

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

**June 11, 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 (logged on at 6:15 pm), Rodriguez, Melendez (logged on at 6:13 pm), and Perez

Council Members Absent: None

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Gonzalez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Gonzalez

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Margie Martinez, 212 7<sup>th</sup> St, McFarland, CA. Mrs. Martinez asked council if there was any way possible to have all firework stands to start selling fireworks on July 1<sup>st</sup> and not earlier. She also asked what the city is doing about ants around town.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$36,863.49 from May 21, 2020 through June 02, 2020.  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez  
**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 Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the payroll register for \$130,703.39 for May 2020.  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** Gonzalez  
**Note:** Council Member Gonzales recluses herself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.
3. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of Special City Council Meeting of May 26, 2020.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

4. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of May 28, 2020.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
  
5. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-0022 authorizing the application and receipt of Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
  
6. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-0023 adopting a list of projects for fiscal year 2020-2021 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
  
7. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve an agreement between the City of McFarland and Kern County for the Cooling Center Program.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

8. Mrs. Mosqueda gave a brief report, Mayor opened public comments at 6:30 pm, there were no public comments, and Mayor closed public comments at 6:33 pm.

Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0024 approving the final engineer's report regarding the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1 and the levy and collection of annual assessments related thereto for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Perez, Melendez, Rodriguez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0025 ordering the levy and collection of assessments within the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Perez, Melendez, Rodriguez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Administration – Chief Davis announced there is two (2) planning commission vacancies to be filled, encouraged the residents of McFarland to fill out the census and informed council that Mr. Gonzales finished installing the sneeze guards.

Council Member Melendez asked if the city will receive any COVID-19 funds. Chief Davis informed council that the city is receiving funds and the agreement will be at the next council meeting for approval.

Council Member Perez asked if the city can implement wearing masks in all businesses.

- b. Community Development Department – Mrs. Lara encouraged all McFarland residents to fill out the census report because the city’s funding is based on the census. She informed council that the city has been working with Fresno State to promote the webinars for businesses.

Council Member Melendez asked Mrs. Lara to send out letters to all businesses to thank them for staying in business during these trying times.

- c. Public Safety Department – Chief Davis addressed the George Floyd situation and reiterated that McFarland PD condemns those actions taken by the police officers and do not condone that type of behavior here in McFarland. Chief Davis informed council with the help of Mrs. Lara the city was successful in receiving a grant for seven officers.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

9. Motion by Council Member Perez, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve the renewal agreement between the City of McFarland and Janet Davis subject to the change in wording from permanent Chief of Police to Interim Chief of Police.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Perez, Rodriguez, Melendez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

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

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez mentioned that Delano Mosquito Abatement sprayed throughout the city for mosquitos.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Gonzalez appointed herself as Board Member for KCOG.
- 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 all staff for the good job everyone has done with COVID-19.

Council Member Rodriguez mentioned he appreciates everyone’s hard work.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked all staff for the hard work.

\*Mayor Pro Tem McFarland left meeting at 7:26 pm.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve the closed session minutes of May 26, 2020.

**Vote: 4-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, Rodriguez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

2. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez, and unanimously carried to approve the closed session minutes of May 28, 2020.

**Vote: 4-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, Rodriguez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT AND CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS


**Title/Unrepresented Employee:** Police Chief, Interim Assistant City Manager – **See Item #9 in Open Session.**

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT AND CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

**Title/Unrepresented Employee:** Interim City Manager – **No reportable action.**

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.



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Claudia Ceja, City Clerk

