

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

**August 13, 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 6:03 p.m. via teleconference/virtual meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Gonzalez (Mayor), Rodriguez, and Melendez

Council Members Absent: McFarland and Perez

**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**

Council Member Melendez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Rodriguez

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Esther Rodriguez, 1111 Moscato St, McFarland, CA. Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the city for gathering feedback from the community, concerned with the ATV situation, and asked what the status is of the Police Department grant to hire officers.

Chief Davis replied that the paperwork was signed last week and the department is now interviewing but with the Police Department wages is challenging to hire and there is not enough officers on duty to address the ATV issues.

Saul Ayon, 1015 Kala Loop, McFarland, CA – Mr. Ayon thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning the Kala Loop area, he asked what the status is with the audit and the budget and who is responsible for it not being completed on time, and lastly asked who is responsible for the vacant lots on the east side.

Chief Davis replied that she is responsible for not having the audit and budget completed and apologized for not getting it done and it is now top priority and is getting completed.

Mrs. Lara replied that the Code Enforcement Department has been in contact with the owners of the vacant lots and are working on citations to correct the violations.

Margie Martinez, 212 7<sup>th</sup> St, McFarland, CA – Mrs. Martinez asked if there is an issue with homeless and behind the fire department there is a lot of debris.

Angie Garza, 1152 Moscato St, McFarland, CA – Mrs. Garza voiced her concern regarding ATV's.

Juan Munguia, Did Not State Address – Mr. Munguia mentioned if there could be flyers or some kind of information regarding ATV's for the community to see.

Isabel Ayon, 1015 Kala Loop, McFarland, CA – Mrs. Ayon asked if it's possible for the Sheriff's to patrol the streets in the evening to help out with the ATV issue.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve the warrant register for \$431, 960.93 from July 15, 2020 through August 4, 2020.
- 2) Approve the payroll register for \$196,726.12 for July 2020.

**Motion was made by:** Rodriguez to approve items 1 and 2 on consent agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Melendez with Mayor Gonzalez recusing herself due to marriage but present for quorum.

**Vote:** 2-0

**Ayes:** Rodriguez, Melendez

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** McFarland, Perez

**Abstentions:** Gonzalez (Mayor)

- 3) Approve the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of July 23, 2020.
- 4) Appointment of Jim White and Jose "Jay" Hernandez to fill the two (2) planning commission vacancies for a four (4) year term.
- 6) Approve and agreement between the City of McFarland and Dr. Cornelius Nuworsoo dba De Lapidé & Associates, Inc. to prepare a draft sustainable agriculture element and to develop and administrative draft environmental impact report for the Draft 2040 McFarland General Plan.

**Motion was made by:** Rodriguez to approve items 3, 4, and 6 on consent agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Melendez

**Vote:** 3-0

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** McFarland, Perez

**Abstentions:** None

- 5) Award contract to Superior Construction in the amount of \$2,450,785.02 for the construction of the Villa del Caribe Park.

**Item #5 pulled by Council Member Rodriguez for discussion.**

Mrs. Lara briefed council on the project.

Council Member Rodriguez asked who will be maintaining the park.

Mrs. Lara responded that the McFarland Parks and Recreation will be maintaining it.

**Motion was made by:** Rodriguez to approve item 5 on consent agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Melendez

**Vote:** 3-0

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** McFarland, Perez

**Abstentions:** None

## PUBLIC HEARING

- 7) Adopt Resolution No. 2020-0035 approving an application submittal to the State of California Community Development Block Grant Program – Coronavirus Response Round 1 (CDBG-CV1).

Staff report provided by Mrs. Lara

Public hearing opened by Mayor Gonzalez at 6:39 pm.

Mrs. Margie Martinez asked if these services will be provided for the all the community and not only churches and will it qualify other agencies other than food banks.

Mrs. Lara responded that this service is for all non-profits.

Mr. Juan Munguia would like council know that the Chamber of Commerce submitted a letter of support for this program.

Public hearing closed by Mayor Gonzalez at 6:48 pm.

**Motion made by:** Rodriguez; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Melendez

**Vote:** 3-0

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** McFarland, Perez

**Abstentions:** None

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

### Chief Davis reported the following:

Public Works Department has been working on pot holes  
The Police Department continues to work closely with the Delano Police Department, FBI, and Kern County Sheriff's.  
One officer currently in training and doing well, have others interviewing, and one going on military.

Council Member Rodriguez asked if the grant can be utilized to raise officer's wages or is it specifically to hire officers.

Chief Davis responded that she would like to get the grant signed first and then come back and have council decide what they want to do.

Mrs. Lara will be contacting the Department of Justice if the grant can be used to increase officer's salaries.

Council Member Rodriguez asked what the status of the audit is.

Mrs. Mosqueda responded that revenue documents are going to be turned in to auditors for review and that is the last piece for the 2017-18 audit to be completed and then move on to 2018-19 audit.

The 2019-20 audit is due by March 31, 2021.

Mrs. Mosqueda mentioned that the 2020-21 budget will be brought to council by September 2020.

### Mrs. Lara reported the following:

Graffiti was removed from the wall by the McFarland gas station.  
Code Enforcement Officer Maya has towed over 20 non-operative vehicles.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

None

## ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez mentioned there is a meeting scheduled for next Thursday and they will be going live. He would like the council meetings live also
- 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 staff for having answers and hope to continue moving forward.

### Council Member Rodriguez

Thanked the community for coming out and asking questions and thanked Chief, Mrs. Mosqueda, and Mrs. Lara for answering all the questions.

### Mayor Gonzalez

Thanked the community for all the comments and encouraged the community to submit comments to the city. Thanked all staff for everything running smoothly.

## ADJOURNMENT

Regular Agenda adjourned at 7:09 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54856.9:  
One potential case.

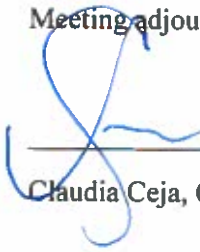
**Action:** No reportable action.

- 2) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: City Manager

**Action:** No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm



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Claudia Ceja, City Clerk

