

## MINUTES

### CITY OF MCFARLAND REGULAR MEETING JUNE 27, 2019

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### OFFICIALS PRESENT

Interim City Manager Tooley, City Attorney Bateman, 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

Mrs. McFarland

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gonzalez

#### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Russell Coker, 300 Harlow, McFarland.** Mr. Coker addressed the council regarding the water rates, he believes the bill is too high. He also mentioned that his daughter and law and granddaughter were at Rite Aid and witnessed an incident in which there were some items stolen and Rite Aid personnel said that they've tried contacting MPD but they don't show up because they've been told that it is not a significant amount that is stolen therefore MPD will not do anything. Mr. Coker asked if the noise ordinance had changed because he was told by an Officer that it had changed. Mr. Coker asked if the pedestals that were installed in his commercial property on 2<sup>nd</sup> St can be removed. Lastly, he asked if sidewalks are going to be installed they should be installed where they are needed.

Interim Chief responded by letting Mr. Coker know that she will look into the Rite Aid incident and she also let Mr. Coker know that she wasn't aware of the noise ordinance changing and she will look into it.

**Jose Magana, 484 Thompson St., McFarland.** He mentioned that he understands that rates have to go up because cost of living goes up but doesn't understand why it went up too much. Mr. Magana asked what is being done in regards to vehicles that are parked in the street and are not being moved. He mentioned that at his parent's neighbor's house at 516 Richards there is vehicles that looked abandoned and have no license plates. Lastly, he asked if there is a graffiti program in place because he can get paint for the city if the city needs it.

Ms. Lara let Mr. Magana know that code enforcement is currently working with the Police Department to tag the vehicles.

Mr. Gonzalez will get with Mr. Magana to discuss the graffiti program and obtaining paint from the City of Bakersfield.

**Maria Jacinto, 343 Mt. Arbor, McFarland.** She asked what the status is of the community center project that the McFarland Recreation and Parks District was bringing to the city. She mentioned that it was a good project for the community but hasn't heard anything else on it. She asked if the listening session on July 11 will only be to address the water or can they address other issues. Lastly, she wants to know if the kids will be able to use the Blanco Park for the baseball/softball games because it gets to crowded and there is not enough parking.

Mr. Nickell responded by letting Ms. Jacinto know that they have been having issues with acquiring land for the community center and the next step will be to meet with Mr. Tooley to discuss the land next to Browning Rd Park.

Mr. Nickell let her know that they will start utilizing the Blanco Park next week for the baseball/softball games.

Council Member Melendez let her know that the listening session is only to discuss the water rates but if she has other issues she can address them in the public comments section.

**Mara Figueroa, 673 10<sup>th</sup> St., McFarland.** She mentioned that it is a good idea that the council is having a listening session with the public, she asked if the city trucks are being used to work or to use them on weekends. She thinks that the city trucks should be parked at the city and not be parked taking breaks. She also mentioned that she was offended by the comment that was made at the last council meeting regarding the plants that were stolen and given to the mothers for mother's day.

Mr. Melendez commented and said that city vehicles are used on weekends because they are on call or if they are parked during working hours it is because they might be on their lunch break.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Council Member Melendez pulled consent items # 4 – 6 for discussion.

1. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register in the amount of \$480,660.13 from June 4, 2019 through June 19, 2019.  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzales, McFarland  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Perez, Cantu  
**Abstentions:** None
2. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of June 13, 2019.  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzales, McFarland  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Perez, Cantu  
**Abstentions:** None
3. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to accept the VC Construction General Contractor Notice of Completion for Lilly's Flower Shop Business Facade Program  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzales, McFarland  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Perez, Cantu  
**Abstentions:** None
4. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-021 to continue Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Appropriations to Fiscal Year 2019-20.  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzales, McFarland  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Perez, Cantu  
**Abstentions:** None

Note: Council Member Gonzales asked for a little for information regarding Resolution No. 2019-021.

Mr. Tooley explained to Council Member Gonzalez that this will allow the city to continue the budget for one month and spend no more than 1/12 of the budget and will then bring the FY 2019-20 budget to council for approval.

5. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the first amendment to the agreement between the City of McFarland and Countryside Corp., and allow the Mayor to execute the agreement as well as approve and adopt Resolution

No. 2019-022 for the purchase, sale and joint escrow instructions for E. Sherwood Cell Tower land.

**Vote: 3-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzales, McFarland

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Perez, Cantu

**Abstentions:** None

Note: Council Member Melendez asked for more information on this item.

Ms. Lara explained to Council Member Melendez that the agreement is to amend the previous agreement that was approved back on July 31, 2018 to include more flexibility on what they can build at the cell tower land

6. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement between the City of McFarland and The Natelson Dale Group, Inc. to share the costs of an analysis of tax sharing scenarios to support renegotiations of a master tax exchange between the County and the city as well as approval for the Mayor to execute the agreement.

**Vote: 3-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzales, McFarland

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Perez, Cantu

**Abstentions:** None

Note: Council Member Melendez asked for more information on this item.

Mr. Tooley explained to Council Member Melendez that anytime the city goes through an annexation there has to be an analysis of tax sharing. It is a pre-requisite that the city has to go through.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

7. a. Administration – Interim City Manager Tooley informed council that he anticipates a special city council meeting on July 8 to discuss a closed session item. He informed council that Ms. Ceja will be contacting all council to arrange the meeting.
- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed council that the grants department has been working on the application for more funding for Blanco Park and also working on Prop 68 grant application, the planning department has been reviewing some site plans for local businesses, the building department has been working on building permits for the Kendrea rental units, code enforcement department has been working with Sonora Market to demolish the car wash and also working with the Casa Fajitas building, and finally the animal control department have been busy with picking up dogs and rescuing them and also launching the Pet Smart Foundation grant.
- c. Public Safety Department – Interim Chief Davis informed council that Detective Herrera is currently working on a current homicide. The McFarland PD will be working with different agencies on a search operation for probation and parolees. The McFarland PD will be hosting training sessions for the PD and city and it will be free of charge.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

None

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

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez informed council and residents that if anybody has a mosquito issue to please call the Delano Mosquito Abatement to report the issue.
- 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.

### COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Gonzalez – Thanked everyone who came out to the meeting and is looking forward to the July 11 meeting so that the community can come out and be informed about the water rates.

Melendez – Thanked staff and appreciates the work that Interim City Manager and Interim Chief of Police Davis are doing.

McFarland – Thanked all staff for all the outstanding job everyone is doing and for taking on different duties.

### CLOSED SESSION

1. Approval of the June 13, 2019 closed session minutes was tabled to the July 11 meeting because there was not a quorum. Council Member Melendez and Council Member Gonzalez were not present at the June 13 meeting therefore they could not vote.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Melendez, seconded by Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

  
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Claudia Ceja, City Clerk

