

MINUTES

**CITY OF MCFARLAND
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Interim City Manager Davis, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Community Development Director Lara, and Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Council Member McFarland

FLAG SALUTE

Council Member Perez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ron Woods, 13053 Garzoli Ave, mentioned that with the disappearance of Mr. Wooner he understands that the city has to move on and it will be hard for somebody to fill in his spot but asks that council choose a City Manager who will be the right fit for the city.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register in the amount of \$356,402.07 from April 27, 2019 through May 15, 2019.
Vote: 3-0
Ayes: Perez, Melendez, McFarland
Nays: None
Absent: Cantu
Abstentions: Gonzalez

Note: Council Member Gonzalez recused herself from voting due to a conflict of interest with her husband being employed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
2. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of May 9, 2019.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Perez, Gonzalez, Melendez, McFarland
Nays: None
Absent: Cantu
Abstentions: None
3. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2019-014, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland, California, Authorizing Special Assessment on 264 Browning Road (APN 201-164-20-00-8) and 974 Frontage Road (APN 201-031-04-04) to be Placed on Tax Roll.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Perez, Gonzalez, Melendez, McFarland
Nays: None
Absent: Cantu

Abstentions: None

4. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2019-015, Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Assessments for FY 2018/2018, Resolution No. 2019-016, Preliminary Approval of the Engineer's Report Regarding the Proposed Levy and Collection of Assessments, and Resolution No. 2019-017, Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments within the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1 for FY 2019/2020 and Setting the Time and Place for the Public Hearing.

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Perez, Gonzalez, Melendez, McFarland

Nays: None

Absent: Cantu

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

5. a. Administration – Interim City Manager thanked council for having the confidence in her to be the Interim City Manager and mentioned that she is very impressed with staff and how they have handled everything and stepped up with confidence. She asked council that any information they need please go through her. She mentioned that the meeting that took place on Tuesday with Harvest Energy went great and she was very impressed how staff handled the meeting.
- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara mentioned that grants department is working on closing out several projects like the backup generator, ATP Cycle 2, Third St to Fourth St and Kern Ave project, CDBG grant, and Blanco Park Gazebo. Animal Control department had 67 dogs rescued, four adopted and 29 were owner returned, they also partnered with Kern County to give shots for dogs, and the animal shelter will begin construction in the next two weeks. Code Enforcement has a hybrid person who is able to do more code. He is working with Sonora Market and the owner of the car wash. Planning Department has been issuing permits to local churches for remodeling and working on Tract 7214 Phase 5 and 6.
- c. Public Safety Department – Interim Chief Davis informed council of an incident that happened last Friday with a warrant service in which the suspect ran. The incident went well and officers did a great job protecting the community. She mentioned that the Police Department will be hosting trainings for the city and other agencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez informed council and audience that if they have a problem with mosquitos to contact Delano Mosquito Abatement.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – None to report.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez informed council that the Tri-Agency will no longer have the 411 web site and the Tri-Agency will be looking for a new Grant Writer.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.

Note: Council Member Melendez asked if the council needs to appoint a new representative and Tom responded by letting council know that Mayor can appoint someone.

- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Perez – Thanked everyone at the meeting and mentioned that the reason why she ran for City Council was to be involved with the community but she feels is very disheartening to be accuses of negative things.

She asked for empathy during these hard times and wants to re-assure that she will do what is right for the city.

Melendez – Prays everything turns out well.

Gonzalez – Praying for Mr. Wooner’s safe return and mentioned were all a community and were here to support each other.

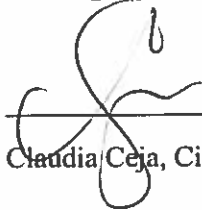
McFarland – Mentioned how unreal everything but he asked everyone to be resilient and hopeful. Things have not fallen apart thanks to all the staff and prays that everyone gets home safe.

CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



