

MCFARLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember A. Ayon

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Viramontes, City Attorney Hodges, Chief of Police Knox, Community
Development Director Saldana, Public Works Director Hernandez, Human Resources
Director McCuan, City Clerk Alvarado

INVOCATION

Vice Mayor Cano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

McFarland High School Alumni Jose Vasquez

INTERPRETATION

Gabriela Bravo

FEATURED PET

Chief Knox presented Carlos our featured pet available for adoption.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS TO FORM

Motion by Cano to approve agenda as amended, changing the order of the
Presentations, Introductions & Awards second by Pérez and approved by unanimous
vote.

PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS AND AWARDS

1. Recognition: McFarland High School Robotics Team
2. Recognition: McFarland High School Associated Student Body
3. Recognition: McFarland Junior High Baseball Team
4. Proclamation: National Public Works Week
5. Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

6. APPROVAL OF EXPENSE REPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215,076.07 FROM 4/27/2024 TO 5/10/2024.
7. APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.
8. APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.
9. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-66 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH QK FOR THE UPDATE OF THE CITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.
10. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-65 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE CITY AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN TO CONSOLIDATE THAT ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON THAT SAME DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE.

Recommended Action: Approve the Consent Calander

Public Comment: None

Council Action: It was moved by Cano, second by Perez to approve the Consent Calander as presented.

AYES: S. Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez, Pérez

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Ayon

PASSED 4-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND DECLARING CITY OWNED PROPERTY AS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 54221(f)(1)(C).

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 2024-61

Presented by: Community Development Director Saldaña

Public Hearing Opened: 6:50 p.m.

Comments Presented by the Public: Phil Corr

Council Action: It was moved Cano, second by Perez to approve Resolution 2024-61 as presented.

AYES: S. Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez, Pérez

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Ayon

PASSED 4-0

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

12. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-62 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, SUBMITTING TO CITY VOTERS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024, A BALLOT MEASURE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE

EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF HOTEL, AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "TAX ADMINISTRATOR" AND APPROVING AN INCREASE OF THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FROM SIX PERCENT (6%) TO TWELVE PERCENT (12%) AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSOLIDATE THAT ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION AND REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON THAT SAME DATE.

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 2024-62

Presented by: Community Development Director Saldaña

Public Comments: None.

Council Action: It was moved by Gonzales, second by A. Perez to approve Resolution No. 2024-62 as presented.

AYES: S. Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez, Pérez

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Ayon

PASSED 4-0

13. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-63 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND, SUBMITTING TO CITY VOTERS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024, A BALLOT MEASURE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 3.25 TO THE CITY OF MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A UTILITY USERS TAX AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSOLIDATE THAT ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE ELECTION AND REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON THAT SAME DATE.

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 2024-63

Presented by: Community Development Director Saldaña

Public Comments: None.

Council Action: It was moved by Gonzales, second by A. Perez to approve Resolution No. 2024-63 as presented.

AYES: S. Ayon, Cano, Gonzalez, Pérez

NOES: None

ABSENT: A. Ayon

PASSED 4-0

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG)- Councilmember Pérez provided update.
- b. Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)- Mayor Ayon provided update.
- c. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD)- Vice Mayor Cano provided update.

PUBLIC COMMENT-Opened at 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Phil Corr – Farewell

COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

City Council members provided statements of appreciation to the audience for attending and congratulatory statements to those receiving proclamations and recognitions.

CLOSED SESSION

14. Conference with Labor Negotiators (§54957.6): McFarland Police Officers Association MPOA: City Manager Diego Viramontes, Human Resources Director Serrena McCuan

Action: Direction was given to City Manager Viramontes and HR Director McCuan for a counterproposal.

ADJOURNMENT

Open session ended at 7:14 p.m. meeting adjourned to closed session at this time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.



Francisca R. Alvarado, City Clerk

