

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

IN-PERSON MEETING

September 24, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Cano called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Saul Ayon, Vice-Mayor Ricardo Cano, Councilmember Martin Gutierrez

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember María Pérez, Councilmember Anita Gonzalez

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Attorney Hodges, Chief of Police Knox, Public Works Director Hernandez, Community Development Director Snyder, Economic Development Manager Saldana, Human Resources Director McCuan, City Clerk De La Cruz

INVOCATION

Offered by Pastor Bustillo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Offered by City Attorney Hodges

FEATURED PET

Featured Pet, Opal, presented by Community Development Director Snyder

APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM

Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Second by Councilmember Gutierrez to Approve the Agenda as to Form at the meeting of September 24, 2025. Motion Approved by 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez,

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez

ABSTAIN:

PASSED: 3-0

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

1. Recognition of the Delano Jiu Jitsu Club at the National Tournament in Las Vegas

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of Expense Report in the Amount of \$884,513.12 from 8/30/2025 to 9/18/2025
3. Approval of September 10, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes
4. Waive Full Reading and Approve Ordinance No. 8-2025 an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING CHAPTER 5.04 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Second by Councilmember Gutierrez to Approve the Consent Agenda at the meeting of September 24, 2025. **Motion Approved** by 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez,

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez

ABSTAIN:

PASSED: 3-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-127 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE CANCELLATION OF LAND USE RESTRICTIONS, LAND CONSERVATION ACT, AGRICULTURE PRESERVE NO.7 AND AMENDING LAND USE CONTRACT

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Second by Councilmember Gutierrez to Approve Resolution No. 2025-127 at the meeting of September 24, 2025. **Motion Approved** by 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez,

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez

ABSTAIN:

PASSED: 3-0

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

6. Approval of Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-132 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY ISSUED BY THE CITY CLERK REGARDING THE INITIATIVE PETITION ENTITLED "PROHIBITION ON CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS"

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Second by Councilmember Gutierrez to Approve Resolution No. 2025-132 at the meeting of September 24, 2025. **Motion Approved** by 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez,

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez

ABSTAIN:

PASSED: 3-0

7. CITY COUNCIL TAKE MINISTERIAL AND MANDATORY ACTION AS REQUIRED UNDER ELECTION CODE SECTIONS 1405 AND 9215 REGARDING THE CITIZENS-SPONSORED INITIATIVE PROCESS

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to adopt the Citizens-Sponsored Initiative Measure at the September 24, 2025 meeting. Motion approved by a 3-0 roll-call vote. **Motion Approved** by 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez,

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez

ABSTAIN:

PASSED: 3-0

8. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-126 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING A COMMUNITY GRANT TO THE COUGAR BOOSTER CLUB TO SUPPORT YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETIC EVENTS

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Second by Councilmember Gutierrez to Approve Resolution No. 2025-126 at the meeting of September 24, 2025. **Motion Approved** by 3/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, M. Gutierrez,

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez

ABSTAIN:

PASSED: 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

a. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Ayon stated Traveled to represent the City on matters related to transportation and infrastructure along Highways 99 and 78. Several state and federal representatives were in attendance to discuss funding opportunities and progress on long-term regional transportation initiatives. The City previously faced nitrate contamination in its water system, but with state and federal assistance, funding was secured to address the issue and improve local infrastructure.

b. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Mayor Ayon stated that he is scheduled to meet with the Interim Parks and Recreation Director to explore partnership opportunities with local schools to address ongoing community needs.

c. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Vice Mayor Cano wants to remind residents that recent rainfall and increased humidity have created favorable conditions for mosquitoes. It is advised to wear long sleeves and use protective measures outdoors. There has been one confirmed positive case of a mosquito-borne virus in Kern County.

d. Public Policy and Finance Committee - No meeting held this period.

e. Public Safety Committee - Councilmember Gutierrez reported that the Perkins project is nearing completion. The Police Chief also provided a positive update regarding efforts to address speeding concerns within the City.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

9. a - direction provided to City Staff
b - no reportable action taken
c - Potential matter resolved prior to meeting...no discussion
10. Council discussed performance evaluation, and gave direction to Personnel Committee
11. No reportable Action Taken

ADJOURNEMENT

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

CITY OF MCFARLAND


Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk

