

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**November 14, 2019**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Member Present: Cantu, McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez  
Council Member Absent: None

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

### **INVOCATION**

Mr. Bobby Sharp

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Stephen McFarland

### **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bobby Sharp, 799 5<sup>th</sup> Street Apt 124, McFarland. Mr. Sharp recognized Officer Hankins of the MPD on behalf of the Greater McFarland Chamber of Commerce for his hard work and dedication in serving and protecting our community. Officer Hankins received recognitions from Senator Melissa Hurtado's office, Congressman TJ Cox's Office, Assemblyman Rudy Salas's Office.

Manny Villanueva, 2104 Bradley Ave, Bakersfield. Mr. Villanueva, Outreach Coordinator for Set Free Church asked the council for help to form a collaboration with the intent to reach out to the public and inform them of an event they will be holding on Saturday, November 23, from 2-5pm at the Poker's Pizza parking lot for the giveaway of 100 turkeys to the residents of McFarland.

Ron Woods, 13053 Garzoli Ave, McFarland. Mr. Woods expressed his concerns towards the news media article that was published regarding the McFarland Police Department.

Kathryn M. Woods, 13053 Garzoli Ave, McFarland. Mrs. Woods expressed his concerns towards the news media article that was published regarding the McFarland Police Department.

Juan Ahumada Sosa, 462 8<sup>th</sup> Street, McFarland. Mr. Ahumada requested permission to use the McFarland Veteran's hall to host a free music concert. Mayor Cantu instructed Mr. Ahumada to go into City Hall to obtain an Exempt Application to use the Veteran's Hall.

Gustavo Guzman, 535 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, McFarland. Mr. Guzman requested that a street light be installed in the corner of Lockwood and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street due to the high rate of crime in that area. He mentioned that it is very dark and unsafe for children to walk that area due to no visibility.

Margie Martinez, 212 7<sup>th</sup> Street, McFarland. Mrs. Martinez asked for permission to put up Christmas lights down Kern Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Frontage.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Note: Item #11 Pulled by Council Member Melendez For Discussion.**

1. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register for \$436,603.52 from October 17, 2019 through November 05, 2019.  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** Gonzalez  
**Note:** Council Member Gonzales recluses herself from item #1 due to conflict of interest.
2. Motion by Council Member Melendez, second by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve Payroll register for 132,776.83 for October 2019.  
**Vote: 4-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** Gonzalez  
**Note:** Council Member Gonzales recluses herself from item #2 due to conflict of interest.
3. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of October 24, 2019.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
4. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve acceptance of the Elmo/Browning Rd Project CML-5343 and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
5. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the San Juan Lift Station upgrade in the amount of \$58,720.00.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
6. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of three A/C units from Munguia Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$18,300.00.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
7. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve acceptance of bid and award contract to Cen-Cal Construction in the amount of \$484,000.00 for the W. Kern Ave Elementary- SR2S Connectivity – ATPSB1L 5343 (013) project and authorize Mayor to execute the agreement.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

8. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve Provost & Pritchard Engineering Services Agreement for Annexation No. 18 and authorize Mayor Cantu to execute the agreement  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
9. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the creation of a new position titled Deputy Chief of Police.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
10. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2019-036 for the restoration of funding for SR46 and SR99 Projects.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Gonzalez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
11. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2019-037, A Resolution of Intention of the City Council of the City of McFarland to Establish City of McFarland Community Facilities District No. 2019-1 (Fire Protection Services) and to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Therein to Finance Certain Services.  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, Gonzalez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Ms. Susan Hernandez a representative from Willdan Financial Services gave a presentation regarding the CFD formation.

Mayor Cantu opened and closed the public hearing. There were no comments from the audience.

12. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2019-038, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Establishing Community Facilities District No. 2019-1 (Fire Protection Services); Calling an Election for the Purpose of Submitting the Question of the Levy of the Proposed Community Facilities District; Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes; and Establishing the Appropriations Limit for the Proposed Community Facilities District  
**Vote: 5-0**  
**Ayes:** Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez, McFarland, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstentions:** None

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 003-2019, Ordinance of the City Council of the City of McFarland Acting in its Capacity as the Legislative Body of City of McFarland Community Facilities District No. 2019-1 (Fire Protection Services) Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax Therein.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- 13.
- a. Administration – Mr. Pennell stated it was his 6<sup>th</sup> day on the job as Interim City Manager. He mentioned it's been a pleasure getting to know the staff better, and members of the

community. He is working with Directors and staff to find ways and solutions to solve the challenges the city is facing.

- b. Finance Department- Mrs. Mosqueda reported that she has lost her Accounting Supervisor and Staff Accountant. She will not be hiring an Accounting Supervisor and instead she will be replacing that position with an Accounting Clerk. The city is currently accepting applications for the open positions. Staff worked on open enrollment last week and final payment to the Sheriffs was sent out.
- c. Public Works Department – Mr. Gonzales informed that the project on 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will start in January. The Animal shelter is moving along as scheduled. There has been vandalism on the electrical panel to the walking bridge and streets department is working on ways to fix the problem. The pot holes on are getting worse. Mr. Gonzalez will be meeting with Mr. Pennell to discuss options to get the funds to fix Davis Rd. The water department is shorthanded and continue to work on the water leaks. Mr. Gonzalez mentioned he is looking into a grant for a generator for the water pumps in case of electrical outages.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

14. Motion by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to approve the Request for Proposals for the selection of a consultant to prepare and update a comprehensive review of a Development Impact Fee Study.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** Gonzalez, Melendez, Perez, McFarland, Cantu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

## **ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES**

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) –Council Member Melendez had nothing to report.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Cantu had nothing to report.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez mentioned that the next Tri-Agency meeting is on Monday, December 9, 2019.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – Mayor Cantu had nothing to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – Council Members Gonzalez and Perez attended the last dinner.
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- Council Member Melendez had nothing to report.

## **COUNCIL STATEMENTS**

Council Member Perez – Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and welcomed Mr. Pennell.

Mayor Pro Tem McFarland – This year has been a rough season but we just need to cry out to the Lord and he will hear us. God bless us and the staff.

Council Member Gonzalez – Thanked the residents for coming out and voicing their concerns. Thanked Chief Davis, Officer Hankins, staff and Mr. Pennell.

Council Member Melendez – Stated that he is thankful for everybody that is here.

Mayor Cantu – Thanked the Council for hanging in there. Thanked Mr. Pennell. Our future is bright. Mentioned asked the audience to think about Measure P and the help it will do the community.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez, and unanimously carried to approve October 24, 2019 closed session minutes.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Ayes:** McFarland, Perez, Melendez, Cantu, Gonzalez

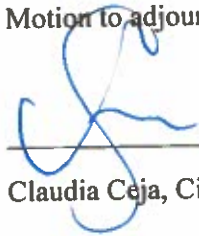
**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstentions:** None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.



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Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



