

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING

February 11, 2021

MCFARLAND CITY COUNCIL
MCFARLAND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MCFARLAND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
MCFARLAND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MCFARLAND PARKING AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference/virtual meeting.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Gonzalez (Mayor) Ayon, Cano

Council Members Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Lara, Assistant City Manager Hanlon, City Attorney Schroeter, HR Attorney Che. Johnson, City Clerk Alvarado, Public Works Director Gonzales, Acting Community Development Director Ronk, and Acting Chief of Police Helton, Chief of Police Williams, Accounting Supervisor Lara

INVOCATION

Council Member Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ayon

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Public comment closed at 6:06 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Motion was made by:** Council Member Ayon to approve the warrant register for \$950,601.34 from January 20, 2021 through January 31, 2021; **2nd by:** Council Member Cano
Vote: 2/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)
*Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #1 due to marriage.
- 2. Motion was made by:** Council Member Ayon to approve payroll register for \$149,742.74 for January 2021; **2nd by:** Council Member Cano
Vote: 2/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)
*Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #2 due to marriage.
- 3. Motion was made by:** Council Member Ayon to approve minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of January 28, 2021; **2nd by:** Council Member Cano
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Cano
Abstentions: None

4. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Ayon to approve Resolution No. 2021-0006 Approving Submittal of Application for Funding and Execution of a Grant Agreement and any Amendments Thereto From the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program-Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) NOFA Dated December 18, 2020; 2nd by: Council Member Cano
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Administration** – City Manager Maria Lara informed the Community that City Hall doors will remain closed due to COVID-19 outbreak in the office, but business will continue as usual. City employees will continue to work inside. Hoping to reopen City Hall in March. City Manager asked council for direction regarding a request from Ismael Nunez and Hector Nunez asking the City to adjust development Impact fees. Council recommended it be brought back to the next council meeting scheduled for February 25, 2021 for discussion. City Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of Presidents Day.
- b. **Police Department** – Acting Chief of Police Helton gave an overview of the January 2021 crime STAT's. He thanked Council and the community.
- c. **Community Development-** Acting Community Development Director Larry Ronk informed that they are down to the last item then they can submit to LAFCO for Annexation 18. He announced that we officially have a new city planner starting Tuesday. He is hoping to introduce her to council at our next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

5. Mayor Gonzalez requested to **pull resolution No. 2021-0005 Adopting the City of McFarland Updated Employee Handbook and table it to the next Council Meeting scheduled for February 25, 2021.**
6. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Ayon to Approve Employment Agreement No. 2021-0001 Between the City of McFarland and Kenny Williams; 2nd by: Council Member Cano
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: None
7. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Ayon to approve request by Council Member Cano to review City Attorney invoices for 2020; 2nd by: Mayor Gonzalez
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor), Cano
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: None
8. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Cano to approve introduction of Resolution No. 2021-0007 and Establish a Date for the Public Hearing and Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Therein (Police Department); 2nd by: Council Member Ayon
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: None

9. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Cano to approve introduction of Resolution No. 2021-0008 and Establish a Date for the Public Hearing and Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Therein (Landscaping and Street Maintenance); 2nd by: Council Member Ayon
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: None

10. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Cano to approve introduction of Resolution No. 2021-0009 and Establish a Date for the Public Hearing and Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Therein (Fire Protection Services); 2nd by: Council Member Ayon
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez, Pérez
Abstentions: None

Closed at 6 :42 p.m.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Cano – Next meeting February 18, 2021.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Sally Gonzalez – Next meeting February 18, 2021.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Pérez – Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2021.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- None to report

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Council Member Ayon- Informed the community he met with Supervisor David Couch and are working together to make McFarland a priority in receiving the COVID-19 vaccines. Mr. Ayon welcomed and informed Chief of Police Williams of his full support and honored him for his great work history and ethics.

Council Member Ayon- Welcomed and congratulated Chief Williams. He thanked the interview panel for their participation. He continued to ask the Community for their participation and input he welcomes anyone to reach out to him.

Mayor Gonzalez - Stated she is grateful for Chief Williams and informed him of her full support. Thanked all the City employees and police department for there hard work through out the COVID pandemic.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Maria T. Pérez joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Regular Agenda adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion was made by: Council Member Cano to approve the closed session minutes held on January 28, 2021; 2nd by: Council Member Ayon
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Rodriguez
Abstentions: None

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANITIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of section 54956.9:1 potential case
Action: No reportable action.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS
Agency Designated Representatives: Councilmember Saul Ayon and Councilmember Eric Rodriguez / Che Johnson, City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager
Action: No reportable action.

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/ DISMISSAL/RELEASE
Action: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

