

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 11, 2019**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the McFarland Council Chambers, 103 W. Sherwood Ave, McFarland, CA 93250

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Present: Cantu, McFarland, Melendez, Perez  
Council Member Absent: Gonzalez

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Interim City Manager Tooley, City Attorney Schroeter, Interim Chief of Police/Interim Assistant City Manager Davis, City Clerk Ceja, Administrative Services Director Mosqueda, Community Development Director Lara, and Public Works Director Gonzales

**INVOCATION**

Council Member McFarland

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Melendez

Note: Mayor Cantu requested agenda item #6 be moved to #1.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Melendez, and unanimously carried to move agenda item #6 to #1.

**Vote: 4-0**

**Ayes:** McFarland, Melendez, Perez, Cantu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Gonzalez

**Abstentions:** None

6. Motion by Council Member Melendez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, and unanimously carried to approve the fire services agreement between the City of McFarland and the County of Kern with the authorization from City Council for City Attorney and Interim City Manager to revise minor changes and clarifications.

**Vote: 4-0**

**Ayes:** Melendez, McFarland, Perez, Cantu

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Gonzalez

**Abstentions:** None

**PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Water Rate Listening Session**

Note: Listening session began at 6:38 pm and ended at 9:00 pm. There was many upset residents that demanded answers as to why the water and sewer rates were raised. They claim they never received a notice and were not aware of the increases. Mayor Cantu, Council Member Melendez, and City Manager Tooley tried to explain why the need for the increases but residents did not want to hear them.

Note: Council Member Melendez left meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None – all comments were made at the time of the listening session.

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the warrant register in the amount of \$304,823.60 from June 20, 2019 through July 05, 2019.  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** McFarland, Perez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gonzalez, Melendez  
**Abstentions:** None
  
3. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of June 27, 2019.  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** McFarland, Perez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gonzalez, Melendez  
**Abstentions:** None
  
4. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Perez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-024, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds.  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** McFarland, Perez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gonzalez, Melendez  
**Abstentions:** None

## PUBLIC HEARING

None

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

5. a. Administration – None
- b. Finance Department – None
- c. Public Works Department – None

## ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

6. Item moved up to #1
  
7. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to add item #7 to administrative agenda.  
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** McFarland, Perez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gonzalez, Melendez  
**Abstentions:** None

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2019-025, An Urgency Resolution of the City Council of the City of McFarland to Declare an Emergency for the Preservation of Life, Health or Property to Construct a Handicap Ramp at the Gazebo at Blanco Park and Making Findings that the Emergency Will Not Permit a Delay Resulting from a Competitive Solicitation of Bids.

**Vote: 3-0**  
**Ayes:** McFarland, Perez, Cantu  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** Gonzalez, Melendez  
**Abstentions:** None

## ORAL REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL ON COMMITTEES

- a. Delano Mosquito Abatement District (DMAD) – None to report.
- b. Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) – None to report.
- c. McFarland Tri-Agency Partners (MTAP) – None to report.
- d. Kern Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) – None to report.
- e. Kern County Association of Cities (KCAC) – None to report.

## COUNCIL STATEMENTS

McFarland – Notified council that McFarland CCF will be closing and thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Perez – Mentioned that this meeting was a learning experience. Would like to work on city being more transparent and keep the community more informed.

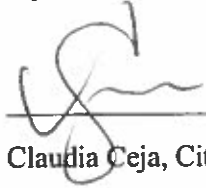
McFarland – Thanked staff for all the hard work and thanked the audience members for attending the meeting.

## CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to approve the closed session minutes of the July 08, 2019 meeting.
  
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov. C. Section 54956.9)  
Name of case: City of McFarland v. Community Works Design Group, LLC  
No reportable action.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McFarland, seconded by Council Member Perez, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Claudia Ceja, City Clerk



