

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING –REGULAR
MCFARLAND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MCFARLAND PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
MCFARLAND IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MCFARLAND PARKING AUTHORITY
JANUARY 10, 2019
CITY OF MCFARLAND**

Mayor Manuel Cantu called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor/Chairman Manuel Cantu Jr
Mayor Pro Tem/Chairman Stephen McFarland
Councilmember/Boardmember Rafael Melendez
Councilmember/Boardmember Maria T. Perez

Absent: Councilmember/Boardmember Sally Gonzalez

Invocation: Chief Scot Kimble

Pledge of Allegiance: Maria Perez

Public Comments

- a. Brian Thoburn, on behalf of Southern Cal Edison, introduced himself as the new area rep and look forward to working with the city.
- b. Margie Martinez, McFarland resident, expressed concern with the gunshots heard on New Year's Eve and suggested sometime of radar machine to track gunshots.
- c. Janea Benton, on behalf of AERA, introduced herself as the Public Affairs Representative, would like to extend herself as a resource and be a good neighbor as well as give back to the community.

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Melendez requested agenda item #3 be removed for discussion by council.

1. Motion by Councilmember McFarland, Seconded by Councilmember Perez, all in favor 4-0, approval of warrants in the amount of \$532,653.96 from December 06, 2018 to January 04, 2019 and the pre-issued payroll in the amount of \$152,916.99 for December 2019.
2. Motion by Councilmember McFarland, Seconded by Councilmember Perez, all in favor 4-0, approval of minutes of the December 10, 2018 Special City Council Meeting, December 13, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting and December 20, 2018 Special City Council Meeting.
3. Motion by Councilmember Melendez, Seconded by Councilmember Perez, all in favor, 4-0, approval of the updated City of McFarland Retirement Plan Advisory Services (RPAS).

Public Hearing

4. Mayor Cantu opened the public hearing for the 2018 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability; comments were addressed, if any. Mayor Cantu closed the public comments.

Comments: Councilmember Melendez asked if this grant allows the purchase of equipment because potholes are getting worse.

Ms. Maria Lara and Mr. Wooner both clarified that this grant does not allow the purchase of equipment.

Monthly Staff Reports

5. Mr. Wooner mentioned that the city offices would be closed January 21, 2018 for Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Wooner mentioned that the KEDC will be hosting the State of the County Dinner and they will provide four free tickets. Mr. Wooner asked City Council if anyone else is interested to let Ms. Ceja know so that she can purchase tickets.

Mr. Wooner mentioned that the Jim White "Blanco" Park is open as well as Taco Bell and Ms. Ceja will coordinate the ribbon cutting.

Note: Mayor Cantu asked about the Gazebo at Blanco Park. Mr. Wooner mentioned that the city ran out of money but will continue looking for funding.

Note: Resident Margie Martinez asked if there would be a ribbon cutting for both the Blanco Park and Taco Bell. Mr. Wooner mentioned Coach White is not in town and we are waiting for him to return. Ms. Ceja will be coordinating the ribbon cutting.

Ms. Rocio Mosqueda mentioned:

- a. Health insurance open enrollment went great
- b. There is a six week challenge that the PACE Program is promoting and all City Council and staff are welcomed to join.
- c. Staff is working on audit financials, rate study, and mid-year
- d. Staff just got back from holidays and are ready to get back to work

Mr. Mario Gonzales mentioned:

- a. Restrooms at Blanco Park are open from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- b. Gazebo on Kern has been repaired.
- c. Graffiti truck has been out cleaning graffiti.
- d. Potholes are very hard to repair in winter but he has his crew working on it as best as they can.

Note: Councilmember Melendez asked what kind of equipment the Public Works Department has for pothole repair. Mr. Gonzales mentioned they have a turtle, whacker, handsaw, and a pull along.

Administrative Matters

Item #8 was moved up as the first item under administrative matters

8. Motion by Councilmember McFarland, seconded by Councilmember Melendez, all in favor, 4-0, approval to refund \$42,000.00 in impact fees to Countryside Market and Restaurants for its Taco Bell development due to the following extraordinary benefits of the development to the community:

- An economic development providing more employment opportunities for local residents;
- Providing sufficient parking; proximity of a bus stop on the Westside of McFarland; the ability for residents, including students, to walk more safely to this location;
- Business longevity and future investment in our City by the developer; and
- The significant improvements in excess of required improvements made by the developer for the benefit of the City and its residents as more particularly described in the letter and the Memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Note: Councilmember Melendez mentioned that he appreciates Taco Bell and what they have done but he wants to make sure that not all developers are going to come in thinking they can ask for reimbursement and would like to city staff to pay more attention to the projects.

7. Motion by Councilmember McFarland, Seconded by Perez, all in favor, 4-0, approval of Councilmember Melendez to be added as an authorized bank signer.

6. Item #6 Subcommittee Members was tabled for January 24, 2019 due to Councilmember Gonzales not being present.

Note: Mr. Wooner recommended appointing Councilmember Perez be appointed as Boardmember for the Tri-Agency to replace Councilmember Santillano because the Tri-Agency is scheduled for January 14, 2019.

Correspondence

None

Oral Reports from City Council Members

Mayor Cantu asked to set up a meeting with Mr. Ron Brummett

Mayor and Councilmembers Statements

Councilmember McFarland would like to thank the lord for the 2018 year and he is thankful for everything that is going on throughout the city.

Councilmember Melendez thanked everyone.

Councilmember Perez thanked everyone and is happy to be part of the community.

Mayor Cantu mentioned he attended the Chamber of Commerce and asks the public to support the Chamber of Commerce.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Melendez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, all in favor, 4-0, Mayor Cantu adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

