

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING**

April 22, 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 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Gonzalez (Mayor), Ayon, Cano, Pérez

Council Members Absent: Rodriguez

*Councilmember Eric Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Lara, Chief of Police Williams, Interim City Attorney Hodges, City Clerk Alvarado, Acting Community Development Director Ronk, Accounting Supervisor Lara, HR Attorney Che Johnson

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cano

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Certificate of recognition was presented to Margarita Ortega recipient of the "Women of the Year Award" by Senator Melissa Hurtado requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.

Ms. Ortega stated she felt honored to be here and chosen as women of the year she is very thankful.

Certificate of recognition was presented to Eve Henderson for her outstanding volunteer service to the McFarland animal community requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.

Ms. Henderson stated she was surprised to have been presented with this award and stated that it was an honor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Hernandez- Via email attached (Item # 6 & 7)

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Danny Sanchez- (General Comment) Stated he agrees with the changes in the ordinance. He believes McFarland needs accountability, and that a group of people should make decisions not just one person. Oversight to see what goes on in the city.

Margie Martinez- (Non-Agenda Items- Trash Cans) 212 7th Street – Would like to know what happened to the trash cans by Chevron? Thanked the Mayor and Council Members for helping with the city clean up. Would like to know why R&F trash pick up route is going to change?

City Manager Lara responded to Mrs. Martinez's question about the R&F stating that it postponed until owner performed a pre assessment from residents to see what the best approach to trash pickup route change would be.

Kathryn M Woods 13053 Garzoli Ave- stated she believes in the past there was an ordinance that prohibited people from turning their garage into a bedroom and that if that ordinance were enforced it would eliminate or help with the problem of cars being parked in alleys and streets.

Acting Community Development Director answered Mrs. Woods concern stating that the city currently does have a zoning ordinance that does prohibited that from happening if they do not have the proper storage for their vehicles.

Public Comment Closed at 6:37 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve the warrant register for \$ 212,456.27 from April 1, 2021 through April 13, 2021; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Rodriguez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor), Cano

***Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #1 due to marriage.**

***Councilmember Cano recused himself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.**

2. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of April 8, 2021; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.
Vote: 5/0
Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
3. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve the request of The McFarland Greater Chamber of Commerce to waive the business license fee of \$ 84.00 and license tax fee of \$ 25.00 for their firework stand; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.
Vote: 5/0
Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
4. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve the request of The McFarland Lions Club to waive the business license fee of \$ 84.00 and license tax fee of \$ 25.00 for their firework stand; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.
Vote: 5/0
Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Closed consent agenda at 6:37 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Administration** – City Manager Lara informed Villa Del Caribe Park project moving along ribbon cutting estimated to be end of May 2021. National Day of Prayer Thursday May 6, 2021.
- b. **Police Department** – Chief Williams introduced New Officer Matthew Dewar and stated Officer Dewar is extremely active, 151 self-initiated activities. Chief Williams gave brief presentation on March statistics. Thanked Mr. Sanchez for his comments. Invited the community to join them for Coffee and Donuts with a Cop Drive Thru Saturday 8-10 am in front of McFarland Police Department. He thanked the Lions for all their help and Starbucks for their donation.
- c. **Finance Department**- Acting Accounting Supervisor Lara informed he is still working on obtaining a more cost-efficient credit card payment company. He also informed that 838 thousand in property tax revenue is scheduled to hit the city bank account tomorrow.
- d. **Public Works Department**- Public Works Director Mario Gonzales was not present at the meeting) City Manager Lara informed Council that the water department has been working on

sidewalk repairs due to water leaks, wastewater is working on installing new aerators, street department working on potholes, street and sidewalk repairs and weed abatement.

- e. **Community Development-** Acting Community Development Director Ronk informed the council that the planning department has been working on reviewing track maps and meeting with developers. Grants completed the project list. Mr. Ronk informed the community business that there is still COVID supplies left for any business that are interested in receiving any contact Diana Garcia or himself. Building in working on plan checks for residential additions. Code Enforcement working on enforcing yard sale permits and non-working vehicles. Animal control working on owner reclaim and surrenders. Seven bags of dog food were donated to the Animal Shelter.

Departmental Reports Closed at 7:11 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

5. Motion was made by: Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the City of McFarland's Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year ending on June 30, 2018; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon
Vote: 5/0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

*Rich Gonzalez Auditor from Clifton Larson Allen was present at the meeting and answered questions.

6. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 0001-2021 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND REGARDING CITY MANAGER AND AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 2.16.120, 2.16.130, 2.16.140, 2.16.150, 2.16.160, 2.16.160, 2.16.170, 2.16.180, 2.16.190, 2.16.200, 2.16.210, 2.16.220, 2.16.230, 2.16.240, 2.16.250, and 2.16.260, AND AMEND SECTIONS 2.16.010, 2.16.020, 2.16.020, 2.16.030, 2.16.040, 2.16.050, 2.16.060, 2.16.070, 2.16.080, 2.16.090, 2.16.100, AND 2.16.110 AS PART OF A NEW TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.
Vote: 5/0
Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

*Chc Johnson HR Attorney was present to answer questions.

7. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 0002-2021 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND REGARDING CITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.20 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND 2.20.010, 2.20.020, 2.20.030, 2.20.040, AND 2.20.050 AS PART OF A NEW TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.20 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano
Vote: 5/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Rodriguez, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

*Chc Johnson HR Attorney was present to answer questions.

8. Motion was made by: Councilmember Rodriguez to table discussion of employees working a 9/80 schedule per Councilmember Cano; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon
Vote: 5/0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Brianahi De Leon - Commented in favor of 9/80 schedule

Kcia Noriega - Commented in favor of 9/80 schedule

Jenny Esparza – Commented in favor of 9/80 schedule

Diana Garcia - Commented in favor of 9/80 schedule (Written Comment)

9. Motion was made by: Councilmember Rodriguez to reject request by Juan Munguia owner of Munguia Heating A/C business to hire a contractor to grade the alley adjacent to his business; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Rodriguez, Ayon, Pérez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)

***Mayor Gonzalez recused herself and removed herself from item #9 due to conflict of interest (alley adjacent to where she lives).**

***Councilmember Cano recused himself and removed himself from item #9 due to conflict of interest (works for Munguia Heating & Air).**

10. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez to approve Resolution No. 2021-0018 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland, California, Adopting the Implementation of the City's Covid-19 Modified In-Person Meeting Protocols to Address the Covid-19 Pandemic Related to City Departments and City Commissions Meetings.

2nd by: Councilmember Ayon

Vote: 5/0

Ayes: Pérez, Ayon, Cano, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

11. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve permission for City Manager Lara to provide a report pursuant to the surplus land act showing whether the property is surplus or not, real property city owned (APN 060-050-24); 2nd by Councilmember Rodriguez.

Vote: 5/0

Ayes: Ayon, Rodriguez, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

12. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to table possible approval of water balance and use area management plan report for the City of McFarland wastewater treatment facility real property city owned (APN 060-050-24) until council attends a workshop 2nd by: Councilmember Rodriguez

Vote: 5/0

Ayes: Ayon, Rodriguez, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

13. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve City Attorneys request to digitize the City's legal files and records and directing city Manager, in her full capacity a McFarland's purchasing agent to pay the expense of digitizing the city's legal files and legal documents; 2nd by: Councilmember Rodriguez

Vote: 5/0

Ayes: Cano, Rodriguez, Ayon, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Administrative Agenda Closed at 9:09 p.m.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Cano – Delano Mosquito is asking if anyone has anything to report to go online and fill out the paperwork.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Construction of freeway 99 to be complete by December 2021.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Mrs. Pérez asked if Tri-Agency was needed? Mayor agreed and said she would speak to Mr. Resendez and report back to Council.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- Councilmember Ayon- Meeting of Cancelled.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Councilmember Rodriguez- Asked Mr. Ronk what happened with the Mobile Vendor Ordinance agenda item? Mr. Ronk replied that it is on the upcoming agenda. Rodriguez asked for notice to be placed on agenda when an item is not going to appear. He thanked the public for coming out and participating. He also appreciated the employees for having the courage to come out and speak on the 9/80 schedule.

Council Member Cano- Thanked the Lions for inviting them to help in the city clean up. Thanked the entire community and everyone watching via Facebook.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez- Thanked that community members who attended the meeting. Invited everyone on social media to attend the meeting in person. Thanked Chief Williams and the City Employees who spoke up on the 9/80 schedule.

Council Member Avon- Thanked city staff and the police officers for keeping everyone safe.

Mayor Gonzalez- Thanked everyone who attended the meeting and all who watched via Facebook. She also thanked the city workers for their opinion, and the City Attorney for his patience with them.

***Motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Francisca Alvarado

Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

