REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING
December 10, 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 6:01 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, City Attorney Schroeter, City Clerk Alvarado, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Acting Community Development Director Ronk, and Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Council Member Perez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Melendez

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Melendez **to adopt resolution accepting city clerk's certification of canvass results of the general municipal election; 2nd by:** Council Member Rodriguez
   Vote: 4-0
   Ayes: Melendez, Rodriguez, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
   Nays: None
   Absent: McFarland
   Abstentions: None

   a. Swearing in ceremony for new Councilmembers – City Clerk officially swore in the new Elected Council: Saul Ayon, Ricardo Cano and Eric Rodriguez.

      Awards were presented to exiting Council Members Melendez and McFarland by Mayor Gonzalez for their 12 years of dedicated services to the City.

      Council Member Melendez congratulated new elected Council Members Ayon, Cano, and Rodriguez. He thanked the community for giving him the opportunity to serve them. He Also, Thanked the Council for working together as a team, Maria Lara for expressing her Thoughts and God for his Blessings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Juan Mungia, 713 Misty Ave. McFarland- Congratulated all the newly elected Council Members Ayon, Rodriguez, and Cano and stated that he hopes to see great things in the future.

Alejandra Figueroa, address not stated- Congratulated the new council. Looks forward to new Beginnings. Alejandra stated that her mother Maria Teresa Figueroa is very happy with the outcome of the elections.

Todd Dearmore, address not stated, Bakersfield- Stated that he has worked alongside new elected Council Member Ayon at the Sheriff's Department. He stated Ayon is a great role model that has served the community for many years and he is proud and thankful he was given the opportunity.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Motion was made by**: Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the warrant register for $327,191.41 from November 04, 2020 through November 23, 2020; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
   Vote: 4-0
   Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano
   Nays: None
   Absent: None
   Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)
   *Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #2 due to marriage.

3. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve payroll register for $138,942.92 for November 2020; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
   Vote: 4-0
   Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano
   Nays: None
   Absent: None
   Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)
   *Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #3 due to marriage.

4. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve minutes of Regular City Council Meeting of November 12, 2020; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
   Vote: 5-0
   Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
   Nays: None
   Absent: None
   Abstentions: None

5. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to Appoint the City Clerk; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
   Vote: 5-0
   Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
   Nays: None
   Absent: None
   Abstentions: None

6. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve Resolution No. 2020-0044 Designating Confidential Officers; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
   Vote: 5-0
   Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
   Nays: None
   Absent: None
   Abstentions: None
   *Resolution was adopted at 6:27 p.m. and was later pulled by Council Member Ayon and asked to add resolution to the January 14, 2021 agenda for discussion.

7. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve Resolution No. 2020-0045 Approving Delegation of Authority for Check Signing; 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
   Vote: 5-0
   Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
   Nays: None
   Absent: None
   Abstentions: None

8. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez to approve the Third Amendment Agreement for the Wastewater Farm Lease Between the City of McFarland and Johnny Pruneda; **and 2nd by:** Council Member Perez
   Vote: 5-0
   Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
   Nays: None
   Absent: None
   Abstentions: None

9. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the Master License Agreement between the City of McFarland and McFarland Unified School District for the Installation**

of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities with McFarland Unified School District; and 2nd by: Council Member Perez
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. **Motion was made by:** Mayor Pro-Tem Perez **to Adopt Resolution No. 2020-0046 Adopting the City of McFarland Development Impact Fee Update Study; Making Certain Findings; and Approving New Development Impact Fees for the City of McFarland;** and 2nd by: Council Member Ayon
    a. Presentation by Willdan Financial Services- Carlos Villarreal
    b. Mayor opened public testimony at 6:41p.m.
    Vote: 5-0
    Ayes: Perez, Ayon, Rodriguez, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
    Nays: None
    Absent: None
    Abstentions: None

Audience member Danny- Asked if this is for a new department or for the Kern County Fire?

Maria Lara (A) these development impact fees will be used for the future of McFarland's General Plan in 20 to 30 years from now. They are to plan for the future growth of McFarland and its needs.

Council Member Cano asked is this fees are for new construction.

Maria Lara replied to that question with a yes.

Mayor Closed Public Testimony Closed at 6:45p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. Administration – Maria Lara congratulated new council. Transit is suspended until further notice due to stay at home order. City Hall under construction for another 2-3 weeks for Covid-19 safety remodel. Staff currently working in house.

b. Public Works- Mario Gonzalez stated that Villa Del Caribe Park is in progress basketball courts, exercise equipment and restrooms are already framed out. Lighting will be put in. Public works is currently working on graffiti removal and trash pickup along the freeway. The Bid opening for the EV Charging station on the East Side was today. Water, Streets and Wastewater working through COVID.
Mayor Pro-Tem asked if we could bring an artist into town to help with the graffiti around town.
Council Member Rodriguez responded by stating that we should reach out to our high school students before outsourcing it.
Council Member Cano wanted to know what is being done about the pot holes around town.
Public Works Director Gonzalez stated that we are going to purchase a machine to help with the repairs of these pot holes. Public works employee's currently go out once a week to temporary patch the holes. But for now because of COVID we are having trouble getting the material we need for our repairs.

c. Police Department – Laura Hanlon reported the increase in crime rate from 2019-2020. She also informed the Council that the MPD recently hired bilingual Police Officers.
Mayor Pro-Tem Perez would like weekly updates and Monthly Crime Statistics Reports.
City Manager Maria Lara responded that she would have McFarland PD include a hard copy of STATS and she will be sending weekly updates to their email.
Mayor Pro-Tem Perez stated that she is concerned with the speeding on Davis Ave
Council Member Ayon asked if McFarland Police can do more patrolling around that area.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

11. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve Resolution No. 2020-0047 Requesting Initiation of Proceedings for Annexation of Territory to the City of McFarland to be Identified as Annexation No. 18 and** 2nd by Council Member Cano.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Cano, Perez, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion was made by: Council Member Rodriguez **to approve Resolution No. 2020-0048 Approving the Transfer of Tax Revenues Upon Local Agency Jurisdictional Change: City of McFarland Annexation No.18 and** 2nd by Council Member Cano.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Cano, Perez, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Motion was made by: Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the Indemnification Agreement between the City of McFarland and Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission and** 2nd by Council Member Cano.
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Cano, Perez, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

12. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Cano **to Appoint Council Member Perez as the Mayor Pro Tem and** 2nd by; Council Member Rodriguez
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Cano, Rodriguez, Ayon, Perez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

13. Appointment of Council Members to the Subcommittees are as follows:

    1. Finance- Mayor Gonzalez & Council Member Rodriguez
    2. Public Works- Council Member Perez & Cano
    3. Development- Mayor Gonzalez & Council Member Ayon
    4. Recreation- Council Member Ayon & Perez
    5. Legislative- Mayor Gonzalez & Council Member Cano
    6. Economic Development Ad-Hoc Task Force- Mayor Gonzalez & Mayor Pro-Tem Perez
    7. Law Enforcement- Mayor Gonzalez & Council Member Ayon
    8. Prison- Council Member Rodriguez & Mayor Pro-Tem Perez
    9. Refuse- Council Member Ayon & Cano
    10. Downtown Design- Mayor Gonzalez & Mayor Pro-Tem Perez
    11. Veterans Memorial- Council Member Rodriguez & Ayon
    12. Festival Committee- Mayor Pro-Tem Perez & Mayor Gonzalez
    13. Tri-Agency- Mayor Gonzalez & Council Member Rodriguez
    14. Delano Mosquito Abetment- Council Member Cano
    15. Kern COG- Mayor Gonzalez & Mayor Pro-Tem Perez
    16. PAL Program- Mayor Pro-Tem Perez
    17. Fire Service – Mayor Gonzalez & Council Member Rodriguez

14. **Motion was made by:** Council Member Rodriguez **to approve the Authorization of City Attorney to Draft Agreement with American Office Solutions (ASO) for Information Technology Services Management Software and Services Support and Authorize Mayor Gonzalez to Execute the Agreement and** 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Perez
Vote: 5-0
Ayes: Rodriguez, Perez, Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Cano – None to report.

b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Sally Gonzalez – None to report.

c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Council Member Perez – None to report.

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

Welcomed the new council Rodriguez, Ayon, and Cano and encouraged new council to go to trainings and learn. Thanked Mayor Gonzalez for doing a good job running the Council Meetings. Thanked the staff for all their work and the Public for attending the meetings.

Council Member Rodriguez

Thanked everyone for their support for allowing him to continue to serve the City of McFarland. Thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Council Member Ayon

Thanked his family and friends for all their support. Looks forward to working together to help McFarland move forward and be prosperous.

Council Member Cano

Thanked everyone, the community, and staff for their support. Congratulated newly appointed Council Members Ayon, Rodriguez and newly appointed City Clerk Francisca. He said that he is excited to work together as a team.

Mayor Gonzalez

Welcomed Mr. Cano, Ayon, and re-welcomed Rodriguez. Thanked the staff and administration for all there hard work. Thanked Tom and Ms. Lara for all their help. Asked residents to voice their concerns and attend the Council Meetings.

Regular Agenda adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Approval of the November 12, 2020 Closed Session Minutes.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
   Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:1
   Potential Case – No reportable action

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Finance- No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk