

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
October 28, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Tafoya (via Zoom), Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez, Councilmember Ayon, Councilmember Cano

Councilmembers Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

INVOCATION

Council Member Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ayon

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margie Martinez 212 7th Street McFarland- Had three comments.

The first one being permission for the Leos Club to decorate the Veteran's Hall for Veterans Day. Council granted permission.

Second, she inquired about the burnt down house on Industrial Street.

Public Works Director Gonzales responded that he would have code enforcement go out there and have an update at our next scheduled council meeting.

And third, she addressed her concerns of the traffic congestion on Mast and Sherwood Ave during school hours and construction.

Interim City Manager/Chief of Police Williams responded to her concerns stating that he would work on obtaining a traffic study.

Councilmember Ayon stated that they would get in contact with the Superintendent of Schools about these concerns.

Public Works Director Gonzales recommended a crossing guard to help the flow of traffic in that area and possibly changing the bus stop drop off and pick up location for the school to a different place.

Closed at 6:09 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve warrant register for \$ 549,083.00 from October 1, 2021, through October 15, 2021; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.**

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

2. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of **October 14, 2021**; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

3. Motion was made by: **Councilmember Ayon** to approve Special Meeting Minutes of **October 20, 2021**; 2nd by: **Councilmember Cano**.

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

4. **Motion was made by:** Councilmember Ayon to approve second reading and adoption of **ORDINANCE NO. 0007-2021**, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING AND RESTATING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND AND RESTATE SECTIONS 2.16.040, 2.16.070, 2.16.080 and 2.16.180, AND ADOPTING A NEW TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.28, SECTION 2.28.010, 2.28.020 AND RENUMBERING CURRENT 2.28.010, 2.28.020 AND 2.28.030, MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE."; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Public Comment was opened at 6:12 p.m.

Margie Martinez asked for clarification of this ordinance.

Interim City Attorney Hodges clarified and gave a detailed overview of Ordinance.

Public Comment closed at 6:14 p.m.

5. **Motion was made by:** Councilmember Ayon to approval to contract for outsource of billing for the City's utility bills; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano

Vote: 4/0
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

Public Comment Opened at 6:20 p.m.

Ron Woods stated that he hopes the outsourcing of the billing will help free up staff time to ensure staff if able to keep current with everything that needs to be done.

Jose Hernandez asked if the city staff will still be able to answer any billing inquiries?

Interim City Manager/Chief of Police Williams responded yes, the city will still be responsible and able to help with any billing questions or concerns.

Public Comment Closed at 6:24 p.m.

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Councilmember Cano- Reported that the mosquito season has officially ended.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Tafoya- Nothing to Report
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – Nothing to Report
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – Nothing to Report
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – Nothing to Report
- f. Poso Creek IRWMP- Councilmember Ayon- Nothing to Report

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Councilmember Ayon- asked anyone who has any questions or concerns about the Fire Department Contract to come join us at the upcoming City Council Meeting November 10.

Councilmember Cano- Also invited the community to join us at the November 10th meeting to discuss the Fire Department Contract and invited everyone to come out and join the McFarland Police Department Trunk- Treat event this Friday from 6-8:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez- Thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

Interim City Manager/Chief of Police Williams- Thanked everyone who donated and volunteered for the Trunk Treat Event.

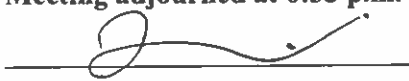
Public Works Director Gonzales- Invited everyone to the Taco Luncheon from 11-1 p.m. Friday provided by R & F Recycling for customer appreciation.

CLOSED SESSION

1. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES- (Government Code section 54957): Consultation with City Manager concerning Kern County Fire Department Contract
No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk



