

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
November 24, 2021

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tafoya called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez (via Zoom), 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

Officials Absent: Public Works Director Gonzales

INVOCATION

Councilmember Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Ayon

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation by Greenlight Enterprises, LLC – Postponed
2. Outdoor Market Presentation by Fernando Flores Jr. – Postponed

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fire Division Chief Joe Appleton, Kern County Fire Department- Introduced Marcus Rodriguez, Fire Battalion Chief to the Council and Community.

Marcus Rodriguez – Stated he looks forward to serving the community of McFarland and appreciates the opportunity.

Public Comment Closed at 6:07 p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Police Department- Chief of Police Williams gave brief overview on status and events of the police department. He also informed that a grant was awarded to the McFarland Unified School District to hire a Police Officer to patrol the schools. The grant will cover the cost for 3 years.
- b. Finance Department- Finance Director Lara thanked the Public Works Department for their help in the implementation of outsource billing. He informed that this next bill will be the first bill using the outsource billing agency. He informed that the staff accountant position had been filled by Carla Vasquez a current employee of the city.

Council Member Ayon asked Finance Director Lara for an audit update.

Finance Director Lara stated personnel staffing issue has put a hold on the process.

Interim City Manager/ Chief of Police Williams clarified that the staffing issue is on behalf of the secondary staff working on reconciliations.

Council Member Ayon asked if the Audit would be done by mid-December.

Interim City Manager/Chief of Police Williams replied yes.

- c. Community Development – Ronk gave brief overview on all departments in Community Development.

Council Member Ayon asked Ronk for an update on Casa de Fajitas burned building.

Interim Community Development Director Ronk replied that a building application for remodel had been submitted and that they are in the process of a revision.

Mayor Tafoya asked Community Development Director Ronk for an update on the GEO improvement project.

Interim Community Development Director Ronk stated he had not heard back from them but that he has been in contact with their attorney and that he had also drafted a letter requesting a timeline he is hoping they receive it in the next days and to hear from them soon.

Council Member Ayon asked if anyone had contacted Caltrans regarding the bridges.

Interim Community Development Director Ronk said he would check with Public Works.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Motion was made by: Council Member Ayon to approve Expense Report for **\$108,728.85** from November 1, 2021 Through November 15, 2021; 2nd by: Council Member Cano.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

4. Motion was made by: Council Member Ayon to approve November **10, 2021**, Regular Meeting Minutes; 2nd by: Council Member Cano.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

5. Motion was made by: **Council Member Ayon** to approve **Resolution No. 2021- 0058** A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ELECTING TO SUCCEED THE COUNTY OF KERN AS A PARTY TO THOSE LAND USE CONTRACTS MADE PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1965 AND/OR WILLIAMSON ACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF KERN AND OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION NO. 18; 2nd by: **Council Member Cano**.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Councilmember Cano- Informed that they are in the process of purchasing a fogger to help combat the mosquitos.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Tafoya- Hwy 99 construction estimated to be completed by spring of 2022.
- c. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- d. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.
- e. Poso Creek IRWMP- Councilmember Ayon- None to report.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS

Council Member Ayon stated that at the last meeting he requested a road repair list schedule. He believes two weeks was enough time to get a response or email regarding that information. He said it was unacceptable not to have a game plan. Ayon thanked the Fire Department and everyone for attending the meeting and wished all a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Interim City Manager/ Chief of Police Williams responded that he had met with the Public Works Director recently and that he is working on a projects list but that he would follow up with him and reach out to Councilmember Ayon directly with an answer.

Council Member Ayon stated he reviewed city ordinance regarding Semi Trucks in the city and he directed staff to draft a resolution regarding truck routes. He addresses his concern with the damage these large vehicles cause our roads. He also requested signage around the city to enforce fines for those type of offenses.

Mayor Tafoya stated she had requested signage be put around the city about 6 months to preclude these commercial vehicles from certain roads but has yet to happen.

Interim City Manager/ Chief of Police Williams told Council that he would get with the Public Works Director and prepare a presentation on road projects and repairs for council.

Tafoya- Thanked the community and the Fire Department and welcomed Fire Battalion Chief Marcus Rodriguez.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Approval of *October 14, 2021*, Closed Session Minutes. – No Reportable Action
2. Approval of *November 10, 2021*, Closed Session Minutes. – No Reportable Action

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk



