

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING

October 22, 2020

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. via teleconference/virtual meeting.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Gonzalez (Mayor), Rodriguez, Melendez, and Perez

Council Members Absent: McFarland

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Lara, Assistant City Manager Hanlon, City Attorney Schroeter, Attorney Pierce, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, and Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Council Member Rodriguez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Melendez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Saul Ayon, 1015 Kala Loop, McFarland. Mr. Ayon asked if there is anything being done with the growing of marijuana here in the city.

Laura Hanlon said information can't be provided because it is an ongoing investigation.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the warrant register for \$203,039.58 from September 30, 2020 through October 12, 2020; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 3-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)
*Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #1 due to marriage.
2. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of October 8, 2020; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
3. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to adopt Ordinance No. 009-2020 of the City Council of the City of McFarland Replacing the R-1-C Zone District with the R-1-5 Zone District; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

4. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to authorize staff to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Informational Technology Services Management Software & Services Support; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Deputy/Acting Chief Helton reported the following:

Reported on crime stats.

Introduced new Police Officer Andrew Garcia.

City Manager reported the following:

Animal Shelter ribbon cutting is October 27, 2020.

McFarland Recreation and Parks District Halloween Drive-Thru event is October 30, 2020.

McFarland Lions Club Halloween Parade is October 31, 2020.

City Clean Up is October 31, 2020.

Thanked McFarland Lions Club for volunteering to help at the City Clean Up.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

5. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Perez **for the introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 010-2020 of the City Council of the City of McFarland to enforce violations of Municipal Code and subject to administrative citation for non-compliance; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Perez, Melendez, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
6. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve Resolution No. 2020-0040 of the City Council of the City of McFarland authorizing the submittal of an application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the CalHome program; the execution of a standard agreement if selected for such funding and any amendment thereto; and any related documents necessary to participate in the CalHome program; 2nd by:** Council Member Melendez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
7. **Aidee Velasquez presented her concerns to council. Per City Attorney, the request for consideration by Aidee Velasquez to waive the utility delinquency on her property will be tabled to the November 12, 2020 closed session agenda. City Manager Lara will provide a claim form to Ms. Velasquez.**

8. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve Resolution No. 2020-0039 adopting the Annual Operating and Capital Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

Finance Director Mosqueda presented all changes to council.

Council Member Melendez would like to make sure that the city is looking into reserves for the city and the water and sewer fund pays back the general fund.

9. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to proceed with the advertisement to accept bids for the construction of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station located at 100 E. Industrial Street; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
10. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve an agreement between the City of McFarland and Gary V Bufkin Computer Services for services tied to the issuance of building permits, grant tracking system, planning system, code enforcement tracking, and notice issuance; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
11. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve a Fourth Amendment to Quad Knopf Engineering Service Agreement for the Community Garden and Trail Phase I; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member reminded all to call Delano Mosquito to report any mosquito problems.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – None to report.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez requested a zoom meeting be scheduled.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Council Member Perez

Grateful to everyone. Looks like the city is working as a team. Thanked Mario and team for cleaning up the city. The east side needs a lot of attention but she does know that the city will work on it.

Council Member Rodriguez

Thanked all staff.

Mayor Gonzalez

Would like to thank Rocio for the great work on the budget and appreciates all the hard work from all staff.

Council Member Melendez

Thanked all staff.

Regular Agenda adjourned at 8:03 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the closed session minutes held on October 8, 2020; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez

Vote: 4-0

Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: McFarland

Abstentions: None

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9: (One potential case).

Action: No reportable action.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One Potential Case).

Action: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Claudia Ceja, City Clerk