

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

IN-PERSON MEETING

January 14, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Saul Ayon called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Anita Gonzalez

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Viramontes, City Attorney Hodges, Public Works Director Hernandez, Community Development Director Snyder, Human Resources Director McCuan, City Clerk De La Cruz

INVOCATION

Offered by Councilmember Pérez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Offered by Dustin Contreras

APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez to Approve the Agenda as to Form at the meeting of January 14, 2026. **Motion Approved** by 4/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 4-0

FEATURED PET

Featured Pet, Zara, presented by Community Development Director Snyder

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

1. Proclamation Recognizing January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month
2. Recognition of Marco Martinez Appointment to Governor of Lion's Club
3. Recognition of High School Varsity Boys Cross Country Valley Champions

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of Expense Report in the Amount of \$1,076,375.01 from 11/29/2025 to 1/1/2026.
5. Approval of Payroll Report for the Month of December 2025 in the Amount of \$428,703.55.
6. Approval of December 3, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
8. Approval of December 15, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes
9. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-1 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION FOR THE CITY OF MCFARLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
10. Adopt Ordinance No. 11-2025 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE 2.16.070, 2.16.080 CONCERNING THE CITY MANAGER, AND 2.28.020 CONCERNING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
11. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSES EXCEEDING \$500.00 PER TRIP FOR SERGEANT PHILIP GARZA TO ATTEND THE SHERMAN BLOCK SUPERVISORY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE COURSE AT THE HAMPTON INN FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA, STARTING WITH SESSION ONE JANUARY 29-31, 2026 AND MONTHLY AFTER THAT FOR 8 SESSIONS TOTAL, ENDING AUGUST 21, 2026

*Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Vice Mayor Cano to Approve the Consent Agenda at the meeting of January 14, 2026. **Motion Approved** by 4/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 4-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Waive Full Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 1-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ADDING AND APPROVING A NEW CHAPTER 2.22 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to Waive Full Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 1-2026 at the meeting of January 14, 2026. **Motion Approved** by 4/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 4-0

13. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING A VARIANCE AND CONSIDERING A FEE WAIVER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 310 4TH STREET

Motion by Councilmember Pérez, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-2 and waiving the fee for property located at 310 4th Street at the meeting of January 14, 2026. Motion Approved by 4/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 4-0

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

14. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. **Kern Economic Development Corp. (KEDC)** – The Economic Development Director attended the Alliance meeting hosted by Adventist Health and provided updates on current economic development activities. The Director noted that May is Economic Development Week and recommended that the Mayor participate in a video recognizing the occasion, with the City of McFarland being the first city to do so. The Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) meeting is scheduled for next week.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez congratulated City staff and department heads for maintaining City operations during the holidays and recognized staff for the successful completion of the audit. He acknowledged Human Trafficking Awareness Month and congratulated the McFarland High School cross country team on their achievements.
- Councilmember Perez commended the Chief of Police and City staff for a well-attended and well-organized Police Chief's ceremony and thanked the Finance Department and community volunteers for their continued service.
- The Vice Mayor described the Police Chief's ceremony as meaningful and expressed appreciation to City staff and the Finance Department for their work during a busy holiday season.
- Mayor Ayon congratulated City staff and department heads for their efforts and noted positive feedback received regarding the Police Chief's ceremony. The Mayor emphasized continued progress and congratulated the boys' and girls' cross country teams on winning their valley championships.

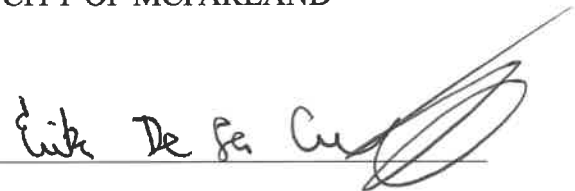
CLOSED SESSION

15. No reportable action taken at this meeting.

ADJOURNEMENT

Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:00P.M.

CITY OF MCFARLAND



Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk

