

MINUTES

**CITY OF MCFARLAND
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Manuel Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

Council Member Present: Cantu, McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez
Council Member Absent: Melendez

Note: Council Member McFarland walked in at 6:11 pm.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Wooner, City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Community Development Director Lara, Public Works Director Gonzales, Chief Kimble

INVOCATION

Chief Kimble

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Gonzalez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rob Duchow from So. Cal Gas would like to raise an awareness for the McFarland residents regarding a proposal California would like to put through to get rid of natural gas and be forced to use electric appliances. Mr. Duchow requested a resolution to be approved by council of So. Cal Gas.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Warrant register in the amount of \$409,039.23 from February 20, 2019 through March 04, 2019
- 2) Pre-issued payroll in the amount of \$137,897.65

Note: Council Member Gonzalez abstains to item #2, her husband works for the wastewater plant and she chooses to reclude herself from this item.

- 3) Minutes of regular City Council meeting of February 28, 2019

Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve all items on consent agenda

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: Melendez

Abstentions: Gonzalez (item #2)

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor opened up the public hearing for the Unmet Transit Needs at 6:18 pm and closed at 6:19 pm. There were no comments from the audience.

- 4) Motion by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-004 A Resolution of the City of McFarland Finding

There Are No Unmet Public Transit Needs Which Can Reasonably Be Met In The City of McFarland (2018-2019)

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: Melendez

Abstentions: None

Mayor opened up the public hearing for the updated general plan at 6:30 pm and closed at 6:31 pm. There were no comments from the audience.

- 5) Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-005 A Resolution of the City of McFarland City Council Approving the Updated General Plan and certify the findings and statement of overriding considerations

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: Melendez

Abstentions: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- 6) a. Administration – City Manager informed the council that this Friday the office is closed, the animal control shelter groundbreaking will take place on 3/27/19. The city will be providing a \$30.00 voucher to all residents who wish to spay and neuter their dog. He also reminded Council that the 4th Annual Marathon will be on 4/7/19 and informed that Billy Mills (1969 Olympics Winner) will be the guest speaker.
- b. Finance Department – Mrs. Mosqueda informed council that the Prop 218 notices went out to all residents. Staff is available to answer any questions they have and all residents are welcome to ask for an estimate of what their bill will be. Staff is finalizing the numbers for mid-year.
- c. Public Works Department – Mr. Gonzales informed the council that the lights on 2nd Street are now running, the streets department is working on the striping at Kern Ave School and installing a “No Left Turn” sign, there will be activity at the wastewater plant for the construction of the animal shelter, the Highway and Safety Improvement project for the ADA ramps, speed sign, and blinking stop signs that will be installed on Garzoli & 5th St will begin mid-April, and finally the city clean-up is scheduled for 4/6/19.

Note: Mr. Coby Esquibel, 337 Mission St., McFarland, would like to voice his concern regarding how unsafe it is on Mast Ave (corner of Ritchey Park) due to the speeding of vehicles. He is also concerned with the lights on Mission St. because they do not turn on.

Mayor Cantu advised Mr. Esquibel to take a business card and contact Mr. Wooner for a follow up regarding this matter.

Mr. Gonzales informed the council and Mr. Esquibel that he and the Chief are working on the stop sign on Mast and advised Mr. Esquibel to write down the number of the light pole and bring it in so that Mr. Gonzales can call PG&E to let them know about the light that is out.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7) Motion by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the Phantom Fireworks/Gospel Lighthouse Church Lease Agreement for permission to use the city owned property located at SWC Sherwood Ave/San Juan St. for the 2019 fireworks season

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: Melendez

Abstentions: None

- 8) Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with Krazan & Associates, Inc. for an environmental review to issue a letter of reliance to Ballesteros Tire Shop

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Perez, Gonzales, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: Melendez

Abstentions: None

- 9) Motion by Council Member McFarland, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the bid from Bowen Engineering & Environmental in the amount of \$38,800.00 for the demolition and site clearing services of the old library building located at 200 Harlow Ave and authorize the attorney to draft agreement and have Mayor Cantu execute the agreement

Vote 4-0

Ayes: McFarland, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: Melendez

Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – None to report
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – None to report
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – None to report
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

McFarland – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and great full that the drought is over.

Gonzalez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and all staff for keeping everything together.

Perez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting, mentioned how proud she is with the girls' basketball team, and thanked Chief Kimble for Tacos with the Team and mentioned it was a successful event.


Cantu – Thanked the audience and staff.

Regular agenda adjourned at 7:07 pm

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) Motion by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by McFarland, and unanimously adopted to approve the closed session minutes of February 28, 2019.
- 2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9; one potential case – No reportable action.
- 3) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.1
Name of Case: City of McFarland v. Community Works Design Group – No reportable action.
- 4) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Name of Case: City of McFarland v. Ballesteros

ADJOURNMENT



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



