on itinerant food vendors operating illegally in the community; making sure weed abatement gets taken care of on City property; other businesses operating illegally within the community; illegal parking and use of mobile homes/RV's.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 22, 2014.
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 Capuchino; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

A question was received and answered by staff from the audience regarding how to apply for an itinerant food vendor permit.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered separately.

1. APRIL 22, 2014 THROUGH MAY 7, 2014
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 37759 THRU 37857
TOTAL FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL = \$743,892.95
2. Council approve the addition of signee City Manager Vince DiMaggio on the City accounts at WestAmerica Bank.

3. Council designate voting delegates for the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Questions were asked on warrant #37799 on an applicant that submitted a deposit to build a commissary but then withdrew it; and regarding warrant #37823, the length of the contract with the current contractor providing street sweeping services.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Amador; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

BUSINESS

1. Council provide direction to the Fresno Council of Governments regarding their determination of the viability of conducting a poll regarding an amendment to the Measure C Expenditure Plan. [City Clerk, Flood]

Mayor Silva introduced the item and City Clerk Flood reported that the Fresno COG requested that the cities approve funding for a voter survey to determine the viability of passing a Measure "C" amendment; and the purpose of the amendment, which would be to take money from two funds and put it towards street improvements.

Discussion was held on the origin of this proposal; the inevitable re-allocation of the money from the two funds to the streets fund if the former are not used by 2015; staff's recommendation to oppose or not take a position on the COG's request; and how each city would benefit from the re-allocation of funds.

A motion was made by Councilor Riofrio to not take any action, seconded by Councilor Valdez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio reported on staff's work on the FY 2014/2015 budget and the upcoming meetings related to it that will take place; and that staff is monitoring the County CDBG process and assisting Westside Youth.

Discussion was held on how the County's CDBG funds are allocated.

2. Police Department
 - a) Monthly Report

Chief Galvin reported on the department's activities for the month of April including 21 working security cameras that the City has, including new ones received from PELCO, at Rojas-Pierce Park, the Public Works yard, wastewater treatment plant, and the police station, among other places; funds that the Explorers had raised at a recent car wash;

the department has not received any information regarding arsonists, despite the reward offered; information received on the firebombing of a police car; an increase in violent crime this month; significant cases relating to drugs, a gathering at a house where two parties brandished firearms; an update on personnel; and traffic enforcement efforts.

Discussion was held on an accident involving injury the previous evening on Black Street.

3. City Attorney
a) Update

City Attorney Boranian reported that she attended the League of California Cities conference for attorneys and was able to receive a lot of good information and make good contacts.

Discussion was held on abandoned buildings and what other cities are doing to deal with them; previously unoccupied properties in Mendota that have now been improved; the property on Naples that was burned.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Valdez reported that there are children that are using the baseball field and digging a hole in the batter's box with their feet; invited Council to come and attend the youth baseball games they have out there; and a recent incident at Rojas-Pierce Park where the American flag was not lit.

Councilor Capuchino reported on a recent carnival put on by the Catholic Church and that approximately \$18,000 raised from that will go toward the construction of a new church.

2. Mayor

Mayor Silva reported on the "Fight for Water" event that will take place soon and on the recent collaboration to help those affected by the drought, including food distributions.

A Mr. Mike Rodriguez approached the Council with a complaint regarding being cited for running the stop sign and lights raised by a school bus when loading and unloading children and explained that he did not break the law as contained in the California Vehicle Code.

Chief Galvin explained that Mr. Rodriguez is right and that he had already begun to take steps to remedy the situation.

Mr. Rodriguez also spoke of an incident where his son got pulled over and was held unduly long because the officer thought that his son was making fun of him.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
CA Government Code § 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: Charles Johnson, Director of Support Operations
Employee Organization:
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
CA Government Code § 54957(b)
Title: Public Utilities Director

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
CA Government Code § 54956.9(a): 1 case

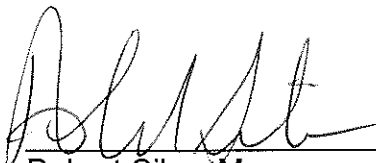
At 7:36 p.m. the Council moved into closed session.

At 8:38 p.m. the Council reconvened in open session.

City Attorney Boranian reported that in regards to items numbered 1, 2 and 3, no reportable action was taken.


ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 8:39 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made by Councilor Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk

