

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING

November 12, 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 6:04 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, Acting Chief of Police Helton, City Attorney Schroeter, 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

1. Mayor Gonzalez presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Mr. Isaac Garza President of the Lions Club and thanked the Lions Club for their community service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margie Martinez, 212 7th Street, McFarland. Mrs. Martinez asked the Council if the Leo's could go ahead and start putting up the Christmas lights like they have been doing each year along W. Kern , 2nd Street and Blanco Park

Regular Council Meeting closed at 6:21 p.m.

McFARLAND USA FOUNDATION

Mayor Gonzalez opened the McFarland USA Foundation meeting at 6:21 pm.

2. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Perez **to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0041 confirming appointment of the City Council as the Board of Directors of the McFarland USA Foundation; 2nd by:** Council Member Melendez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Perez, Melendez, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: McFarland
3. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to adopt Resolution No. 2020-0042 approving an agreement between County of Kern and McFarland USA Foundation for Coronavirus Relief Fund Program Non-Profit Entities Grant; 2nd by:** Council Member Melendez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Melendez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: McFarland

Mayor Gonzalez closed the McFarland USA Foundation Meeting at 6:30 pm and reconvened to the Regular City Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

***Consent Agenda Item #10 pulled by Maria Lara for further review**

4. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the warrant register for \$494,481.36 from October 13, 2020 through November 03, 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.
5. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve payroll register for \$124,536.59 for October 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.
6. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of October 22; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
7. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to adopt Ordinance No. 010-2020 of the City Council of the City of McFarland Relating to Notices to Abate; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
8. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve Resolution No. 2020-0043 creating a temperature check policy for members of the public entering City Hall; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Melendez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: McFarland
Abstentions: None
9. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve a Donation to the McFarland High School Track Team for twenty- five (25) McFarland USA Marathon Shirts; 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 table the Pruneda Agreement to the December 10, 2020 council meeting; 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

City Manager Lara reported the following:

City Hall is currently under construction for COVID-19. Closed for two weeks.

City Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday November 26 & 27th, 2020.

Tyler Helton will email Council the report due to technical difficulties.

Council Member Rodriguez asked about the status of Audits. Rocio Mosqueda responded that she met with auditor and currently working on task list. Audit 17/18 two weeks to complete depending on auditor. Audits 18/19 & 19/20 could be done by March 31, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Rafael Melendez – None to report.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Sally Gonzalez – None to report.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez – Waiting on Resendez for date of meeting.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- Council Member Rafael Melendez – None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Council Member Perez

Congratulated Council Member Rodriguez for being elected. Thanked Council Member Melendez for all his years of service to the City of McFarland, thanked staff for all the work they do, and thanked the Lion's Club for all they do for our Community.

Council Member Rodriguez

Thanked Council Member Melendez for his wisdom throughout the years serving as Council. Thanked all the Veterans for their service.

Mayor Gonzalez

Thanked Council Member Melendez and Rodriguez and all the Veteran's for their service. Congratulated Council Member Rodriguez on his election. Thanked Council Member Melendez for his wisdom. Thanked the Lions Club and all the Veterans.

Council Member Melendez

Said that he was humbled to have served the City of McFarland for over 30 yrs. Congratulated Council Member Eric Rodriguez on his election and Saul Ayon on his election.

Regular Agenda adjourned at 6:50 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

1. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the closed session minutes held on October 22, 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 (2) 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
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) and Paragraph (3) of Subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9 (Claim by Aidee Velasquez)
Action: No reportable action.
4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: Assessor Parcel No. 201-130-20-0
City Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Adventist Health Care
Under Negotiation: Price and Term of Payments
Action: No reportable Action

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Claudia Ceja, City Clerk