

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
July 08, 2021

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.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Gonzalez, Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez, Councilmember Ayon, Councilmember Cano

Council Members Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Lara, Chief of Police Williams, Interim City Attorney Hodges, City Clerk Alvarado, Acting Community Development Director Ronk, Finance Director Lara, Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Council Member Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ayon

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments. Public Comment Closed at 6:03 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** to approve warrant register for \$553,913.79 from June 16, 2021, through June 30, 2021; 2nd by: **Councilmember Pérez**.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)

**Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #1 due to marriage.*

**Council Member Ayon Pulled Item #1 for Questioning*

2. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** to approve Payroll Report for \$190,585.87 from June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021; 2nd by: **Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez**.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

**Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #1 due to marriage.*

**Council Member Ayon Pulled Item #2 for Questioning*

3. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to approve Regular Minutes of *June 24, 2021*; 2nd by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez**.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: **Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**
Nays: **None**
Absent: **None**
Abstentions: **None**
4. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to approve Special Minutes of *June 24, 2021*; 2nd by: **Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez**.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: **Cano, Pérez, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)**
Nays: **None**
Absent: **None**
Abstentions: **None**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. Public Hearing was held to Receive Comments Related to Unmet Transit Needs That May Exist and Can Be Reasonably Met.
 - a. Mayor Gonzalez Opened the Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony at 6:30 p.m.

Q. Councilmember Cano asked if the unmet transit needs were referring to the local transit bus or the regional transit bus?

A. Public Works Director Gonzales responded to Councilmember Cano's question stating that it was regarding the local Dial a Ride Transit.

Q. Maggie Martinez- 212 7th Street McFarland- asked if the free rides were going to cause a burden to the transit driver and the bus since school was going to be back in session soon, and all the children were going to want to get a ride since it is free.

A. Public Works Director Gonzales informed Mrs. Martinez that only children accompanied by an adult could get on the bus. He said no one under 18 is able to ride the bus alone.
 - b. Motion was Made by: Councilmember Cano to Adopt **Resolution No. 2021-0042**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND FINDING THERE ARE NO UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS WHICH CAN REASONABLY BE MET IN THE CITY OF MCFARLAND (2020/2021); 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: **Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)**
Nays: **None**
Absent: **None**
Abstains: **None**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Administration** – City Manager Lara- Informed Council that the audit draft would be ready by July 22, 2021, and that CLA staff would be present at the upcoming council meeting to answer any questions.
- b. **Police Department** – Chief of Police Williams- Introduced McFarland Police Department new dispatcher Olivia Ayon to the Council and Community. He spoke about the rise in catalytic converter thefts in the area and asked the public to keep a closer watch to help them try to find the people responsible for these crimes.
- c. **Finance Department**- Finance Director Lara- Stated that the Finance Department has been working on the budget. He informed the public that currently the city does not have a set date for the Proteus Workshop but that they had a tentative date set for July 21, 2021. This event is intended to assist McFarland residents with utility assistance and bill pay programs to people who qualify. He also informed that the city is expecting to receive ARPA grant funding by July 13, 2021.

- d. **Public Works Department-** Public Works Director Gonzales- gave a brief update on all his departments and their daily routines. He informed that W Kern Ave & 6th Street project went out for bidding, and he would bring the results to Council in the upcoming regular meeting of July 22, 2021.
- e. **Community Development-** Acting Community Development Director Ronk- Gave brief overview on all his departments projects and daily duties.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

6. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez to approve *Resolution No. 2021-0043*, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFONRIA, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Pérez, Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
**Councilmember Ayon requested a committee be formed for future development projects and include two council members to sit on committee.*
7. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to **table** possible approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 7393 For a New Housing Development to Provide 167 New Residential Homes, Neighborhood Park, And A Drainage Sump; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
8. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to **table** possible approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 7394 To Produce New Housing Development and Provide 183 Residential Homes; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
9. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to appoint candidates to Fill Two (2) Vacancies on The Planning Commission; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Councilmember Cano- informed the community that Mosquito Abatement would start their yearly spraying for mosquito containment.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – meeting scheduled for upcoming Thursday.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – 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- Councilmember Ayon- None to Report

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Councilmember Ayon- Instructed City Staff to make sure the City's Website is kept up with correct and current information.

Mayor Pro- Tem Pérez- Thanked City staff and City Attorney Nathan Hodges for keeping them on track.

Councilmember Cano- Congratulate Luis Sarabia and Jose Hernandez on their appointments to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Gonzalez- Thanked City Staff and City Attorney Hodges. She also thanked the McFarland Recreation and Parks District for the great fire work event they held for our community.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Francisca Alvarado

Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Mayor Gonzalez, written below the printed name of the City Clerk.