

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

October 08, 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 6:10 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, Assistant City Manager Hanlon, 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 Melendez

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Saul Ayon, 1015 Kala Loop, McFarland. Mr. Ayon asked why there hasn't been an official from the police department at the council meetings, when are the stores on the east side going to be cleaned up, and is the audit completed.

City Manager Lara responded to Mr. Ayon's questions. There has been an official present and that is Laura Hanlon, the weeds at the stores in question have been cleaned, and the finance department is still working on completing the audit.

Amador Ayon, did not state address. Mr. Ayon commented that he would like the streets cleaned because it is starting to look like Earlimart and Richgrove.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Items #4 and #5 pulled by Council Member Melendez**

1. **Motion was made by: Council Member Melendez to approve the warrant register for \$427,965.59 from September 16, 2020 through September 29, 2020; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Rodriguez**  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes: Melendez, Rodriguez, Perez, McFarland**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**\*Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #1 due to marriage.**
  
2. **Motion was made by: Council Member Melendez to approve the payroll register for \$131,294.71 for September 2020; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Rodriguez**  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes: Melendez, Rodriguez, Perez, McFarland**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**\*Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #2 due to marriage.**

3. **Motion was made by: Council Member Melendez to approve the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of September 24, 2020; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Rodriguez**  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes: Melendez, Rodriguez, Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**

4. **Motion was made by: Council Member Rodriguez to approve the second amendment agreement between the City of McFarland and Countryside Corp for a one year extension to complete the site plan; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Melendez**  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes: Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez, McFarland, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**

Council Member Melendez asked if the extension is not approved can the city buy back the land for what it was sold for.  
City Attorney Schroeter responded with a yes.

5. **Motion was made by: Council Member Perez to authorize City Mayor to sign and execute the proof of loss for the 2012 Dodge Durango; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mayor Pro Tem McFarland**  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes: Perez, McFarland, Rodriguez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: None**  
**Abstentions: None**

Council Member Melendez asked if the vehicle was going to be for the City Manager and not the police.  
City Manager responded by letting Council Member Melendez know that this would be discussed at a later time.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

City Manager reported the following:

City Hall is scheduled to re-open 10/12/2020 Monday thru Thursday form 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

McFarland Unified School District will be having a ribbon cutting on 10/15/2020 for the Mast Ave Parking Lot.

The Ribbon Cutting for the Animal Shelter is scheduled for 10/27/2020.

The Lions Club and the McFarland Recreation and Parks District will be having a Halloween event. Date is to be determined.

**\*Council Member Perez left the meeting at 6:45 pm.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

6. **Motion was made by: Council Member Rodriguez for the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 009-2020 amending Chapter 17.16 of the McFarland Municipal Code by replacing the R-1-C zone district with the R-1-5 zone district; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mayor Pro Tem McFarland**  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes: Rodriguez, McFarland, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Perez**  
**Abstentions: None**

7. **Motion was made by: Mayor Pro Tem McFarland to approve the Citygate agreement between the City of McFarland and the City of Shafter to conduct a fire services review for the participating cities in Kern County; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Melendez**

**Vote: 4-0**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Perez**

**Abstentions: None**

8. **Motion failed: to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0039 adopting the annual operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

**Vote: 4-0**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Perez**

**Abstentions: None**

Finance Director Mosqueda did the budget presentation.

Council would like some time to review the budget and asked to bring back for adoption at the October 22, 2020 council meeting.

### **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 staffed for working diligently on budget.

#### Council Member Rodriguez

Appreciates the time and effort put into the budget.

#### Mayor Pro Tem McFarland

Prayed for McFarland.

#### Mayor Gonzalez

Thanked staff for the hard work that was put into completing the budget.

Regular Agenda adjourned at 8:23 pm.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. **Motion was made by: Council Member Rodriguez to approve the closed session minutes held on September 24, 2020; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Council Member Melendez**

**Vote: 4-0**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Perez**

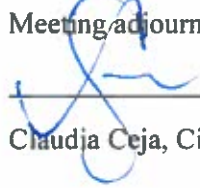
**Abstentions: None**

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: (1 potential case).  
**Action: No reportable action.**

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: Delano Veterinary Hospital  
**Action:** No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm



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Claudia Ceja, City Clerk

