

**REGULAR/SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 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 6:01 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

ROLL CALL

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gonzalez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Danny Gonzalez, 249 Robertson, McFarland – Mr. Gonzalez expressed his concern with the Animal Control Department. He explained that his dog was picked up and it was adopted out without giving him the chance to pick up his dog. He filed a claim therefore the item could not be further discussed.

Administration staff handed an award to Mr. Tooley to thank him for his hard work and support.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$331,457.24 from October 01, 2019 through October 16, 2019.

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Gonzalez

Note: Council Member Gonzalez recuses herself from Item #1 due to conflict of interest.

2. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular city council meeting of October 10, 2019.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

3. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to go dark for the November 28 and December 26 city council meetings.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

4. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-034, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Authorizing Application for and Receipt of SB 2 Planning Grant Program Funding.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

5. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-035, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Approving the Delegation of Authority for Check Signing.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

6. Motion by Melendez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the response to the Kern County Grand Jury for the Fire Agreement.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

7. a. Administration – Mr. Tooley thanked council.
- b. Community Development Department – Ms. Lara informed council that the Building Inspector will be retiring in December and there is a job recruitment ad for the position. The department is working on the Menudo/Pozole Cook-Off as well as the Animal Shelter construction.
- c. Public Safety Department – Chief informed council that the department is looking into training positions for officers. Training positions will be required to be employed for a minimum of three years and it will be open for McFarland residents and surrounding areas. Chief asked council if allowed she would like to bring in a part time position Deputy Chief to assist the department with patrol and police reports.

Note: City Attorney Schroeter recommended that Chief Davis run the training positions by the HR Attorney.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Motion by McFarland, seconded by Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve the City Manager employment agreement with Mr. Larry Pennell.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: McFarland, Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, Cantu

Nays: None

Absent: None

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) – Mayor Cantu expressed his concern with the roads and highways and the way the state is handling the monies for this. He informed council that Kern COG is working on looking into a solution to take to the State of California to ask for roads and highway monies.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez informed council that the Tri-Agency is looking into switching to using the Delano Now newspaper instead of the newsletter that is currently being used.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – Next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2019 at the City of Arvin.
- f. Poso Creek Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) – Next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Perez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and informed council that she attended the Evening of the Stars event and was pleased with the event and how nice it was. She asked to acknowledge Corporal Hankins for the Officer of the Year Award. She thanked Mr. Tooley for the guidance, advice, and transparency.

McFarland – Read a script from the bible and thanked the lord for all the people.

Gonzalez– Thanked everyone for attending the meeting, thanked Mr. Tooley for always being available and thanked all staff for all the hard work.

Melendez – Thanked everyone and appreciates all the expertise from Chief Davis and Mr. Tooley and all that they do.

Cantu – Read a script from the bible and thanked Mr. Tooley for stepping in to a difficult situation and wishes Mr. Tooley the best.

CLOSED SESSION – REGULAR MEETING

1. Motion by Melendez, seconded by McFarland, and unanimously carried to adopt the closed session minutes of October 24, 2019.
2. Public employment regarding appointment of City Manager – Item was approved under administrative agenda in the open meeting.
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Agency negotiator: City Manager and Maria Lara, Community Development Director
Negotiators: San Joaquin Renewals LLC
Property: APN 060-050-24

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and all escrow and closing documents and all other documents necessary to complete sale.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Gonzalez, Perez, Melendez, McFarland, Cantu

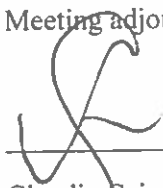
Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk
City of McFarland



