

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
October 13, 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: Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember A. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez, Mayor Sally Tafoya

Councilmembers Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager/Chief of Police Williams, City Attorney Hodges, Community Development Director L. Ronk III, Finance Director Viramontes, Public Works Director Gonzales, City Clerk Alvarado

Officials Absent: Assistant City Manager Cosentini

INVOCATION

Councilmember Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember A. Ayon

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

**City Council requested that the Audit presentation by: Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) be moved to first item on the agenda under presentations.*

- Audit Presentation by: Clifton Larson Allen (CLA)

The presentation was presented by Ricky from CLA audit team.

Q and A was held.

- SB 1383 Organics Presentation by: Nichole Hadler-Marsden – Environmental Scientist, CalRecycle

Nichole Hadler- Marsden gave brief presentation on Senate Bill 1383.

Q and A was held.

**Facebook-live/ Recording cut off 27 :04 minutes into the meeting during SB1383 Organics presentation*

**Technical difficulties with the connection, sound, and audio - Successfully reconnected during public comment on the agenda.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Joan Smith, 1302 Rounds Street, Delano, Ca – KC Board of Education
2. Melissa Hurtado, 5100 Ming Avenue Bakersfield, Ca- Support for the Community
3. Geno Barajas, 743 Kyra Ave McFarland- Lights not working at stop sign, also height of stop signs some are too high, to low, (standard is 7' feet), cut grass left on sidewalk at Munoz Park.
4. Phil Corr 117 5th Street McFarland- McFarland Library concerns
5. Jim White 364 Cliff Ave McFarland - McFarland Library

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion was made by: Councilmember S. Ayon to approve the Expense Report in the Amount of \$303,522.46 from September 07, 2022, to September 20, 2022; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
2. Motion was made by: Councilmember S. Ayon to approve the Payroll Report in the Amount of \$252,802.35 for the Month of September 2022; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
3. Motion was made by: Councilmember S. Ayon to approve Amended Resolution No. 2022-0113 AN AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR STIPEND; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
4. Motion was made by: Councilmember S. Ayon to approve City of McFarland's License Agreement with the McFarland Unified School District; 2nd by: Councilmember Cano.
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No.0007-2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04.690 TO UPDATE THE APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE.
 - a. Open Public Hearing and Receive Public Testimony: 6:49 pm
Close Public Hearing: 6:49 pm- No comments from the public were presented.
 - b. Motion was made by Councilmember S. Ayon to Waive the Reading of the Ordinance Text in its Entirety, Read by Title Only, Ordinance No.0007-2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04.690, TO UPDATE THE APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE; 2nd by: Councilmember A. Ayon.
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

- c. Council Directed Staff to within 15 days of its Passage publish in at Least Three Public Places in the City.
 - d. Staff noted that this Ordinance won't take effect until January 1, 2023.
6. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No.0008-2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ADDING TITLE 12, CHAPTERS 12.21.010 THROUGH 12.21.150 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE. Regarding Temporary Use Permits.
- a. Open Public Hearing and Receive Public Testimony: 6:50 pm
Close Public Hearing: 6:51 pm – No comments from the public were presented.
 - e. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to Waive the Reading of the Ordinance Text in its Entirety, Read by Title Only, Ordinance No.0008-2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND ADDING TITLE 12, CHAPTERS 12.21.010 THROUGH 12.21.150 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE; 2nd by: Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez.
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None
 - f. Council Directed Staff to within 15 days of its Passage publish in at Least Three Public Places in the City.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 7. Motion was made by: Councilmember S. Ayon to approve the Audited Financial Statements for the Period Ending June 30, 2021, for the City of McFarland; 2nd by: Councilmember A. Ayon.
a. Presentation by: Clifton Larson Allen (CLA)
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

*No Comments from the public were presented. Public comment closed at 6:52 pm.

*Presentation by Clifton Larson Allen was moved under Presentations, Introductions, and Awards per Council's request.

- 8. Motion was made by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez to approve Resolution No. 2022- 0116, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING WAIVER FOR ADOPTION FEES FOR 30 DAYS; 2nd by: Councilmember A. Ayon.
Roll call vote: 5/0
Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstentions: None

*Public comment: Ron Woods 13053 Garzoli Ave – Thanked the Animal Control department for their prompt response to his call. Public comment closed at 6:56 p.m.

- 9. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to approve Resolution No. 2022- 0117, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH UNWIRED BROADBAND LLC. FOR INTERNET SERVICES; 2nd by: Councilmember S. Ayon.

Roll call vote: 5/0

Ayes: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro Tem Pérez, Councilmember S. Ayon, Councilmember Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

*Public comment: Jim White 364 Cliff Ave McFarland asked City Staff if they have looked at HughesNet going thru the internet?

A: Public works director answered yes. Public comment closed at 7:01 pm.

10. Report, Discuss, and Provide Staff Direction on Employee Stipends, Step Increases and Wages.

*Council directed staff to compensate supervisors currently supervising another department the same stipend amount that was previously approved for the Community Development Director L. Ronk in the amount of \$400.00 per month to compensate for performing dual positions.

11. Report, Discuss, and Provide Staff Direction to Allow City Council Members the Ability to Receive a Stipend in Lieu of Medical Benefits.

*Council directed staff to bring back potential cost savings that results from Council Members opting out of health benefit coverage. Also, Council requested Staff analyze the potential wage increases to employees that can be offset by this cost saving.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Ricardo Cano
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)- Mayor Tafoya or Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez
- c. Kern Economic Development Corp. (KEDC) – Mayor Tafoya or Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez
- d. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC)
- e. Poso Creek (IRWMP)- Councilmember S. Ayon
- f. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Councilmember S. Ayon

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Saul Ayon- Thanked the Lions Club for having him, also thanked the community and Melissa Hurtado for attending the meeting. Mr. Saul Ayon applauded Finance Director Diego Viramontes and the new Finance Department Personnel for their hard work and meeting all the Audit deadlines.

Maria Pérez-Thanked the community and Melissa Hurtado for coming out. She expressed the need for public safety funds and her concern for her students and community.

Ricardo Cano- Thanked the community for attending the meeting and recognized our Chief of Police and McFarland Police Department for working hard to keep our community safe.

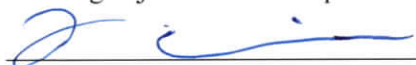
Amador Ayon- Thanked Senator Hurtado for taking the time to come out to our city. He also thanked all people who care for our city.

**Facebook Live/Recording lost connection. Internet Connection Issues.*

Sally Tafoya- Thanked Melissa Hurtado and everyone who attended the meeting via Facebook Live.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

