

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Special Meeting

Thursday June 4, 2013

Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Silva at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Robert Silva, Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Amador, and Councilor S. Leo Capuchino.

Council Members Absent: Councilors Joseph Riofrio and Sergio Valdez.

Flag Salute Led by Mayor Silva

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

Adjustments to the Agenda.

Adoption of the final Agenda.

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

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by City staff on the purpose and implementation of the Amplified Music Permit.

City Manager Bryce Atkins presented on the history of the amplified music permit and the ordinance related to excessive noise; the requirements that must be complied with when holding an amplified music permit; the specific definitions related to the ordinance; and the penalty that must be paid for any noise related violations.

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

Luis Jovel (Fresno) – Spoke against the current ordinance, and that it is becoming a vindictive tool for neighbors to retaliate for previous complaints.

Teresa Ayala (628 Junaita) – Spoke against the current ordinance and requested that amplified music be permitted until midnight, and stated that the police made her shut off the music, not just turn it down.

Jennifer Mejia (1209 6th Street) – Spoke against the current ordinance and requested that amplified music be permitted past 10pm; that people currently believe that the permit allows them to go later, and why the permit costs little, but the fine costs so much more.

Leticia Zarate (613 Gaxiola) – Spoke against the current policy, that it is affecting her business as less people want to incur the risk of having the police show up and treat them as criminals.

Olivia Morales (316 J) – Spoke against the current policy and requested that amplified music be permitted until midnight, reviewed an incident with police at an event she hosted; and that parties are only once in a while, not every day or even every weekend

Felix Pino (201 Espinoza) – Spoke against the current policy and requested that amplified music be permitted until midnight; that it limits celebrations after work, makes weddings and quinceañeras challenging to have, and believes that most cities do not limit the music before midnight; and to keep the standards regarding security guards.

Monica Granados (424 Derrick) – Spoke against the current policy and requested that amplified music be permitted until midnight; that she was cited because she did not know about the provision; that it is unfair that those living in the housing authority cannot get a permit; and that DJ's know to turn their music down after 10pm.

Flor Larreynaga (201 Espinoza) – Spoke against the current policy and requested that amplified music be permitted until midnight; that a solution needs to come quickly; and that we live in a land of freedom, otherwise we would be in Cuba.

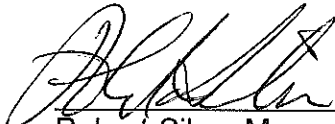
Mary Avitia (618 Juanita) – Spoke against the current policy and requested that amplified music be permitted until midnight; that she had a party for a two year-old child, without a DJ, and was cited after the party was over even though all they had playing was a small radio.

Maria Trejo (391 Marie) – Spoke against the current policy and requested that a way to be able to get a permit on the weekends be available; that there is no place to rent to hold a gathering; and that it should be acceptable for them to play music in their homes.

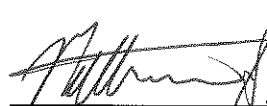
After receiving public testimony, Council was in consensus to bring back a revision of the ordinance to the June 11th Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 8:30 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Amador, seconded by Councilor Capuchino; unanimously approved (3 ayes; absent: Riofrio and Valdez).


Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Flood, City Clerk

