

**REGULAR/SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2019**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

Council Member Present: McFarland, Melendez, Perez
Council Member Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Interim City Manager Tooley, City Attorney Schroeter, Interim Chief of Police/Interim Assistant City Manager Davis, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Public Works Director Gonzales, and Community Development Director Lara

INVOCATION

Mr. Bobby Sharp

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Perez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roy Gonzalez, 159 10th St., McFarland – Mr. Gonzalez informed council on the status of Burger King. He said escrow has opened up for the property on First St and thanked Ms. Lara for all her support in assisting with bringing in Burger King. He mentioned that it has been a pleasure working with her and sees her interest and the visions he has for McFarland.

Esther and Eric Rodriguez, 1111 Moscato St., McFarland – Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez expressed their concerns with the McFarland Police Department. They feel a disconnect between the McFarland Police Department and the community and they are seeing a big turnover on officers leaving. They ask that the city finds a solution to keep the city safe and officers stay employed with the city.

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Council Member Melendez pulled consent items #5 and 6 for discussion.

1. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$117,250.74 from September 18, 2019 through September 30, 2019.
Vote: 3-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland
Nays: None
Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez
Abstentions: None
2. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the payroll register for \$111,701.63 for September 2019.
Vote: 3-0
Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland
Nays: None
Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez
Abstentions: None

3. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular city council meeting of September 26, 2019.

Vote: 3-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland

Nays: None

Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez

Abstentions: None

4. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve to fill one vacancy for the City of McFarland Planning Commission Board.

Vote: 3-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland

Nays: None

Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez

Abstentions: None

5. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo for the City of McFarland General Plan Update and authorize Mayor to execute the agreement.

Vote: 3-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland

Nays: None

Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez

Abstentions: None

6. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve RRM Design Group contract amendment for reduction in project scope for the city hall expansion and authorize Mayor to execute the agreement.

Vote: 3-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland

Nays: None

Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

7. a. Administration – Mr. Tooley informed council that city hall will be closed Friday and reminded council about the Chamber of Commerce Gala, the Trunk or Treat, and the Menudo/Pozole Cook-Off event.
- b. Finance Department – Mrs. Mosqueda informed council that staff is working audit, coordinating the check signers, health benefit renewals, and also recruitment of current open positions.
- c. Public Works Department – Mr. Gonzales informed council that the animal shelter facility is going along well, the City Clean-Up is scheduled for October 19, and staff has been working on water leaks for the past two weeks.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA – SPECIAL AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland Opened Up the Special Meeting Agenda at 6:50 pm

1. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with officers of the McFarland Police Department for Standby pay.

Vote: 3-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland

Nays: None

Absent: Cantu, Gonzalez

Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Melendez reminded council and audience to call Delano Mosquito Abatement if they have any issues with mosquitos.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – None to report.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez invited council and the audience to the next Tri-Agency meeting on October 14 at 5:30 pm.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.
- f. Poso Creek Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) – None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Perez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and she is excited to hear that Burger King is coming to McFarland. She mentioned she understands the public's concerns and wants the public to know that the city is working hard on fixing the issues. She thanked the McFarland Recreation and Parks District for taking on the Trunk or Treat event.

Melendez – Thanked all staff and knows the city is in a tough place but knows the city will do better because there is a plan.

McFarland – Thanked everyone and asked to come together in prayer for the better of the city.

Gonzalez – Not present.

Cantu – Not present.

CLOSED SESSION – REGULAR MEETING

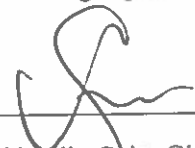
1. Motion by Perez, seconded by Melendez, and unanimously adopted the closed session minutes of September 26, 2019.
2. Public employment regarding appointment of City Manager – On motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously adopted, the contract of Interim City Manager David Tooley was extended until selection of his successor.
3. Public employment regarding McFarland Police Department – Item was handled in open session under Administrative Matters on the Special meeting agenda.

CLOSED SESSION – SPECIAL MEETING

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956-9 relating to undergrounding of PG&E electrical lines: 1 case. – On motion by Perez, seconded by Melendez, and unanimously adopted, the scope of the PG&E undergrounding project was reduced to remove the area from Kyra Street to Sherwood Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk
City of McFarland



