

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING

September 24, 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 6:01 p.m. via teleconference/virtual meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Lara, City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, and Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Perez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Motion was made by:** Mayor Pro Tem McFarland to approve the warrant register for \$479,414.20 from August 18, 2020 through September 15, 2020; 2nd by: Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: McFarland, Perez, Rodriguez, Melendez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)
*Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #1 due to marriage.
2. **Motion was made by:** Mayor Pro Tem McFarland to approve the payroll register for \$126,539.50 for August 2020; 2nd by: Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: McFarland, Perez, Rodriguez, Melendez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)
*Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #2 due to marriage.
3. **Motion was made by:** Mayor Pro Tem McFarland to approve the minutes of Special City Council Meeting of August 20, 2020 and Regular City Council Meeting of August 27, 2020; 2nd by: Council Member Perez
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Perez, Rodriguez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

4. **Motion was made by: Mayor Pro Tem McFarland to adopt Ordinance No. 008-2020 of the City of McFarland amending Ordinance Numbers 018-012 and 067-2017 relating to notices to abate; 2nd by: Council Member Perez**
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: McFarland, Perez, Rodriguez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

City Manager reported the following:

City Manager thanked the Lions Club for repairing the refrigerator at the Veteran's Hall and cleaning some areas in McFarland.

City Manager thanked R&F Disposal for donating to the animal shelter.

Public Works is working with Superior Construction for the ground breaking of Villa del Caribe taking place on October 1, 2020.

Chief of Police position is now posted and have been receiving applications.

Finance Department has been working on budget and audit. The budget workshop will be brought to council on October 8, 2020.

Mayor Gonzalez asked City Manager to send out thank you letters to the Lions Club and R&F Disposal.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

5. **Motion was made by: Council Member Rodriguez to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of McFarland and the McFarland Unified School District for CBRS LTE Internet Connectivity for students; 2nd by: Council Member Perez**
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Mayor Gonzalez asked if the City is responsible in paying for the electricity.
Superintendent Aaron Resendez confirmed that the city will be responsible.

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland asked if there is any legal ramification for the school district using city property and is this considered 5G.

City Attorney responded that he has checked on this and there is no legal ramification.

David Lopez responded that the difference is the speed.

6. **Motion was made by: Council Member Rodriguez to approve the City of McFarland Transformational Planning Study; 2nd by: Council Member Melendez**
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
7. **Motion was made by: Council Member Perez to approve the agreement between the City of McFarland and Data Ticket, Inc. for services relating to the issuance of administrative citations and late fees; 2nd by: Council Member Rodriguez**
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Perez, Rodriguez, Melendez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Council requested that an amended ordinance be brought back for approval changing the days of the late fees from 7 days to 10 days.

8. Agreement between the City of McFarland and NBS to provide a financial analysis update for the water and sewer 2019 rate study.

Item tabled until further notice.

Mayor and council requested that an in-house analysis be conducted.

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 Melendez

Thanked all staff for the hard work.

Council Member Perez

Thanked all staff and Superintendent Resendez for the presentation.

Council Member Rodriguez

Appreciates the great work City Manager and staff are doing and thanked council for attending the event at Delano.

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland

Prayed for COVID-19 to go away and is thankful that all the issues are being resolved.

Mayor Gonzalez

Thanked all staff for all the hard work.

Regular Agenda adjourned at 7:36 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Perez to approve the closed session minutes held on **August 27, 2020; 2nd by:** Mayor Pro Tem McFarland

Vote: 5-0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: (1 potential case).

Action: No reportable action.

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Action: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



