

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

IN-PERSON MEETING

March 25, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ayon called the meeting to order at 6:08p.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 Attorney Nathan Hodges, City Manager Diego Viramontes, Chief of Police Adrain Olmos, Community Development Director Megan Snyder, Human Resources Director Serrena McCuan, City Clerk Erika De La Cruz

INVOCATION

Offered by Human Resources Director Serrena McCuan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Offered by Public Works Director Yerlys Hernandez

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 March 25, 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: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

FEATURED PET

Featured Pet, Dhalia, presented by Community Development Director Snyder

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

1. Recognition And Commendation Of Outstanding Performance: K-9 Handler Ubaldo "Joe" Weiss And K-9 Partner "Khan", For Second Place Achievement At K-9 Trial
2. Recognition Of Officer Navarro For Successful Completion Of Field Training And Transition To Solo Patrol Officer For The City of McFarland
3. Proclamation: Government Finance Professionals Week March 23-27, 2026 in the City of McFarland

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of Expense Report in the Amount of \$500,998.38 from 2/28/2026 to 3/13/2026.
5. Approval of March 11, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of March 12, 2026, City of McFarland City Council Goals and Priorities Strategic Workshop Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of March 13, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
8. Approval of March 16, 2026, Adjourned City Council Goals and Priorities Strategic Workshop Meeting Minutes
9. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF GRANT FUNDING TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) POLICE E-BIKES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,304.00 THROUGH RECON POWER BIKES

*Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez to Approve the Consent Agenda at the meeting of March 25, 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: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

10. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA ACCEPTING THE BID SUBMITTED BY DOOLITTLE ROAD CONSTRUCTION FOR THE STREET REJUVENATION AND SLURRY SEAL PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$232,000 AND AN APPROPRIATION OF \$23,200 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

*Motion by Councilmember Gonzalez, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-15 at the meeting of March 25, 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: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

a. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)

Mayor Ayon stated that the discussion for KCOG have been centered on current and upcoming funding opportunities from both federal and state sources. A recent visit to Sacramento included discussions regarding the High-Speed Rail project, emphasizing that decisions should reflect the broader public interest rather than individual agendas.

b. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Councilmember Pérez reported concerns regarding governance and service issues within the Lamont Community Services District. It was noted that some individuals involved reside within the community but are not property owners. Additionally, ongoing flooding issues in Lamont were discussed, and it was indicated that Kern County is assuming a more active role in addressing these concerns.

c. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD)

The Vice Mayor reported that recent meetings highlighted the impact of a wet winter, which contributed to increased mosquito activity earlier in the season. Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant, and report concerns to the Delano Mosquito Abatement District for appropriate response and mitigation.

d. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)

Councilmember Gonzalez stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 31st.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Council Member Gutierrez mentioned appreciation to those in attendance, recognized two police officers for their outstanding service, thanked the Finance Department for their work, and expressed gratitude for the support received during their first year in office.

Council Member Gonzalez thanked attendees for their participation and commended the Finance Department for their efforts.

Council Member Pérez echoed prior comments, addressed concerns regarding e-scooter safety among youth, emphasized the importance of helmet use to prevent injuries, noted the upcoming school district spring break, and thanked staff and attendees.

Vice Mayor Cano thanked attendees, encouraged public participation in Council meetings, and invited the community to attend the upcoming State of the City event at the high school student center.

Mayor Ayon thanked attendees, including those watching via livestream, highlighted the City's commitment to transparency, expressed appreciation to City staff including police and fire

departments, acknowledged the City's ongoing progress, promoted the upcoming State of the City event, and extended well wishes for a safe spring break and Easter holiday.

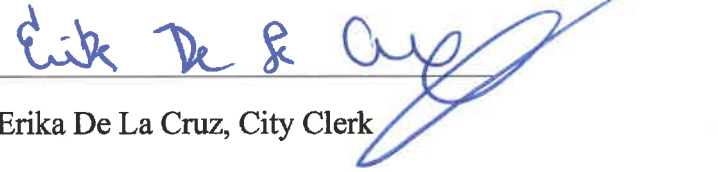
CLOSED SESSION

11. Council gave direction to City Attorney concerning procedural aspects of the lawsuit. No further reportable action.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned approximately at 7:45p.m.

CITY OF MCFARLAND



Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk

