

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**IN PERSON MEETING**  
**January 27, 2022**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tafoya called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Tafoya, Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez, Councilmember Ayon, Councilmember Cano

Councilmembers Absent: None

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Chief of Police/City Manager Williams, Assistant City Manager Cosentini, Interim City Attorney Hodges, Interim Community Development Director Ronk, Public Works Director Gonzales, City Clerk Alvarado, Accounting Supervisor Lara

Officials Absent: None

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Cano

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Ayon

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

*\*Mayor Tafoya requested moment of silence for Mr. Dave Borcky member of the Lion's Club and US Veteran.*

*Mayor Tafoya gave a brief presentation on some of Mr. Borcky's recognitions and awards throughout his life.*

*Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Ron Woods, and Councilmember Cano said a few words in Dave's honor and extended their condolences to the Borcky family.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None – Closed 6:09 p.m.*

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. McFarland Police Department-** City Manager/ Chief of Police Williams introduced two new individuals from the McFarland Police Department to the Community Officer Juan Estrada and Officer Sergio Cazares. Both Officers thanked the Council for the opportunity. Chief Williams gave Council a brief overview of the crime watch statistics from 2020 to 2021 crime rate.
- b. Finance Department-** Accounting Supervisor Lara reported that the Finance Department submitted the state report needed for Highway user tax funding. He also thanked Carla Vasquez for completing our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter state and federal reporting requirements.
- c. Community Development Department-** Interim Community Development Director Ronk gave brief update on each of the following departments: Grants Department, Planning Department,

Building Department, Code Enforcement and Animal Control. Mr. Ronk invited the community to join in on the groundbreaking ceremony for *Tierra Del Sol* on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

*\* Councilmember Ayon asked Mr. Ronk for an update on the Markets and burned down house on Industrial Street. Mr. Ronk gave update. Councilmember Ayon requested Mr. Ronk start citing the property owners. Councilmember Ayon requested Mr. Ronk investigate SB1383 grant for organic waste.*

*\* Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez addressed concerns from residents regarding homeless people living at vacant property "Casa de Fajitas". Mr. Ronk stated he would address the issue.*

*\* Councilmember Cano also addressed concerns from residents about trash around the same property "Casa de Fajitas". He asked Mr. Ronk to reach out to the property owner to address this issue. Mr. Ronk said he would contact the owner as soon as possible.*

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez** to approve Expense Report in the amount of \$222,503.24 from January 1, 2022 Through January 15, 2022; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: **Councilmember Cano**.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Pérez, Cano, Ayon, Tafoya (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

2. Motion was made by: **Mayor Pro-Tem Pérez** to approve the January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: **Councilmember Cano**.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Pérez, Cano, Ayon, Tafoya (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

## ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

3. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to Waive the Reading of the Ordinance Text in Its Entirety, Read by Title Only **Ordinance No. 0001-2022**. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.40 TO ADD SECTION 2.40.100 and adopt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Cano.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Public Hearing Opened at: 6:31 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed at: 6:31 p.m.

**No Comments.**

4. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to Waive the Reading of the Ordinance Text in Its Entirety, Read by Title Only and Introduce for Reading, **Ordinance No. 0002-2022**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING CHAPTERS 1.08.010, 2.04.010, and 2.04.020 MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE and Direct staff to Schedule Second Reading and Adoption for the February 10, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Cano.

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)

Nays: None

Absent: None  
Abstentions: None

Public Hearing Opened at 6:33 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:33 p.m.

**No Comments.**

5. Mayor Tafoya directed staff to start procedure to place a General Sales Tax Ballot Measure on the November 2022 Ballot.

6. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to Approve Cooperative Agreement Between the City of McFarland and the County of Kern; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Pérez, Cano, Ayon, Tafoya (Mayor)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstentions: None

7. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to Approve Audit Engagement Agreement with Clifton Allen LLP (CLA), to Initiate the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Audit; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Councilmember Ayon.

Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Cano, Ayon, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstentions: None

8. Mayor Tafoya requested to **table**: Report, Discuss and Give Direction Regarding Davis Ave Reconstruction from W. Perkins Ave to Elmo Hwy.

9. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to Waive the Reading of the Ordinance Text in Its Entirety, Read by Title Only and Introduce for Reading, **Ordinance No. 0003-2022**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTERS 17.04.340, 17.04.350, REPEALING SUBSECTION "C" OF CHAPTER 17.12.020, AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.153 OF THE MCFARLAND MUNICIPAL CODE and place on next agenda for second reading and adoption; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Ayon, Cano, Pérez, Tafoya (Mayor)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstentions: None

Public Hearing Opened at: 6:56 p.m.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:56 p.m.

**No Comments.**

10. Motion was made by: Councilmember Cano to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Police Officers Association; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Cano, Pérez, Ayon, Tafoya (Mayor)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstentions: None

11. Motion was made by: Councilmember Ayon to approve Resolution **No. 2022-0002**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCFARLAND APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND TRAIL PROJECT; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mayor Pro Tem Pérez.

Vote: 4/0  
Ayes: Ayon, Pérez, Cano, Tafoya (Mayor)  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Abstentions: None

## REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEE/SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETINGS

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – Councilmember Cano gave brief update.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – Mayor Tafoya gave brief update and announced Councilmember Ayon was appointed to LAFCO seat.
- c. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – Mayor Tafoya informed of Zoom meeting coming up.
- d. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – Nothing to report.
- e. Poso Creek (IRWMP) – Councilmember Ayon informed meeting was cancelled.

## COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Ayon- Directed city staff to schedule City Council committee meetings once or twice a month. He also instructed city staff to remember to include the ad hoc committee in the interview process or hiring for transparency. A member of the ad hoc committee needs to be present the day of interviews or staff will need to reschedule the interviews.

Mayor Pro Tem Pérez- Extended her condolence to the Borcky Family. Mrs. Pérez thanked Chief of Police / City Manager Williams for being proactive and thanked the Facebook live community for watching.

Councilmember Cano- Informed he has been working with VITA Volunteer Income Tax Workshop coming to McFarland February 12, 2022, from 8-1 p.m. they will be providing fee tax preparation services for people earning under \$54,000. He also informed the community that he is currently working with the UFW United Farm Workers to bring Covid vaccines to the residents of McFarland on March 19, 2022, from noon to 3:00 p.m. More information on these services is to come.

Mayor Sally Tafoya- Thanked everyone that came out to attend the meeting. Mayor invited the community to come to the City Council Meeting and address any questions or concerns they might have. And assured them that they are working on addressing the street issues.

## CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): One Case- **No Reportable Action.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Francisca Alvarado, City Clerk

