

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

IN-PERSON MEETING

May 13, 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 6:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent:

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Attorney Nathan Hodges, City Manager Diego Viramontes, Chief of Police Adrain Olmos, Human Resources Director Serrena McCuan, Economic Development Manager Paul Saldana, City Clerk Erika De La Cruz

INVOCATION

Offered by City Manager Diego Viramontes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Offered by City Clerk Erika De La Cruz

APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM

*Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Gutierrez, to amend the agenda by adding A Proclamation Declaring May 10-16, as National Police Week in the City of McFarland and to approve the agenda as amended for the May 13, 2026, City Council Meeting. **Motion Approved** by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.*

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

FEATURED PET

Featured Pet, River, presented by Chief of Police Adrain Olmos

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

1. Kern Council of Governments Presenting the Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
2. A Proclamation Declaring May 10-16, as National Police Week in the City of McFarland
3. Introduction of Newly Appointed Police Chaplain Tony Blanco
4. A Proclamation Declaring May 3-9, 2026, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the City of McFarland
5. Intern Presentation to City Council

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Expense Report in the Amount of \$1,858,008.23 from 4/11/2026 to 5/1/2026.
7. Approval of Payroll Report for the Month of April 2026 in the Amount of \$669,685.07.
8. Approval of April 22, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
9. Approval of April 27, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
10. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-47 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE WAIVER OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE FOR THE MCFARLAND LIONS CLUB FIREWORKS STAND BASED ON ORDINANCE SECTION 5.04.190 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE
11. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE CITY AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN TO CONSOLIDATE THAT ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON THAT SAME DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE
12. Waive Full Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 2-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 17.137.090 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO NONCONFORMING USES UPON ANNEXATION
13. Waive Full Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 3-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA ADDING SECTION 13.04.695, SECTION 13.04.705, AND CHAPTER 13.10 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING WATER THEFT, UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE, AND UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION TO FIRE HYDRANTS AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW
14. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-49 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT 438-2024 WITH THE COUNTY OF KERN FOR THE KERN COUNTY FENTANYL MISUSE AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION TASK FORCE GRANT EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026
15. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-51 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE WAIVER OF THE FACILITY USE AGREEMENT FEES, DEPOSIT, AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE CHALLENGERS SPECIAL NEEDS SPORTS LEAGUE
16. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-52 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW

PAINT STRIPING MACHINE FROM VISTA PAINT FOR THE STREETS
DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,075.58

Motion by Councilmember Gonzalez, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez to Approve the Consent Agenda at the meeting of May 13, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. Introduce and First Reading of Ordinance No. 4-2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 15.10 OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING FORTH AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65850.7

Motion by Vice Mayor Cano, Seconded by Councilmember Pérez to Waive Full Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 4-2026 at the meeting of May 13, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

18. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-50 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA ORDERING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED CITY CHARTER TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Vice Mayor Cano for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-50 at the meeting of May 13, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

19. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-53 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE REQUEST BY WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR A SERVICE RATE INCREASE OF 2.52% AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE GATE FEE INCREASE OF 3.12% APPROVED BY KERN COUNTY

Motion by Councilmember Gutierrez, Seconded by Vice Mayor Cano for the Approval of Resolution No. 2026-53 at the meeting of May 13, 2026. Motion Approved by 5/0 Roll-Call Majority Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

- o Maria Diaz

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Gutierrez:

Recognized and thanked the community members in attendance for their engagement and participation at the meeting. Also commended the interns for their hard work, commitment, and contributions to the City.

Councilmember Gonzalez:

Expressed appreciation for the strong public turnout and acknowledged City staff for their continued professionalism, dedication, and willingness to assume additional responsibilities in support of City operations.

Vice Mayor Cano:

Extended congratulations and a warm welcome to the newly appointed Police Chaplain. Additionally, expressed gratitude to the City Clerk for her ongoing service, professionalism, and dedication to the community.

Mayor Ayon:

Welcomed and thanked attendees for their participation in the meeting and recognized the interns for their efforts and valuable assistance to the City. Also congratulated the newly appointed Police Chaplain and acknowledged the City Clerk for her continued commitment and service to the City of McFarland.

CLOSED SESSION

20. The City Council gave directions to the City Manager.

21. The City Council gave directions to the City Manager and Human Resources Director.

ADJOURNEMENT

The meeting adjourned approximately at 8:24p.m.

CITY OF MCFARLAND



Erika De La Cruz, City Clerk

