

**MINUTES OF MENDOTA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting **Tuesday September 9, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Amador at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Council Members Absent: **Mayor Robert Silva.**

Flag salute led by Mayor Pro Tem Amador

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Councilor Valdez to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Silva).

CITIZENS ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS

None offered.

PRESENTATION

1. Ivette Rodriguez from Mid Valley Disposal to present the report for the 1st and 2nd quarters.

Ivette Rodriguez presented the 1st and 2nd quarterly report including the efforts related to helping residential and commercial clients increase their waste diversion rates; residential and multi-family waste assessments and site visits; community activities that Mid Valley has participated in recently; the Spring 2014 semi-annual clean-up; and commercial and residential tonnage reports.

Discussion was held on results from waste and recycling audits; information that can be collected from Calrecycle; the variety of services that Mid-Valley provides; and the grant that allowed the collection of tires for free in the past.

3. Fresno County Clerk Brandi Orth to provide an update on the recent activities of her office.

Fresno County Clerk Orth reported on the recent activities of her office including the upcoming elections; precincts and their respective polling places; precincts outside of the City limits; provided information on an upcoming informational workshop on voting precincts; the timeline for the upcoming elections; and thanked City staff for their help and cooperation.

Discussion was held on the measure that the Mendota Unified School District is trying to pass; the information included in voter information guides; a recent incident in which someone was asked to show their identification at a polling place; steps polling place workers take in order to make sure they do their job correctly; and high school students being able to serve as precinct officers.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Code Enforcement
 - a) Monthly Report

Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant Maria Perez presented the report for August including weed abatements efforts; informing business owners about maintaining and keeping track of their shopping carts; significant cases involving public nuisances; and revenue from code enforcement actions.

Discussion was held on how to deal with unmarked shopping carts; the process the City has to go through to impound and dispose of shopping carts; the locations of the various significant cases; weed abatement on vacant commercial properties; the moving of code enforcement to City Hall; and the pending sale of a dilapidated nuisance property.

PROCLAMATION

1. Proclamation declaring September Literacy Awareness Month. (Mayor Silva to read proclamation into the record)

Mayor Pro Tem Amador read the proclamation into the record and discussion was held on the campaign by the library to increase literacy awareness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 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 (4 ayes; absent: Silva).

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. AUGUST 25, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5, 2014
WARRANT LIST CHECKS NO. 38297 THRU 38370 TOTAL FOR COUNCIL
APPROVAL = \$288,337.19
2. Council approve purchasing a full page ad in the Mendota High School Yearbook.

Councilor Valdez requested to pull item 1 for separate consideration and a motion was made by Councilor Valdez to approve item number 2, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Silva).

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Discussion was held on a warrant for fire extinguisher maintenance services and discussion was held on how the fire extinguisher should be inspected and maintained.

A motion was made by Councilor Valdez to approve the warrant list, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Silva).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Council perform second reading of and hold a public hearing to adopt **Ordinance No. 14-05**, amendments to Titles 8 and 17 of the Mendota Municipal Code related to the installation of swimming pools.

Mayor Pro Tem Amador introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal reported on the purpose of this ordinance; that a resident asked to install a pool at their residence; staff realized that no law specifically permits the installation of a pool that is in the rear yard of a property; proposed ordinance text that will allow them in a more appropriate limit; adding pool regulations to R-1 zoning regulations; changes to the property development standards; the considerations of the Planning Commission; and the process of approving the ordinance.

at 7:00pm Mayor Pro Tem Amador opened the hearing to the public.

Rolando Castro (315 Blanco) – Expressed concern over residences like his that are newer and have a smaller backyard.

City Planner O'Neal explained the increased density experienced recently that does not easily accommodate permanent built-in pools; and that this ordinance and other changes will not apply to temporary, above-ground pools.

Seeing no one else present wishing to comment, at 7:04 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Amador closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 14-05 by Councilor Capuchino, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Silva).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Police Department
 - a) Monthly Report

Chief Galvin Summarized his report for August including three significant cases of auto thefts and armed robberies that originated from within and without the city limits; a case of child molestation; drunk driving arrests and other traffic enforcement issues; personnel update including officers that are on lists to get hired at other agencies; the upcoming anniversary of the re-establishment of the police department; and the crime rate and how it compares from other months and years.

Discussion was held on a recent incident at the Chevron station of theft and a possible recent incident at Fastrip; and recent deaths from natural causes that might have been due to alcohol abuse.

2. City Manager

City Manager DiMaggio provided info on the upcoming State of the County breakfast on September 24th; a training and networking event on funding opportunities that he attended with Director of Support Operations Johnson; and of progress made in conducting a salary and personnel survey for the Police Department, including future recommendations that might include the proposal of a utility tax to support public safety.

Discussion held on progress made to get a grant writer or consultant; the timeline for bringing back recommendations for the personnel structure in the Police Department; the panel for interviewing potential officers; the qualifications of applicants for officer positions; possible takeovers of Family Dollar by Dollar General or Dollar Tree; and the position of the ATM being constructed at the Mendota Food Center.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Council Member(s)

Councilor Capuchino reported on a luncheon and news conference held by the Latino Water Coalition to recognize those that worked on the water bond that made the ballot;

Councilor Riofrio reported on the process of the sewer system and how it would be beneficial to help educate the public on what should and should not be introduced into the system.

Discussion was held on the possibility of putting locking systems on, or welding, manholes for security.

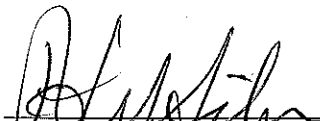
Councilor Valdez asked about having job descriptions done before advertising for a position.

Discussion was held on advertising for jobs within the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Amador reported that Candie Caro from Proteus wants to thank the City for letting them use an office to provide a service to local residents.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to be brought before the Council, a motion for adjournment was made at 7:53 p.m. by Councilor Valdez, seconded by Councilor Riofrio; unanimously approved (4 ayes; absent: Silva).



Robert Silva, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

