

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

IN-PERSON MEETING

January 29, 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 6:31p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent:

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION

Offered by Councilmember Gonzalez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Offered by Mayor Ayon

APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM

Motion by Councilmember Pérez, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez to Approve the Agenda as to Form with the following changes of adding an item to the Presentations, Introductions, and Award Section, such as the Recognition of the McFarland High School Girls' Cross Country Team – Division IV Champions at the meeting of January 29, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

FEATURED PET

Featured Pet, Koda, presented by Community Development Director Snyder

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

1. Recognition of the McFarland High School Girls' Cross Country Team – Division IV Champions

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of Expense Report in the Amount of \$411,324.59 from 1/2/2026 to 1/16/2026.
3. Approval of January 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT AND TREATMENT PROJECT, EXPEDITED WATER GRANT PROJECT No. EDWG-1510013-003C
5. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND ATTENDANCE EXPENSES EXCEEDING \$500.00 PER TRIP FOR THE K-9 POLICE OFFICER TO ATTEND THE FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 TRIALS ON FEBRUARY 20-21,2026, IN CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA
6. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE SHAFTER POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR TWO FORD CROWN VICTORIA PATROL VEHICLES
7. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 1586 – SCHOOL SAFETY AND OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to approve the Consent Agenda and Item No. 7, Authorization to Issue a Letter of Support for AB 1586 – School Safety and Opioid Overdose Prevention Act, at the January 29, 2026 meeting. **Motion Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

8. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-4 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM LAYNE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,500 FOR THE GARZOLI WELL ARSENIC MEDIA CLEANING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND APPROVING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$2,500 TO THE WATER FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025–26

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-4 at the meeting of January 29, 2026. **Motion Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

9. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-5 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW TRANSIT VANS AND AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$39,999.42

Motion by Councilmember Pérez, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-5 at the meeting of January 29, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

10. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO HIGH-FLOW DIESEL PUMPS AND ONE HYDRO-EXCAVATION PUMP FOR EMERGENCY STORMWATER MITIGATION AND APPROVING A GENERAL FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$36,588.50

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-7 at the meeting of January 29, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

11. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-8 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE CREATION AND JOB DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS MANAGER

Motion by Councilmember Pérez, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-8 at the meeting of January 29, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

- Councilmember Perez reported attending the Mayors and Councilmembers Conference, including a visit to the State Capitol. The delegation met with Senator Melissa Hurtado and visited her main office. Councilmember Perez noted the conference was productive and provided valuable ideas and insights from discussions with other cities. She also congratulated the Girls' Cross Country Team on their championship.
- Mayor Ayon reported attending the State of the County event, noting opportunities to connect with business owners and regional partners. The Mayor also attended a LAFCO meeting regarding annexations and departed early to attend the City's special meeting. The Mayor thanked City staff for their continued support of community events and encouraged safe travel due to foggy conditions.

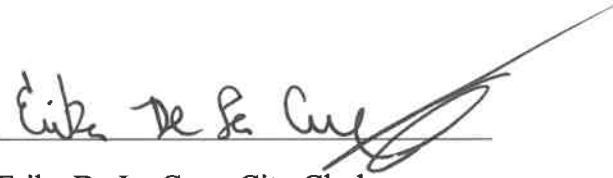
CLOSED SESSION

12. Direction provided to City Manager concerning negotiation of the lease terms for the McFarland Recreation and Park District pool facilities.

ADJOURNEMENT

Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:20P.M.

CITY OF MCFARLAND



Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk

