

## MINUTES

### CITY OF MCFARLAND REGULAR MEETING MARCH 28, 2019

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Manuel Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

#### ROLL CALL

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

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

#### OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Wooner, City Attorney Schroeter, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Community Development Director Lara, and Public Works Director Gonzales

#### INVOCATION

Council Member McFarland

#### FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Gonzalez

#### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Mayor presented a proclamation declaring March 28, 2019 as McFarland High School Girls Basketball Team Day. He also presented the team with certificates of recognition.

Mariela Gomez representing Assemblyman Rudy Salas, Art Armendariz representing Supervisor David Couch, and Laura representing Senator Melissa Hurtado handed out certificates the McFarland High School Girls Basketball Team.

Ms. Laura also handed Mayor and Council with a certificate for the McFarland Animal Shelter.

2. Mayor presented a proclamation declaring April 2019 as DMV/Donate Life California Month.
3. Mariela Gomez from Assemblyman Rudy Salas gave a brief presentation to council on Bill 17, Bill 239, Bill 299, Bill 1257, and Bill 1258.

Note: Mayor thanked everyone who attended the Animal Shelter groundbreaking and invited the public out to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual McFarland USA Half Marathon and 5K, which will take place on April 7, 2019.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mariaelena Morgan, 733 2<sup>nd</sup> St., McFarland, requested more lighting at the 700 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. as well as sidewalks.

Ms. Martha Landeros, 799 2<sup>nd</sup> St., McFarland, asked when would 2<sup>nd</sup> St. be beautified.

Note: Mayor responded by thanking Ms. Morgan and Ms. Landeros for bringing these issues to council. He invited them to public workshops where they can voice their needs and mentioned that the city is doing what they can with the money the city has.

Note: City Manager mentioned he has asked Public Works Director Gonzales to put in a claim to ask for review of lighting and maybe they are willing to put in some lights.

Mr. Russell Coker, 300 Harlow Ave., McFarland, expressed his concern with meter readers piling mud in front of his fence when they read meters, he would like his fence painted correctly, and he is concerned with the sewer and water rate increase because his renters will have to pay more than double. He is asking the council to consider lowering the rates.

Note: Mayor responded to Mr. Coker by telling him that the city will do their homework and he will ask staff to check with other cities to see what they are doing. He mentioned that the city has not raised rates and the first jump will be a big one but the city has to do whatever is best for the city and the community.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Council Melendez due to the wording "Report, Discussion, and Possible Approval" pulled agenda items 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 from the consent agenda.

4. Motion by Council Member McFarland, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register in the amount of \$405,651.95 from March 05, 2019 through March 19, 2019.

**Vote: 4-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** Gonzalez

Note: Council Member Gonzalez abstains to item #1, her husband works for the wastewater plant and she chooses to recluse herself from this item.

5. Motion by Council Member McFarland, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of March 14, 2019.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

6. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the completed work for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Improvement Project and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

7. Motion by Council Member McFarland, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the completed work West Kern Ave. – Landscape & Pedestrian Improvements and authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

8. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2019-006, A Resolution of the City of McFarland City Council Supporting Balanced Energy Solutions and Maintaining Local Control of Energy Solutions.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

9. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2019-007, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Adopting Procedures in Connection with Proposition 218 Hearing and Majority Protest.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

10. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2019-008, A Resolution of the City of McFarland City Council supporting Finish State Route 46.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

11. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act within the Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

12. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried approve the agreement with David Cockrill.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

13. a. Administration – City Manager informed the council that this Friday the office is closed, Chief's goodbye reception is April 3, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Community Center, and the city-cleanup is April 6, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mr. Wooner informed the council that the donations and fees for the marathon are used towards scholarships for the McFarland High School students.

- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed council that the Planning Commission and Planning Department have been very busy. LAFCO approved Annexation 15 and 16 and the county approved Annexation 17. Annexation 17 will be going to LAFCO in April. The department is working with the Sphere of Influence. Under the grants department, the department received the Urban Greening Program agreement for the \$1.8 million grant and have been working the Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant agreement. Ms. Lara has been working with the contractor and USDA for the construction of the Animal Shelter and hopefully by early next year the Animal Shelter is ready. Building officials have been busy doing inspection at the new homes. A representative from Huánuco our sister city is in the audience.

Note: Mr. Juan Olmada introduced himself and explained who he is and what he does.

Note: Mr. Wooner mentioned that the meeting with Supervisor Couch went very well.

- c. Public Safety Department – None to report.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

14. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the financing of the Streets Department equipment and authorize Mayor Cantu to execute the lease agreement with Kansas State Bank upon review of the City Attorney.

**Vote:** 5-0

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Melendez

**Abstentions:** None

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

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez encourages everyone to call DMAD if anybody has a mosquito problem. Mr. Marlin Issacs is no longer with the DMAD.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Cantu mentioned that he would be going to the San Joaquin Valley Council meeting on April 3, 2019 to represent the city.

- 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 – He is happy that there has been excellent ideas covered this meeting and thankful for all the things that have been happening.

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

Melendez – Mentioned he is ecstatic for the street equipment.

Perez – Thanked everybody for coming to the meeting and is excited to see that the community is very united and thankful that all the concerns are being addressed.

Cantu – Mentioned the city has great staff and great directors and thanked everyone for all that they do. He also thanked the audience for being at the meeting.

Regular agenda adjourned at 8:06 pm

### CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion by Council Member McFarland, seconded by Gonzalez, all in favor except Council Member Melendez who abstained to approve the minutes of closed session held on March 14, 2019.
2. Public Employee Appointment  
Position: Chief of Police – No reportable action
3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – No reportable action.
4. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency Designated Representative: City Manager – No reportable action.

### ADJOURNMENT

  
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Claudia Ceja, City Clerk

