

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING**

May 28, 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, 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**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$757,939.27 from May 06, 2020 through May 20, 2020.  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez, McFarland  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** Gonzalez  
Note: Council Member Gonzales recluses herself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.
2. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of May 14, 2020.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
3. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve the Phantom Fireworks Lease Agreement.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

4. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-0020, authorizing signatures for check signing and payment vouchers.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

5. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-0021, approving submittal of Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 application for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Administration – Mr. Pennell reminded council that this was his last meeting and thanked council for the confidence and support from all council.
- b. Finance Department – Mrs. Mosqueda informed council that staff continues to work on audit and budget. All staff is back at work but city hall continues to be closed to the public.
- c. Public Works Department – Mr. Gonzales informed council that shin guards will be installed at city hall, the Garzoli Undergrounding will resume on Monday, and construction of the EV charging station on the East side will begin.

Council Member Perez asked about transit services being back in service.

Mr. Gonzales said he will be checking into the guidelines to begin transit services.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

6. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement between the City of McFarland and Innovative Lease Services, Inc. for the purchase of ten (10) Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles.

**Vote: 5-0**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

7. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve three (3) positions within the police department which are At-Will Police Reserve Officer/Trainee Position, Senior Police Communications/Records Administrator Position, and Community Service Officer Position.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Rodriguez, McFarland, Gonzalez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

Chief Davis made a presentation of the promotion of Officer Tyler Helton to Deputy Chief and swore him in to his duty of Deputy Chief. Chief Davis mentioned she is very impressed with the work he has done.

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

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez invited the residents of McFarland to contact the mosquito abatement for any mosquito issues.
- 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 Melendez thanked Mr. Pennell for everything he’s done and his expertise.

Council Member Perez thanked Mr. Pennell for his assistance and wished him a speedy recovery.

Council Member Rodriguez wished Mr. Pennell the best and a speedy recovery and thanked Chief Davis for all the good information.

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland asked if Casa Fajitas can be cleaned up as well as streets. Asked for god’s protection and thanked Mr. Pennell for his guidance.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked Mr. Pennell thanked Mr. Pennell for all his time and dedication.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: Interim City Manager – **No reportable action.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Perez to adjourn meeting at 7:17 pm.

  
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Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



