

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING

May 14, 2020

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 6:03 p.m. via teleconference/virtual meeting.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Gonzalez, McFarland, Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez

Council Members Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Interim City Manager Pennell, City Attorney Schroeter, Interim Chief of Police/Interim Assistant City Manager Davis, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Community Development Director Lara, and Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gonzalez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rosa Lopez, 247 E. Perkins Ave, McFarland. Ms. Lopez asked what the special meeting on April 22 was about.

CONSENT AGENDA

***Item no. 5 pulled for discussion**

1. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$314,163.46 from April 15, 2020 through May 05, 2020.

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Gonzalez

Note: Council Member Gonzales recluses herself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.

2. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve the payroll register for April 2020.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

3. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of Special City Council Meeting of April 22, 2020.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

4. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of April 23, 2020.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
5. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to appoint Mayor Gonzalez to the KEDC Board and Council Member Perez as alternate.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Rodriguez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
6. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to accept the Notice of Completion for HSIP Cycle 8 – safety improvements and authorize the City Clerk to file the notice.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
7. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to accept the certificate of acceptance for an easement for public access purposes granted by McFarland School District to the City of McFarland.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
8. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-0015 authorizing submission of a special assessment on APN 201-164-20-00-8 and 201-031-04-00-3 to be placed on tax roll.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
9. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-0016 authorizing the execution of the certifications and assurances and authorized agent forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the McFarland Transit Facility - \$28,199.00.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
10. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-0017 initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, Resolution No. 2020-0018 preliminary approval of the engineer's report regarding the proposed levy and collection of assessments, and Resolution No. 2020-0019 declaring its intention to the levy and collect assessments within the landscaping and lighting assessment district no. 1 for fiscal year 202/2021 and setting the time and place for the public hearing.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Administration – Mr. Pennell informed Council that employees will be back at work as of Monday but City Hall will not be open to the public. He mentioned his resignation due to health problems and regrets that he can't continue on as Interim City Manager for McFarland and thanked Council.
- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed council that she, Mario, and the building inspector did the final walk through at the Kendrea Terrace project club house, the animal shelter is 98% complete, and invited council to tour the Kendrea project as well as the animal shelter.
- c. Public Safety Department – Chief Davis informed council that they continue at the level of 5 officers and reminded council and citizens that officers are working a firefighter schedule and Sheriff's and CHP officers are also patrolling the city.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

11. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the tax sharing agreement between the City of McFarland and the County of Kern regarding transfer of tax revenues upon annexation.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Rodriguez, Melendez, Gonzalez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

12. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to remove Planning Commissioner Ricardo Cano from the City of McFarland Planning Commission Board.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: McFarland, Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez

Nays: None

Absent: None

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.
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Council Member Perez thanked Mr. Pennell for all the hard work and helping the city through the difficult times and wished him a quick recovery. She is looking forward for the tour of the new homes and the animal shelter ribbon cutting. Thanked Chief and the rest of the staff.

Council Member Melendez thanked Mr. Pennell and all staff.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked Mr. Pennell and wished him a quick recovery and thanked Chief and the rest of the staff for the hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem appreciated everyone at the city.

Meeting was interrupted at 7:04 pm due to power outage in McFarland.

CLOSED SESSION

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Title: Interim City Manager – Item will be continued to 5/15/2020 at 5:00 pm due to power outage.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Melendez to adjourn meeting at 7:31 pm and continue the closed session item to 5/15/2020 at 5:00 pm due to power outage.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk

