

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
June 10, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez, Mayor Gonzalez (Via Zoom), Ayon, Cano

Council Members Absent: Rodriguez (Resigned)

***Council Member Rodriguez submitted resignation letter June 9, 2021.**

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Lara, Chief of Police Williams, Interim City Attorney Hodges, City Clerk Alvarado, Acting Community Development Director Ronk, Finance Director Lara

INVOCATION

Council Member Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ayon

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Opened: 6:07

Closed: 6:07

No Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to approve warrant register for \$82,750.94 from May 16, 2021, to May 31, 2021; 2nd by: **Councilmember Ayon**.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Pérez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)

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

2. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to approve payroll register for \$187,349.20 for May 2021; 2nd by: **Councilmember Ayon**.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Pérez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)

**Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #2 due to marriage.*

3. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to approve Regular Minutes of *May 27, 2021*; 2nd by: **Councilmember Ayon**.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: **Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Gonzalez**
Nays: **None**
Absent: **None**
Abstentions: **None**

4. **Councilmember Ayon pulled:** Report, Discussion and Possible Approval for A **\$5,000** Donation to The McFarland Recreation and Parks for Annual Independence Day Fireworks Show.
NO action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Administration** – City Manager Lara notified that the City of McFarland is currently hiring for Human Resources Position and encourage interested people to apply. Lara informed the Council that Councilmember Rodriguez submitted letter resigning as a member on the Council as of June 9, 2021.

- b. **Police Department** – Chief of Police Williams informed the community that they will be working hard to combat illegal use of fireworks during the firework season and will be issuing citations to anyone that is caught breaking the law.

- c. **Finance Department-** Finance Director Lara stated that he is working to complete the outstanding audits. He informed the community of a new no fee online payment method to pay utility bills and other services offered by the city called DoxoPay and encourage everyone to try it.

- d. **Public Works Department-** Public Works Director Gonzales was absent. Councilmember Ayon requested that if the Director would happen to be absent again during a meeting that a supervisor attend the meeting with the update and answer any questions the community might have.

- e. **Community Development-** Acting Community Development Director Ronk gave a brief update on all his departments. He informed council that both vacant markets (Sonora and Community Market) are in the process for remodel.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

5. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** to approve the Urgency Firework **ORDINANCE NO. 0005-2021** AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTERS 1.14, AND 8.08 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY'S FIREWORKS REGULATIONS; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.

*Public comment was opened at 7:21p.m. and closed at 7:24 p.m.
Mr. Ron Woods asked why it took so long to address this issue.*

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: **Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez**
Nays: **None**
Absent: **None**
Abstentions: **None**

6. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0036** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA, and AUTHORIZING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON 264 BROWNING ROAD (APN 201-164-20-00-8) TO BE PLACED ON TAX ROLL; 2nd by: **Councilmember Ayon**.

Public comment was opened at 7:30 p.m. and closed at 7:31 p.m.

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

7. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** to approve Second Reading and Adoption of **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; 2nd by **Councilmember Cano**.

Public comment was opened at 7:34 p.m. and closed at 7:36 p.m.

Amanda Berkman (Merlot Street) - asked why we were limiting the amount of yard sales we allow residents and asked for leniency to allow residents hold as many yard sales to sell whatever they need to be able to pay their water bills.

City legal counsel responded that this ordinance brings the city within the state law requirements.

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

8. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** to approve Second Reading and Adoption of **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, ADOPT AND ENACT 5.48.060, AND AMEND AND RESTATE TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.04, SECTION 5.04.140, MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.

Public comment was opened at 7:38 p.m. and closed at 7:38 p.m.
No comments

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Councilmember Cano informed that the mosquito abatement is asking for residents to drain their pools to avoid mosquitos and are sending waring letters to residents with standing water pools.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Meeting scheduled for June 17 at 6:30.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – None to report.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – Meeting scheduled for June 24th.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – Shafter to host first in person meeting in July.
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- Councilmember Ayon- None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Councilmember Ayon – Directed staff to have someone in that department (Supervisors) to be available to attend the City Council meetings in case the Directors were going to be absent to give the departmental report during the meeting.


Councilmember Cano- Asked if Public Works Director Gonzales could investigate street resurfacing and give feedback to Council.

Mayor Gonzalez- Thanked her fellow Councilmembers and the Chief of Police for working together to move the city forward.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez- Stated she is grateful with the Council for helping build a great community.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

