

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
IN PERSON MEETING
March 09, 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, Councilmember Pérez.

Councilmembers Absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Officials Absent: None

INVOCATION

Pastor Jim Beltran

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 informed the community that this dog was available for immediate adoption.

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

- Certificates of Recognition to the McFarland High School Varsity Basketball Team Coaches on behalf of Mayor Saul Ayon.
- Certificates of Recognition to the McFarland High School Varsity Basketball Team on behalf of Mayor Saul Ayon.

Mayor Saul Ayon recognized the McFarland High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coaches for their outstanding performance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Geno Barajas- 743 Kyra Ave McFarland – Subject not stated.
2. Chief Appleton Kern County Fire Department- Informational Flood Watch
3. Phil Corr (address not stated) – Cannabis

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- McFarland Police Department: STAT'S- Interim Chief of Police Brian Knox

STATs were presented by: Interim Chief of Police Knox

- Public Works Department: Update- Interim Public Works Director Jacobs

Brief update was given by: Interim Public Works Director Jacobs

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Expense Report in the Amount of \$645,193.11 from January 25 to February 7, 2023.
2. Approval of the Payroll Report for the Month of February 2023 in the Amount of \$292,280.84.
3. Approval of February 23, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
4. Approval of February 23, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5/0

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. It is Recommended that the City Council Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Public Input and Consideration Regarding any Unmet Transit Needs in the City of McFarland (2023/2024) and Forward all Comments to the Kern County Council of Governments (KCOG).

Public Hearing was held.

- a. Opened Public Hearing and Receive Public Testimony: **6:39 pm**
- b. Close Public Hearing: **6:40 pm**

No comments from the Public were Presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

6. Motion was made by: Amador Ayon to Approve Resolution No. 2023-0013, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND FINDING THERE ARE NO UNMET PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS WHICH CAN REASONABLY BE MET IN THE CITY OF MCFARLAND (2023/2024); 2nd by: Ricardo Cano.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

7. Motion was made by: Ricardo Cano to approve Resolution No. 2023-0027A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GAS TAX FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,163.29 FOR ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DAVIS AVENUE AND HAIL LANE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; 2nd by: Amador Ayon.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus

8. Motion was made by: Maria Perez to Accept the Completed Work by A. J. Excavation Inc. for the Davis Ave. Reconstruction and Hail Lane Reconstruction Project and Authorize the City Clerk to File the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder; 2nd by: Ricardo Cano.

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Full consensus

9. Motion was made by: Maria Perez to Approve Resolution No. 2023-0028 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLASS BROWN DBA DOUGLASS ENVIRONMENTAL; 2nd by: Amador Ayon.

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Full consensus

10. Motion was made by: Amador Ayon to approve Resolution No. 2023-0029 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET FROM THE GENERAL FUND; 2nd by: Maria Perez.

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Full consensus

11. Motion was made by: Anita Gonzalez to approve the Employment Agreement Between the City of McFarland and Serrena McCuan for the Human Resources Director Position; 2nd by: Ricardo Cano.

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Full consensus

12. Motion was made by: Amador Ayon to approve the Employment Agreement Between the City of McFarland and Patrick Jacobs for the Interim Public Works Director Position; 2nd by: Ricardo Cano.

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Full consensus

13. Motion was made by: Ricardo Cano to approve the Employment Agreement Between the City of McFarland and Brian Knox for the Interim Chief of Police Position; 2nd by: Amador Ayon.

AYES: S. Ayon, R. Cano, A. Ayon, A. Gonzalez, M. Pérez
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
Full consensus

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)
- b. Kern Economic Development Corp. (KEDC)
- c. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
- d. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD)
- e. Poso Creek (IRWMP)
- f. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJV)
- g. Public Policy and Finance Committee
- h. Public Safety Committee
- i. Quality of Life Committee
- j. Ad Hoc Committee
- k. Cannabis Committee

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

1. Perez- Welcomed the new city staff.
2. A. Ayon- Welcomed the new city staff.
3. Gonzalez- Thanked everyone for their attendance.
4. Cano- Congratulated and welcomed the new city staff and clarified that City of Delano does not have a Cannabis Ordinance.
5. S. Ayon- Appreciated new staff members and expressed his concern for funding needs to Munoz Park and Parks and Rec swimming pool.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by: Amador Ayon and 2nd by: Anita Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Full consensus



Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

