

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
July 22, 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 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Gonzalez, Councilmember Ayon, Councilmember Cano

Council Members Absent: Mayor-Pro Tem Pérez

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

Jim White, 364 Cliff Ave- Stated concern whether city employees have enough sick days with pay and if they are fulfilling their daily hours.

Public Comment Closed at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** for change of Warrant Register amount of \$98,068.60 to be changed to \$372,902.88 and approval of Warrant Register for \$372,902.88 From July 01, 2021, through July 15, 2021; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None

Absent: Pérez
Abstentions: None

2. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** for Approval of March 25, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Pérez
Abstentions: None
3. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** for Approval of June 17, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Pérez
Abstentions: None
4. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** for Approval of July 08, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez
Nays: None
Absent: Pérez
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Administration** – Maria Lara- Invites everyone to attend ice cream with cops on Saturday inside Rite Aid 1:00-3:00pm and addressed residents in need of a ride to call Dial-Ride for free transportation. Hirings are being made for the water department, finance department, and police department, and are posted on the city website. Second audit has been finished and will be presented.
- b. **Police Department** – Chief of Police Williams- Announced new hire. Addressed program of crime watch to help watch for city crime. July 7th, 2021, a store was robbed, a knife was pulled on the worker, and was later identified by the officer and clerk. Introduced new volunteer community service and reserve officer. There are three new AED and other safety devices. Raincoats and tasers have been distributed to more officers. Funding for city cameras came from general fund and a transportation grant. Nine more potential officers are set to take assessments. Ice cream with cops will be Saturday. Stickers will be available for young children. Addressed citizen's concern of misdemeanor theft.
- c. **Finance Department**- Finance Director Lara- Addressed finance department finalizing audit of FY 2018-2019. Acknowledged the critical workers in audit. Working to catch up to year 2021. Introduced finance department on how meters are read.

- d. **Public Works Department-** Public Works Director Gonzales- Departments are at normal operation. Streets department is working on painting curbs, and the east side has been completed. Street sweeper is not working, but it is being fixed. Landscaper is working as normal, and there is a new position open. Water department has had a couple leaks in the city and has been repaired. Transit still has free rides. Hydro-seeding is being implemented in a city park. There will be cameras at well sites. Addressed citizen concern of water in streets and notice of shutting off water.
- e. **Community Development-** Acting Community Development Director Ronk- Updated the council on the Community Development departments. New Planning Commission Chairman is Marco Martinez, and new Vice Chairman is Jose Hernandez Sr. Still working on concern of the ability to access shelter's Facebook page.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 5. Motion was made by: Councilman Cano to approve Report, Discussion and Possible Approval of the Audited Financial Statement for the period ending June 30, 2019, for the City of McFarland; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon.
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Pérez
Abstentions: None
- 6. Approval of Report and Discussion of Surplusing Land by Wastewater Plant according to Effluent Management Report by Sewer Engineer.
Vote:
Ayes:
Nays:
Absent: Pérez
Abstentions: None

***No action taken or direction given by council**
- 7. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to **table** until next meeting the discussion of Ad Hoc Committee Report: Recommendation for Potential Restructuring Job Classifications/Duties- Grant Administrator, Public Works Administrative Assistant, And Part Time Code Enforcement.
Vote:
Ayes:
Nays:
Absent: Pérez
Abstentions:
- 8. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve Report, Discussion, and Possible Approval Accepting the Bid and Award Construction Contract to Bowman Asphalt, Inc. In The Amount Of \$362,405.00 For the W. Kem Ave. Reconstruction And 6th Street Overlay Project and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Construction Agreement with Bowman Asphalt, Inc; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon.
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Pérez
Abstentions: None

9. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano for approval of Report, Discussion and Possible Approval of **Resolution No. 2021-0046** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Authorizing the filing of an application for Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding and committing the necessary match and stating the assurance to complete the project; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Pérez

Abstentions: None

10. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon for approval of Report and Possible Approval; Awarding of A Contract with Cannon for Conducting City Sewer Improvement Standard Update for The City of McFarland; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Pérez

Abstentions: None

11. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon for approval of Report and Possible Approval; Awarding of A Contract with Cannon for Conducting City Water Improvement Standard Update for The City of McFarland; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Pérez

Abstentions: None

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Councilmember Cano- update on mosquito spraying. Kern county has had more West Nile Virus activity.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – None to Report.
- 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 AND REPORTS

Councilmember Canon- Thanked finance department for their work, meeting attendees, and police officers for keeping the community safe. Asked City Manager Lara about the process for timecards. Encouraged to execute a more efficient timecard program.

Councilmember Ayon- Four to six months is a long time for the new timecard system to be implemented. Inquired about billing for when people come in for payments and stated a more efficient system would get jobs done faster. Inquired about city website. Thanked community for their ideas and participation in meeting.

Mayor Gonzalez- Thanked council members and attendees for coming to meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Sarah Drake, Interim City Clerk

Maria Lara, City Manager