

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING

July 23, 2020

MCFARLAND CITY COUNCIL
MCFARLAND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MCFARLAND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
MCFARLAND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MCFARLAND PARKING AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. via teleconference/virtual meeting.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Gonzalez (Mayor was present but Mayor Pro Tem McFarland ran meeting due to Mayor being sick), McFarland, Rodriguez, Melendez, and Perez

Council Members Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION

Council Member Rodriguez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Melendez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margie Martinez, 212 7th St, McFarland, CA. Mrs. Martinez voiced her concern regarding disabled vehicles and crosswalk reflectors not working.

Rosa Lopez, 247 E. Perkins, McFarland, CA – Ms. Lopez voiced her concern regarding the west side of town having a lot of trash cans but there is none on the east side of town.

Bobby Sharp, 799 5th St, McFarland, CA – Mr. Sharp thanked the staff and the community for working hard on the Join the Conversation survey and expressed his support in adding a measure to the ballot to help the community with the problems the city is facing.

Alicia Conde, 130 Marshall St, McFarland, CA – Ms. Conde voiced her concern regarding the well on Mr. Arbor. She mentioned it is a fire hazard with all the weeds.

Saul Ayon, 1015 Kala Loop, McFarland, CA – Mrs. Ayon voiced her concern regarding the rain gutter on Kala Loop. She would like it cleaned. She would like to know if there is anything code enforcement can do to enforce businesses as well as Kendra Apartments to clean all weeds.

Mr. Ayon addressed the issues with fireworks still going off every night. He asked if the fire and police can get together to find a solution. He would like to know what is going on with drive-by's happening. He asked where is the Deputy Chief that was hired because he hasn't seen her in the streets.

Chief Davis responded to the comments and said that the McFarland Police Department and the Delano Police Department are working together to stop the violence. Chief Davis mentioned there is only 5 officers working and with what the police department has is hard to respond to calls. In terms of fireworks, the Sheriff Department is now able to identify where the fireworks are coming from and can cite without having to go out to the property. As far as the Deputy Chief, she was hired but unfortunately due to some changes in state law we couldn't bring her on board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion passed to adopt the Consent Agenda in one motion except as indicated at each item.

1. Approve the warrant register for \$395,144.06 from June 15, 2020 through July 14, 2020.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez
Note: Mayor Gonzalez recluses herself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.
2. Approve the payroll register for \$124,778.45 for June 2020.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez
Note: Mayor Gonzalez recluses herself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.
3. Approve the minutes of Regular and Special City Council Meeting of June 25, 2020.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
4. Approve the 2020 business license fee waiver of \$50.00 for the Lions Club fireworks stand.
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Rodriguez
Note: Council Member Rodriguez recluses himself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.
5. Adopt Ordinance No. 007-2020 of the City of Council of the City of McFarland approving the Fifth Amendment to amended and restated development agreement with McFarland Partners, LLC.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
6. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-0033 approving a contract for services between the City of McFarland and the office of the State Controller to prepare the annual street report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and any related documents necessary to complete the contract.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Administration – Chief Davis reported that COVID has hit the police department and city hall hard, thankful that the Kern County Sheriffs have been helping with dispatching, and the water department is looking into purchasing equipment that will send alerts for low pressure.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

7. [2/3 Vote Required] Motion failed to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0034, a resolution of the City Council calling a municipal election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, ordering that a question relating to the levy of a sales tax be submitted to the voters at the election. Motion failed to adopt Ordinance No. 008-2020, an ordinance of the City of McFarland imposing a transactions and use tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland – Aye

Council Member Melendez – Nay

Council Member Perez – Aye

Council Member Rodriguez – Nay

Mayor Gonzalez – Aye

Motion Failed

8. Motion by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve an agreement between the City of McFarland and Douglas Brown dba Douglas Environmental to prepare and administrative draft initial study/mitigated negative declaration for the San Joaquin Renewal Biomass Project.

Vote: 5-0

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

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 everyone for participating in the meeting and expressed that all concerns are taken into account.

Council Member Melendez thanked everyone for the good job.

Council Member Rodriguez mentioned he did some ride-a- long with Code Enforcement and Animal Control, visited the animal shelter and wastewater plant and appreciates the hard work they are doing.

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland said he prays for all the community and asks for protection for all the community.

ADJOURNMENT


Regular Agenda adjourned at 7:26 pm

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Immigrant Legal Resources Center et al. v. City of McFarland et al. - No reportable action

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk

