

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
February 24, 2022

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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez, Councilmember Ayon, Councilmember Cano

Councilmembers Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Officials Absent: None

INVOCATION

Councilmember Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Ayon

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Councilmember Saul Ayon presented certificates of Recognition to the *McFarland High School VEX Robotics Team*.

**Chief of Police/ City Manager Williams recognized Mike Elliott for his many years of volunteer service at the McFarland Police Department.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. *Alicia Conde 130 Marshall Street McFarland- Update on Lafco Annexation 18.*
2. *Margie Martinez 212 7th Street McFarland- Update on Lafco Annexation 18 and McFarland Park and Recreation.*
3. *Jose Hernandez 602 7th Street McFarland- Annexation 18.*
4. *Daniel C. Sanchez- Annexation 18 and Agenda Item #5.*
5. *Pastor Phil Corr 117 5th Steet McFarland- Agenda Item #5.*
6. *Juan Francisco Garcia 940 Davis Ave McFarland- Agenda Item #10.*

Closed 6:31 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve Expense Report in the Amount of **\$143,238.42 from** February 1, 2022 Through February 15, 2022; 2nd by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor) Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

3. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve February 10, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

4. Report, and Discuss Staff's Recommendation that City Council Set a Time and Date to Meet for Brown Act Law Training.

Mayor Tafoya said that she will be getting in touch with staff regarding Council's availability.

5. Report, Discuss and Give Staff Direction Regarding the Possibility of the City Acquiring the Kern County Public Library Building Located in McFarland at 500 W. Kern Ave., for Purposes of Transitioning it into the New McFarland Police Department Headquarters.

Mayor Tafoya gave direction to the City Manager to move forward with the negotiations on potentially obtaining the McFarland Library from the County to transition it into the McFarland Police Department and come back with update on feasibility for that project.

Public Comments:

Daniel Sanchez agrees with the idea to acquire the library.

Pastor Phil Corr asked the Council for the specific amount left in the bank on the bond for the Police Department expansion. (Accounting Supervisor Lara responded about Three million dollars). Corr urged City Council to keep the library where it is and develop another option.

Mike Elliott expressed his mixed emotions but requested Council to keep Clara Jackson's name alive and expressed his views that all three agencies (City Hall, McFarland Unified School District and McFarland Recreation and Parks District) work for the betterment of McFarland.

Alicia Conde likes the idea and believes it is a good place.

Jose Hernandez asked for an update on the McFarland Museum library committee and money that was raised regarding that project.

6. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to Approve the Contract for the City's Human Resources Director, Marilyn Garza; 2nd by Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

7. Report, and Discuss City Staff Recommendation that City Council Approve the Consolidation of the City Committees and Reassign Council Members to Each Committee.

City Attorney recommended and Mayor Tafoya directed City Manager to create resolutions to consolidate these committees and bring back to council for motion and then assign Councilmembers to each committee.

8. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to **table**: Report, discuss and give staff direction regarding the attached various road design task orders; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.

Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

9. Report, and Discuss the Wastewater Effluent Water Balance and Use Area Management Plan Report and Give Staff Direction.

City of McFarland's Wastewater Engineer Amando Garza gave brief presentation on the Wastewater Effluent Water Balance and Use Area Management Plan Report.

City Council agreed not to sell property.

10. Councilmember Ayon requested to **table** to the next meeting: Report, Discuss, and Recommend City Council to Authorize Staff to Proceed with the Creation of a Cannabis Ordinance.

Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Council directed staff to table this item to allow for Council to meet with staff and discuss.

Public comments:

Daniel Sanchez recommended the Council study and discuss this option in depth because of the potential problems.

Jose Francisco Garcia recommended to do it internally or rent it out to different patients.

Jose Hernandez Jr. recommended to not consider this option at all.

Russel Cocker asked council to research the outcome of allowing this type of business.

11. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve **Resolution No. 2022-0004**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION PURPOSES; 2nd Ayon.

Vote: 4/0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

12. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro- Tem Pérez to approve **Resolution No. 2022-0005**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING OF ZONE CHANGE 2022-001; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.

Vote: 4/0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Alex Ceballos architect for this project was present to answer any questions.

13. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve **Resolution No. 2022-0006**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND RETAINING VALBRIDGE PROPERTY ADVISORS TO PROVIDE A VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY THAT SHOULD BE OBTAINED TO COMPLETE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY BY THE CITY; 2nd Councilmember Ayon.

Vote: 4/0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Interim City Attorney Hodges stated that updates for this item will be given to City Council in Closed Session.

14. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro- Tem Pérez to approve **Resolution No. 2022-0007**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ANNUAL OPERATION BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 FOR SALARY INCREASE PURPOSES; 2nd by: Councilmember Ayon.

Vote: 4/0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

15. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to Approve the Attached Quote for the City's Conferencing System in the City Council Chambers and Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-0008**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM ARPA FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CONFERENCE SYSTEM AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DUE TO COVID-19; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

16. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez to appoint Amador Ayon as City Council member for the remainder of the unexpired term and approve **Resolution No. 2022-0003**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM; 2nd by: Mayor Tafoya.

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor), Cano

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: S. Ayon

City Manager/ Chief of Police Williams informed that one of the applicants (Jim Price) requested to withdraw his application for the City Council vacancy position and he also informed that one individual (Amador Ayon) had submitted his application before the deadline but was not included in the packet.

**Councilmember Ayon abstain from the selection process due to conflict of interest as one of the applicants for the positions is his brother (Amador Ayon) Councilmember Saul Ayon left the Chambers.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez requested a two-minute recess. Council went on recess at this point.

Council began interview process of potential applicants.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) Nothing reported
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) Nothing reported
- c. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) Nothing reported
- d. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) Nothing reported
- e. Poso Creek (IRWMP) S. Ayon meeting cancelled
- f. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Councilmember S. Ayon reported on LAFCO meeting.

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Cano- Thanked the residents for attending and applicants that applied for the vacancy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez- Welcomed Mr. Amador Ayon to the City Council and thanked everyone present.

Councilmember S. Ayon - Reported meeting with R&F Disposal regarding SB1383 organic waste outreach workshop March 15, 2022 and invited the community to attend. Thanked city staff currently working on Annexation 18.

Mayor Tafoya- Thanked the community for attending and the City workers for their hard work.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

