

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**IN PERSON MEETING**  
**May 27, 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Council Members Absent: Rodriguez

\*Councilmember Rodriguez joined the meeting at 7:03 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, Public Works Director Mario Gonzales

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Cano

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Certificate of recognition was presented to The Medina Family- Per Chief Kenny Williams.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jerod Smeenk- 1521 W. F Ave Nevada, Iowa–Agreement to purchase land from the City for San Joaquin Renewables Environmental Project estimating groundbreaking will be one year from now. Thanked city staff for their support.

Veronica Olguin- 464 San Juan St McFarland – Had a complaint against the McFarland Police Department regarding an incident that happened on May 25, 2021.

Mayor asked Ms. Olguin if she had informed Chief of Police Kenny Williams or MPD of the incident that she was stating Ms. Williams said no then Mayor instructed Olguin to get in contact with the Chief. She agreed and Chief Williams handed her his city business card.

Margie Martinez – 212 7th Street McFarland- Thanked everyone who helped clean up Perkins and Garzoli Ave. asked about weed abatement before the Fourth of July?

Acting Community Development Director L. Ronk said he would address her weed abatement concern.

Bobby A. Sharp – 799 5<sup>th</sup> Street Apt 124 McFarland- Cross Point Baptist Church (Agenda Item #5)- Mr. Sharp clarified to council on his contributions and agreement with the city for the rental of the veterans hall.

*Public comment closed 6:19 p.m.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve the warrant register for **\$450,642.02** from May 1, 2021 through May 15, 2021; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Cano  
**Vote: 3/0**  
**Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Rodriguez**

**Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)**

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

2. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of May 13, 2021; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Cano.

**Vote: 4/0**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Rodriguez**

**Abstentions: None**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**None**

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Administration** – City Manager Lara informed that City Hall will be closed Monday for Memorial Day Holiday. She stated that beginning June 1, 2021, City Hall hours of operation would be from 8-5 pm Monday through Friday.
- b. **Police Department** – Chief Williams introduced his new Administrative Assistant Catalina Nunez to the community. He also informed that MPD will be working closely with Kern County Fire Department during firework season and informed of tip line to report illegal fireworks.
- c. **Finance Department**- Finance Director F. Lara informed council that with the documents he provided to the auditors he is ready to have them come out to do a field audit. He also stated that he is working on the new budget draft. Mr. Lara informed the community of a new payment method (DOXO Pay) on our city website they can use to pay their water bill free of charge with their ACH information.
- d. **Public Works Department**- Public Works Director Gonzales gave brief overview on the status of all his departments and informed them of what they are currently working on. Street sweeping not working soon to be repaired. Villa Del Caribe Park energizing one week delay. EV Charging station 3-4 weeks away from receiving the needed equipment. 6<sup>th</sup> street over lay between Robertson and Sherwood and over lay between 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> street going out to bid 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.
- e. **Community Development**- Acting Community Development Director Ronk informed about the General Plan update EIR meeting scheduled for June 22 from 3-5 p.m. and invited the community to attend. He informed that due to new City Hall hours building permits, and inspections will only be done Monday through Thursday.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

3. Council instructed City Manager Lara to remind/ educate city staff of the city's protocol for media inquiries: Employee Handbook Section 2.28 News Media Contact states the following: "Employees may be approached for interviews or comments by the news media. No employee may comment on City Policy or decisions unless expressly authorized to do by the City Manager"
4. Mayor Gonzalez appointed herself to be seated on the GEO Community Relations Board and appointed Council member Saul Ayon to attend in her absence.
5. Council instructed staff and City Attorney to review and revise McFarland's Policy Governing Rental of City Property, including, but not limited to, the Veteran Hall Rental Policy and any Rental Agreement.
6. Motion was made by: Councilmember Rodriguez to approve awarding contract to Dee Jasper for conducting Urban Water Management Plan for the City of McFarland; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Cano.  
**Vote: 5/0**  
**Ayes: Rodriguez, Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**

**Abstentions: None**

\*Councilmember Rodriguez joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

7. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to purchase a new Animal Control Vehicle; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.  
**Vote: 5/0**  
**Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Rodriguez, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**
  
8. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve *Resolution No. 2021-0033 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY-FEDERAL MASTER AGREEMENT AND THE FINANCE LETTER FOR HSIPL-5343 (018) UPGRADE UNCONTROLLED CROSSWALK AND THE INTERSECTION OF W. PERKINS AVENUE AND 3RD PLACE, E PERKINS AVENUE AND SAN LUCAS, E PERKINS AVENUE AND SANPEDRO STREET, E SHERWOOD AVENUE AND BROWNING ROAD, AND W KERN AVENUE AND 4TH STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN* and authorize City Manager to execute the agreement with State Of California Department Of Transportation; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Cano.  
**Vote: 5/0**  
**Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**
  
9. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve *Resolution No. 2021-0034 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY'S PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS*; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Ayon.  
**Vote: 5/0**  
**Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**
  
10. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez to approve *Resolution No. 2021-0035 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE PROJECT LIST FOR FY 2021-22 FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM*; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Ayon.  
**Vote: 5/0**  
**Ayes: Pérez, Ayon, Cano, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**
  
11. Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:38 p.m. There was one comment made by an audience member Margie Martinez (212 7<sup>th</sup> Street McFarland) which asked council to clarify the amount of yards sales this ordinance would allow and the age limit of the person requesting the permit. City Attorney said there was no age limit and its two per person per year. Mayor closed public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Ayon, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, to waive the reading of the ordinance text in its entirety and introduce *Ordinance No. 0003-2021*.

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND REGARDING GARAGE SALES/YARD SALES AND AMENDING AND RESTATING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.48 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND AND RESTATE SECTIONS 5.48.010, 5.48.020, AND 5.48.030, AND ENACT SECTIONS 5.48.040, 5.48.050, 5.48.060, 5.48.070, 5.48.080, 5.48.090, 5.48.100, 5.48.110, and 5.48.120, MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE.*

**Vote: 5/0**  
**Ayes: Ayon, Rodriguez, Cano, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**

Council directed staff to place *Ordinance No. 0003-2021* on June 10, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting agenda for second reading and adoption.

12. Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:46 p.m. There were no comments. Mayor closed at 8:47 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Ayon, to waive the reading of the ordinance text in its entirety and introduce *Ordinance No. 0004-2021*.

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND REGARDING VENDING FROM VEHICLES AND LICENSE TAXES – RATES, AND AMENDING AND RESTATING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.44 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND AND RESTATE SECTIONS 5.48.020, AND 5.48.060, AND AMENDING AND RESTATING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.04, SECTION 5.04.140, MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE.*

**Vote: 5/0**

**Ayes: Rodriguez, Ayon, Cano, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstentions: None**

Council directed staff to place *Ordinance No. 0004-2021* on June 10, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting agenda for second reading and adoption.

#### **ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES**

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Cano – Informed the community that Delano Mosquito Abatement is sending notice to residents to clean their pools to avoid mosquitos.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor informed that the construction on HWY 99 has been extended until February 2022.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Mayor spoke to Mr. Nickell's and is still working on contacting Mr. Rezendes.
- 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 was cancelled.

#### **COUNCIL STATEMENTS**

Council Member Ayon- Informed of good outcome from the Ad Hoc Committee and stated morning staff meetings are too long and time consuming for staff members.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez- Thanked everyone for being here and the Lions Club. Sent her condolences to Letty Blanchard's (Former Planning Commissioner) family for her recent passing.

Council Member Cano- Encouraged the community to attend City public workshops he stated they are very informative. Thanked public works department and everyone who attended the meeting.

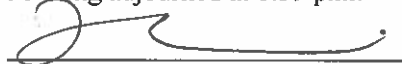
Council Member Rodriguez- Thanked the staff and nonprofits for the services they provide to our city.

Mayor Gonzalez- Thanked all city employees, city attorney and the community.

**\*Motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

