

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
August 12, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Absent: Councilmember Ayon

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Lara, Chief of Police Williams, Substitute City Attorney Kelly Allen Francisco, Interim City Clerk Drake, Finance Director Lara, Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Councilmember Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Pérez

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lori Schultz spoke on behalf of the McFarland School District about utilizing the city council chamber to hold attendance review board meetings. Before Covid-19 the board held the meetings twice a month, and the board would like to resume the use of the council chamber now that the board is resuming their meetings.

Ocie Crawford at 11206 Mirage Dr in Bakersfield, CA invited Council Members to attend the award banquet to honor the police force. It will take place Hodel's Country Dining on Saturday, September 18th at 12:00 pm.

Public Comment Closed at 6:11 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez to approve warrant register for \$76,351.23 from July 16, 2021, through July 31, 2021; 2nd by: Councilmember Santillano.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Ayon

Abstentions: None

2. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez to approve Payroll Report for \$327,246.97 for July 2021; 2nd by: Councilmember Santillano.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano

Nays: None

Absent: Ayon

Abstentions: Gonzalez (Mayor)

**Mayor Gonzalez recused herself from item #2 due to marriage.*

3. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez to approve Regular Minutes of **July 22, 2021**; 2nd by: Councilmember Santillano.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes:, Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Ayon

Abstentions: None

4. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez to approve Special Minutes of **August 5, 2021**; 2nd by: Councilmember Santillano.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes:, Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Ayon

Abstentions: None

PUPBIC HEARINGS

5. Public Hearing to Receive Comments Related to Declaration of Negative Declaration for Tract 7393 and 7394.

Staff Recommends That the City Council:

- a. Mayor Gonzalez Opened the Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony.
City Planner Brianahi De Leon speaks on Negative Declaration for Tract 7393 and 7394. A total of 350 homes will be built, as well as a park and sump. Studies have been conducted and reviewed by contractors. City Planner De Leon is open to answer questions the Council may have about the Negative Declaration for Tract 7393 and 7394.

Q. Councilman Santillano inquires as to why Tract 7393 and 7394 are divided into two Tracts instead of one Tract.

A. City Planner De Leon informs the Council Tracts 7393 and 7394 are to be separate phases with four phases each. First phase will be 167 homes. Special Planning Consultant Ron Brummett mentions early stages for sewer planning has begun. Mr. Brummett speaks on the importance of time and getting started as soon as possible.

Q. Councilman Santillano inquires about cleaning the area after trees has been cleared.

A. Contractor will clean the area when trees are down and after expectation for irrigation pipes.

Q. Councilmember Santillano expresses his concern regarding the number of exists and asks about an allowing an additional exit amongst the Tracts.

A. Special Planning Consultant Ron Brummett Addresses Councilmember Santillano's inquiry and mentions there are currently two exits planned. An additional exit was not planned due to its proximity to a school and taking into account the safety of children walking to and from school.

- b. Adopt **Resolution No. 2021-0047**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ADOPTING THE INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED TENTATIVE TRACT 7393 AND 7394.

**No action was taken, Public Hearing extended and to continue on August 26th.*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **Administration** – City Manager Lara- The Administration Department is working with the Planning Department to assist in moving their projects along as quickly as possible, as well as the Financial Department with their audits. The City Manager job opening has been posted on the City's website. Dial-A-Ride is still in available to the public up to next year. City Planner De Leon is in the early stages of planning a new medical center, is finishing Tracts 7393 and 7394 planning, and has future projects in the works with the Planning Commission. Code enforcement is in the process of utilizing officers to cite those parked illegally.
- b. **Police Department** – Chief of Police Williams- Two new officers are in the process of joining the Police Force. Speaks on the importance of crime watch communities in order to better identify those who break the law. School is back in session and with that comes traffic difficulties such as congestion and pedestrian hazards. The Police Department received new spike strips which would shorten high speed pursuits if such an event occurred. Two new dispatchers are going through training and background checks and an officer expressed interest in the Sargent position. Presented crime statistics and informed the Council the rise in crime statistics is due to more Police Officers around the city and more enforcement of the law.
- c. **Finance Department**- Finance Director Lara- Department is working hard on yielding \$2.2 million to the city due to claiming funds. The job posting for Staff Accountants closed and the department will be going over the applicants. A new time clock system is desired to improve accuracy. New technology for payments is in the early stages in order to save money and improve payment convenience to citizens. Utility billing is being outsourced, which will save time and money.
- d. **Public Works Department**- Public Works Director Gonzales- Street crew is improving crosswalks around schools and are working to fill potholes around city. The street sweeper is going to be returning to be back in the regular schedule. The department is working with the Police Department for advice regarding where to put new solar lights. Johnson and Johnson and Pfizer will be available in the Veteran's Hall on August 17th for those 12 years old and up. Fixing main breaks are being dealt with, cameras will be installed by well and treatment sites, and citizens will be made aware, when possible, of water being shut off. EV charging stations are in the early stages of development. Department is pursuing a bus driver to support the current bus driver.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

6. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table Report, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 7393 to produce new housing development and provide 167 residential houses, neighborhood park, and a drainage sump; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
7. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table Report, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Vesting Tentative Tract Map 7394 to produce new housing development and provide 183 residential houses; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
8. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table Report, Discussion and Potential Direction - Ad Hoc Committee Report: Recommendation for Potential Restructuring Job Classifications/Duties- Grant Administrator, Public Works Administrative Assistant, And Part Time Code Enforcement; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
9. Motion was made by: Report, Discuss, and Appoint a voting delegate and up to two alternates for League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo on September 22-24, 2021; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon shall be in attendance with Mayor Gonzalez and Councilmember Cano as alternatives.

**Discussed and clarified. Members of City Council appointed.*
10. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table Approval to contract with Lexipol for a new city policy manual and to eliminate the employee handbook due descriptor inaccuracy; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
11. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Santillano** to Approve Agreement for Illegal Dumping Resources Funds between County of Kern and City of McFarland; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None

12. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to Approve the Notice of Completion for Villa Del Caribe Park; 2nd by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez**
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
13. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Santillano** Approve Davis Ave. Road Reconstruction Project from W. Perkins Ave. to Elmo Hwy; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
14. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table the Possible Approval of the city of McFarland facility use agreement; 2nd by: **Councilmember Santillano**
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
15. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Cano** to Approve Cancellation of the McFarland Veteran's Community Center Rental Agreement between City of McFarland and Sonrise Baptist Church of Clovis, per Council Member Saul Ayon; 2nd by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez**
Vote: 3/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: Santillano
16. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table Report, Discuss and Consider Approval of a new Real Property Lease Agreement (103 W. Sherwood Avenue, McFarland, CA 93250) between City of McFarland and Sonrise Baptist Church of Clovis; 2nd by: **Councilmember Santillano**
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
17. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table Report, Discuss and Consider Approval of License Agreement for Use of Veteran's Hall for McFarland Greater Chamber of Commerce; 2nd by: **Councilmember Santillano**
Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: Ayon
Abstentions: None
18. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro Tem Pérez** to table Report, Discuss and Consider Approval of License Agreement for Use of Veteran's Hall for McFarland Lions Club; **Councilmember Santillano**
Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Ayon

Abstentions: None

- 19. Motion made by: Councilmember Cano to award a construction agreement to Triple A Construction in the amount of \$22,500.00 for the Animal Shelter facility; 2nd by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.**

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Santillano, Gonzalez (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: Ayon

Abstentions: None

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Council Member Ricardo Cano- None to report**
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – None to report**
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – None to report**
- d. Kern Economic Development Corp. (KEDC) – None to report**
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report**
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP – None to report**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Sarah Drake, Interim City Clerk



Sally Gonzalez, Mayor