

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
January 12, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor S. Ayon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor S. Ayon, Vice Mayor Cano, Councilmember A. Ayon, Councilmember Gonzalez

Councilmembers Absent: None

**1 Vacant Councilmember Seat*

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Officials Absent: None

INVOCATION

Vice Mayor Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Gonzalez

PET OF THE WEEK

Is a feature that highlights a pet available for adoption from the McFarland Animal Shelter.

Community Development Director Larry Ronk III presented the featured pet of the week to City Council Members and the Community. He introduced "Peso" a Chihuahua Mix available for immediate adoption to anyone interested.

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

- Recognition Award Presented to Elias Cruz on Behalf of Mayor Saul Ayon

Mayor Saul Ayon presented Elias Cruz (Public Works Department) with an award for his hard work.

- Appreciation Award to Marias's Pizza on Behalf of Vice Mayor Ricardo Cano

Vice Mayor Cano presented Maria's Pizza with an award for there over 40 Years of service to the Community.

- Recognition Award Presented to McFarland Police Officers Juan Estrada & Andrew Galvan

Item not addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment opened at 6:08 p.m.

1. *Cal Rossi-Government Relations Manager for Southern California Edison – Introduced himself to the community and informed that he would be our district representative and voice moving forward.*
2. *Claribel Gutierrez- Field Representative for Assembly Woman Dr. Bains- Informed the community and council that she was here on behalf of Assembly Woman Dr. Jasmin Bains to hear our concerns to move forward in the right direction. She extended her service to the community and encouraged anyone to reach out to her if needed.*
3. *Georgina Diaz (Resident)- Voiced her concern to the council regarding over charge on water bills. She requested council's help to correct the issue and stated that there were multiple homes impacted.*
4. *Phil Corr (Resident)- Mr. Corr spoke briefly about New York times article he distributed to Council. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the answers and time frame in receiving documents or information related to his Public Records Requests. And lastly, he thanked Maria from Maria's Pizza for her contributions to the Summer Reading Program.*

Public Comment Closed at 6:18 p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Expense Report in the Amount of \$328,427.35 from November 30, 2022, to December 13, 2022.
2. Approval of Payroll Report in the Amount of \$365,376.95 for the Month of December 2022.
3. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of December 08, 2022.
4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2022.
5. Approval of Regular meeting Minutes of December 08, 2022.
6. Resolution No. 2023- 0001, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA FOR SPAY AND NEUTER.

Motion was made by: Councilmember A. Ayon to approve the entire consent agenda; 2nd by: Vice Mayor Cano

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4/0

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

7. Report, Discuss, and Possible Approval of Cannon's proposal for the Engineering Services to Update to the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP).

Public Comments:

1. *Phil Corr – Clarification.*

Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Cannon's proposal for the Engineering Services to Update to the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP); 2nd by: Councilmember A. Ayon.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4/0

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

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8. Motion was made by: Councilmember A. Ayon to Approve Resolution No. 2023-0002, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR IN TRAINING TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR 1 AND AN APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SUM OF \$5,383.66 FROM THE WASTEWATER FUND, TO FUND A RECOMMENDED HIGHER SALARY RANGE INCREASE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR 1 POSITION AT RANGE 09 STEP "F" AT \$18.99/HOUR; 2nd by: Vice Mayor Cano.

No Comments from the public were presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4/0

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

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9. Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023- 0003, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE POLICY RELATING TO THE USE OF ROAD UNDULATIONS FOR TRAFFIC SPEED CONTROL ON PUBLIC STREETS; 2nd by: Councilmember A. Ayon.

Public Comments:

1. *Gina Diaz 702 Melgar Ave McFarland – asked who would be financially responsible to fund the speed bumps requested.*

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4/0

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

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10. Motion was made by: Councilmember A. Ayon to approve Resolution No. 2023-0004, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT MAP NO. 7393 PHASE 1, CONTINGENT UPON THE RECEIPT OF REQUIRED IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SUBDIVISION GUARANTEE AND IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENDORSE THE FINAL MAP, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO TRANSMIT SAME TO THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE; 2nd by: Vice Mayor Cano.

Public Comments:

1. *Ron Woods 13053 Garzoli Ave- Clarification*

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4/0

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

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11. Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023-0005, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LEORA, LLC FOR TRACT 7393 PHASE 1; 2nd by: Councilmember A. Ayon.

No Comments from the public were presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4/0

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

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12. Report, Discussion, and Appointment of Councilmembers on Subcommittees and Special District Committees.

No Comments from the public were presented.

Mayor S. Ayon appointed the following members:

1. Public Safety Committee: Mayor Saul Ayon & Ricardo Cano
2. Quality of Life Committee: Councilmember Anita Gonzalez & Amador Ayon
3. Public Policy and Finance Committee: Mayor Saul Ayon & Ricardo Cano
4. Ad Hoc Committee: Mayor Saul Ayon & Anita Gonzalez
5. Cannabis Committee: Vice Mayor Ricardo Cano & Amador Ayon
6. Delano Mosquito Abatement District: Vice Mayor Ricardo Cano
7. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG): Mayor Saul Ayon & ALT: Ricardo Cano
8. Kern Economic Development Corp. (KEDC): Mayor Saul Ayon & ALT: Ricardo Cano
9. Poso Creek (IRWMP): Councilmember Anita Gonzalez
10. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO): Mayor Saul Ayon

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD)
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)
- c. Kern Economic Development Corp. (KEDC)
- d. Poso Creek (IRWMP)
- e. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Anita Gonzalez- Asked Public Works Director Gonzales if the after-hours number was working properly.

Public Works Director Gonzales responded that he would ensure the phone line was working properly.

Ricardo Cano- Thanked everyone in attendance and informed the community that the alley issues were being addressed. He also encouraged the community to stay safe during these storm warnings. And let the community know to reach out to them if they have any issues or concerns and to reach out to the after-hours number for emergencies.

Amador Ayon- Thanked the city employees and everyone involved. He also thanked the citizens who voice their concerns and assured them that they are being heard and addressed.

Saul Ayon- Thanked everyone in attendance. He informed the community that sandbags would be available for residents if needed. and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Open Session ended at 6:49 p.m.

Council went into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Potential Litigation: Government Code Section 54957: One Case

ADJOURNMENT:



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

