

**MINUTES**

**CITY OF MCFARLAND  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Manuel Cantu Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Present: Cantu, McFarland, Gonzalez, Melendez, Perez  
Council Member Absent: None

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

City Manager Wooner, City Attorney Schroeter, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Public Works Director Gonzales, Chief Kimble

**INVOCATION**

Council Member McFarland

**FLAG SALUTE**

Council Member Gonzalez

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. McFarland Unified School District Superintendent Aron Resendez, 601 2<sup>nd</sup> St., McFarland, invited the Council and public to the Early College launch event taking place on February 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the McFarland High School Gymnasium. They will provide food and child care.
2. Lori Schultz from the McFarland Unified School District, 599 5<sup>th</sup> St., McFarland, shared the opportunities the school district offers adults such as classes to acquire high school diploma, computer classes, and English as a second language for citizenship exam. There is no fee for any of these classes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Warrant register in the amount of \$314,691.54 from January 06, 2019 through January 14, 2019
- 2) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of January 10, 2019
- 3) Notice of Completion for the Installation of Playground Equipment at Jim White "Blanco" Park

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez to approve items 1 and 2 on consent agenda;  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Melendez

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Gonzalez, Melendez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Item No. 3, Pulled by Council Member Melendez**

**Reason for being pulled:** Council Member Melendez asked if the park is officially open, who is taking care of the maintenance, and asked if the park was paid with grant money.

City Manager Wooner responded that the park is officially opened, the Parks and Recreation will be taking care of the maintenance of the park and yes, the park was paid with grants.

Mayor Cantu would like to coordinate with the School District if they need the soccer field or baseball field.

Motion was made by Council Member Melendez to approve the Notice of Completion for the Installation of the Playground Equipment at Jim White "Blanco" Park; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Perez

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 4) Public hearing to consider the approval of Ordinance No. 001-2019 amending the McFarland Zoning code to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of regulations and standards for the permitting, development, siting, installation, design, operation and maintenance of wireless telecommunications facilities in the City.
  - a. Conduct the Public Hearing
  - b. Adopt City Council Ordinance No. 001-2019 approving the wireless telecommunications facilities and amending the City of McFarland zoning code

Mayor Cantu opened the public hearing at 6:23 pm.

City Attorney Schroeter explained that this is an emergency ordinance because the city has no ordinance on telecommunications, and this would allow the city to take control of the location of towers.

Council Member asked to clarify what the city is going to control.

City Manager responded that it is too soon for them to understand it and for the city to understand it, but it is not too soon to start protecting so basically, we will go through with the utility companies step by step and identify what is better for the city and the utility companies.

Superintendent Resendez shared that the district had some concerns about passing the ordinance, but he met with City Manager Wooner and had some clarification on the matter.

Since then, the district is on board with approving the ordinance.

Mrs. Woods thanked the Council for thinking ahead and protecting the city.

Mayor Cantu closed the public hearing at 6:47 pm.

Motion was made by Council Member McFarland to approve Ordinance No. 001-2019 to approve an Urgency Ordinance of the City of McFarland Regarding Wireless Telecommunications Facilities and Amending the City of McFarland Zoning Code; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Gonzalez

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** McFarland, Gonzalez, Melendez, Perez, Cantu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

## **MONTHLY STAFF REPORT**

- 5) Administration, Public Safety, and Community Development

- a. Administration – Mr. Wooner reminded Council about the KCAC Dinner, State of the County, Ribbon Cutting for Blanco Park, the Supervisor Couch Workshop, and the College Night at McFarland Unified School District.

Mayor asked what is the timeline for the lights on new poles?

Mr. Gonzales responded by letting him know that PG&E was out 1/23/19 for a final inspection and now PG&E is rushing the project, but it will take anywhere from three to eight weeks.

- b. Public Safety Department – Chief Scot Kimble informed Council that the Police Department did a good job at the Christmas parade, he mentioned the Swearing In Ceremony for five new officers, and the Operation Christmas. He thanked Council Member Melendez and Council Member Perez for joining them at Operation Christmas. He also informed the Council that McFarland Police Department was recognized as the 56 safest cities in California.
- c. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed Council that the City was just awarded the Pet Smart Grant, USDA has been closed and haven't been able to close the loan for the animal shelter, the City received donation from Wonderful for the installation of a new gate at the animal shelter, building division is very busy, the Taco Bell sign is going up, CDBG awarded a one month extension, the City received the \$10,000 grant for the McFarland USA marathon advertisement, and finally Lilly's Flower Shop is out to bid for the façade and Villa Del Caribe is also out to bid.

### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 6) Motion was made by Council Member Perez to approve the MOU Agreement between the City and McFarland School District for the School Resource Officer (SRO) subject to review of indemnification language by Attorney Schroeter and Mr. Wooner; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member McFarland  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez, Melendez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
- 7) Motion was made by Council Member Melendez to approve the legal services agreement between the City and Young Wooldridge to fill in for our attorney Tom Schroeter while he is out of the country from February 8<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Gonzales  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
- 8) Council appointed new Subcommittee Members as follows:
  - #1 Finance – Cantu and Melendez
  - #2 Public Works – Gonzalez and Perez
  - #3 Development – McFarland and Melendez
  - #4 Recreation – Gonzalez and McFarland
  - #5 Legislative – Cantu and Melendez
  - #6 Economic Development Ad-Hoc Task Force – McFarland and Melendez
  - #7 Law Enforcement – Melendez and McFarland
  - #8 Prison – Melendez and Perez
  - #9 Refuse – Cantu and Gonzalez
  - #10 School Relations - Eliminate
  - #11 Statement of Qualification – Eliminate
  - #12 Downtown Design – Perez and Gonzalez
  - #13 Veterans Memorial – Cantu and Melendez
  - #14 Festival Committee – Melendez and McFarland
  - #15 Tri-Agency – Cantu and Perez; Alternate Gonzalez
  - #16 Delano Mosquito Abatement – Melendez
  - #17 Kern COG – Cantu and McFarland
  - #18 PAL Program – Perez
- 9) Mr. Wooner informed Council of a procedural letter that was sent from the Kern County Fire Department for the Fire Agreement
- 10) Mr. Wooner informed Council of an award notification for the grant that was applied for, for the Tri-Agency, for the Planning Grant for the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program.

## ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

Delano Mosquito Abatement (DMAD): None to report.

Kern Council of Government (KCOG): Mayor Cantu informed that he will be attending a meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> and informed of the Gala Event that KCOG will be hosting.

McFarland Tri-Agency (MTAP): Mayor mentioned that the only thing he has to report is the TCC grant that was previously mentioned and the Tri-Agency finally has treasurer.

Kern Economic Development Corp (KEDC): Mr. Wooner informed the Council that the State of California is doing well in ag, energy, oil and businesses. Mr. Wooner was very surprised in regard to the thousands of jobs that are being secured.

Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC): None to report.

## COUNCIL STATEMENTS

McFarland would like to thank the lord for seeing 2018 through and also would like to acknowledge the McFarland High School girl's basketball team since they are undefeated.

Mayor would like a proclamation for the McFarland High School girl's basketball team once the season is over.

Melendez fortunate to be raised in McFarland.

Perez thanked everyone for being at the meeting and excited for all the project going on in McFarland.

Mayor expressed to Council that it was an honor to sit in in a pre-screening of the movie Breakthrough and thanked everyone for being at the meeting and all staff for all work they do.

## CLOSED SESSION

- 1) Motion by Council Member Melendez to approve the January 17, 2019 closed session minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Perez

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Melendez, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

  
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Claudia Ceja, Clerk of the Board

