

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
January 26, 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

Pastor Bobby Sharp

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember A. Ayon

FEATURED PET

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 "Café" a Chihuahua Mix available for immediate adoption to anyone interested.

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment opened at 6:04 p.m.

- 1. Geno Barajas (Resident)-informed the council of his concerns regarding the non-working signal light on east Sherwood Ave. He requested an update on his previous comments for better lighting in front of the McFarland High School and thanked the streets department for the pothole repairs around town.*
- 2. Matthew Cauthron with Adventist Health informed the community of their mobile health clinic located at the learning center Monday and Tuesday from 9 am to 3 pm.*
- 3. Rob Duchow with the SoCal Gas Company informed the community of recent high gas bills. He gave resource information on utility assistance and website links on how to lower your gas bill.*

4. *Mari L. Jauregui (resident) came to voice her concerns over the high water usage bills the community is receiving. And requested more information on what was being done to address the issue.*

Public Comment Closed at 6:16 p.m.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Expense Report in the Amount of \$225,906.44 from December 14, 2022, to December 27, 2022.
2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 23, 2022.

Motion was made by: Councilmember A. Ayon to approve the 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 6:17 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

3. Report, Discuss, and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2023-0007, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCFARLAND AND DYNAMIC PLANNING + SCIENCE FOR THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2023 UPDATE.

No Comments from the public were presented.

Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023-0007; 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 6:19 p.m.

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4. Report, Discuss, and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2023-0009 Approving an Agreement between City of McFarland and Sterling Administration to provide administrative services of continuation of coverage provision of COBRA and Authorizing City Manager to Execute the Agreement.

Eric Trost - with Benefits Options was present via phone he gave a brief overview on items in discussion. He was available to answer any questions from the Council and the Public.

No Comments from the public were presented.

Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023-0009; 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 6:24 p.m.

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5. Report, Discuss and Possible Approval of Resolution NO. 2023-0010, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA, TERMINATING MEMBERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE.

Public Comment: Ron Woods

Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023-0010; 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 6:28 p.m.

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6. Report, Discuss, and Possible Approval of Resolution NO. 2023-0011, A Resolution of the City of McFarland Authorizing the City Manager to Sign and Execute an Agreement between the City and Boon-Chapman Benefits, Inc. to provide user access of the online portal for employee benefits and comply with the requirements of HIPPA.

No Comments from the public were presented.

Motion was made by: Councilmember A. Ayon to approve Resolution No. 2023-0011; 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 6:31 p.m.

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7. Report, Discuss, and Possibly Approve the City to Negotiate with the McFarland Employee Unions, SEIU and MPOA, for Employee Salary Increases.

No Comments from the public were presented.

Motion was made by: Councilmember Gonzalez to approve the city to Negotiate with the SEIU and MPOA for Employee Salary Increases; 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 6:36 p.m.

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8. Report, Discuss, and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2023-0008, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CHECK SIGNING.

No Comments from the public were presented.

Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023-0008; 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 6:38 p.m.

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9. Report, Discuss, and Possible Approval Selecting the Finance Director for the Administrative Pro Tempore for the City of McFarland.

No Comments from the public were presented.

Motion was made by: Councilmember Gonzalez to approve selecting the Finance Director for the Administrative Pro Tempore; 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 6:40 p.m.

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10. Report, Discuss, and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 2023-0006, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WILL DAN FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR A COST ALLOCATION PLAN AND A WATER, SEWER, AND SOLID WASTE RATE STUDY.

Public Comment: Mari L. Jauregui

Motion was made by: Vice Mayor Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023-0006; 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 6:45 p.m.

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REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Vice Mayor Ricardo Cano
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)- Mayor S. Ayon

- c. Kern Economic Development Corp. (KEDC) – Nothing to Report
- d. Poso Creek (IRWMP)- Nothing to Report.
- e. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Mayor S. Ayon

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Amador Ayon- No Comments.

Anita Gonzalez- No Comments.

Ricardo Cano- Assured the Community that the issue with the water bills was being addressed and asked City staff to get a grip on it as soon as possible.

Saul Ayon- Informed the community that he went to Sacramento to meet some of our representatives and voiced our city's concerns. He assured the residents that he is doing everything in his power to bring attention to the City of McFarland and its needs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by: Councilmember A. Ayon to Adjourn Meeting; 2nd by: Vice Mayor Cano. Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4/0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

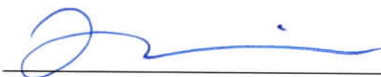
ABSENT: None

Full consensus 6:49 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

None



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

